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Your guide to life in the house!

Dean’s welcome
Name: Michael Patoka
Email: m.patoka@unsw.edu.au
Office: Ground floor, near the lifts & main entrance
Work hours: Approximately 9am - 5pm Monday to Thursday, or by appointment.

As Dean of Colombo House, I would like to officially welcome you to college for 2019!

Colombo House is a hybrid between a traditional college and apartment style of living. You’ll have the independence and freedom to cook your own meals and clean your own room but still be part of a strong collegiate community with lots of events and activities throughout the year.

From regular BBQs, movie, trivia and talent nights, social sporting opportunities, food fairs, cultural performances, cooking classes, as well as regular outings exploring everything Sydney has to offer, Colombo House has built a strong sense of community among its residents.

With 240 students representing 35 nationalities from all corners of the globe, Colombo House is a thriving multicultural community with a focus on international activities and events. In fact, the Colombo International Food Festival is one of the most delicious events of the year!

Highlights of the semester include, Assassins and Angels weeks, the International Food Festival and our Tri-College Cruise, the celebration of our special partnership with our sister colleges, UNSW Hall and Figtree Hall. The semester is also permeated with weekly House Committee events. These include: Intercollege Sports competitions, regular (and subsidised) food outings, charity events and uni-wide parties at the newly refurbished ‘Roundhouse’ on campus.

Deputy Dean
Name: Lucy Murdoch
Email: lucy.murdoch56@hotmail.com
Room: Level 2, Room 231

Hi everyone!
Welcome to Colombo!
I am originally from a sheep and cattle property.
about 5 hours south of Sydney, near Cooma in the Snowy Mountains, NSW. I went to The Kensington Colleges as a student for 3 years whilst I completed my Bachelor of Arts degree in 2015. Never one to stay away for too long, I returned in 2017 as a staff member for the colleges and came to Colombo half way through 2018.

I also love kids and finish my Masters of Primary Teaching this October. I'm currently also working as a nanny so I'm usually in active wear – do not mistake me for a gym junkie!

Much to Mike’s dismay, I love country music (I’m a country girl at heart) but don’t hold that against me! You'll find me out and about in Colombo – I love to garden and cook (so don’t hesitate to ask me any questions) and currently putting together a cook book for my Dad and boyfriend, Ollie (you'll see him around as we live together), to keep them out of the doghouse. Let me know if you want a copy!

I love working with students and this will be my 6th year with the UNSW Colleges so I like to think I’ve got some experience when it comes to living in a college environment.

I am so excited to continue the role this year and can’t wait to get to know you all!

Bring on 2019!

**Student Fellow**

**Name:** Karan Alimchandani  
**Email:**  
**Room:** 613

Hi there, I’m Karan and I’m your Student Fellow (SF) for 2019! I moved to Sydney from Canberra way back in 2016, and I’m now in my final year of my Design degree. I was 17 when I came here and I was pretty shy for a long time, and I remember pretty well what it was like to be a first-year away from home and friends in a college like Colombo. That very common (but often forgotten) perspective, along with some hard-won wisdom about life in college and in university, is what I’m bringing to my role this year. As your SF, I’m here for you, whether you’re new to Colombo or you’ve been here for as long as me, you can always get in touch with me if you need help. In more explicit terms, my job is to be a support for you during your time here. Whilst we do have an amazing leadership team, and plenty of university-wide resources for you to rely on, sometimes finding the appropriate place to begin a tough conversation or tackle a problem is in itself difficult. That’s where I can help – feel free to chat to me if you have something on your mind or just need to be pointed in the right direction. In addition to supporting you on an individual level, I’ll also be finding fun and engaging ways to help promote the wellbeing of our college community as a whole. Aside from weekly colouring in sessions to help you de-stress and the occasional odd treat of free food, I’m hoping to be able to organise some events and opportunities that will give us all the chance to just take a break and be in the moment for a bit. There’s a lot for me to look forward to this year, especially within Colombo, and I’m keen to get to know as many of you as I can in the time I have left at university. If I don’t get to meet you at a college event or randomly around the building, please feel free to drop by my room (613) anytime to say hi and have a chat.

Welcome to all of you, I hope 2019 is a brilliant year in every way!

**Our RA’s**

Resident Assistants (RAs) are assigned to each floor of Colombo House. They’re volunteer senior student leaders whose role is to make sure each and every student has access to any support they may need.
The RA team works closely with the Deputy Dean and Dean, ensuring the pastoral care of all residents is of the highest quality.

**Ysabel Aluquin**  
**Level 1, Room 130**

Hey everyone! I’m Bel, a third year Screen & Sound Production Undergrad and your Floor 1 RA. You can easily find me in room 130 and I’d be happy to help you out if you need me. Try to catch me when I’m awake (which is usually after 12pm, if I’m being honest). A little more about me: I’m 22 and I was born and raised in the Philippines and moved to Singapore when I was 10. I’ve lived in Colombo House for a year and a half now and I look forward to spending another year with you guys. If you see me around the downstairs kitchen (where I usually am when I’m not in my room), come and say hi!

**Cammy Gee**  
**Level 2, Room 230**

Hi there! I’m Cammy, your floor 2 RA this year. I was born and raised in sunny Singapore, and I’m currently in my first year of studying Arts (I did my previous year in Aviation!) here in Sydney. Having travelled a lot growing up, I knew I wanted to experience living abroad independently and that brought me right here to Australia. I moved to Colombo at the start of 2018 and I call this place my home away from home! During my time here, I’ve made so many friends from all over the world in college and I really enjoyed my freshman year here that I hope you’ll love it as much as I do!

Looking forward to seeing all of guys soon <3

**Alain Balaguer**  
**Level 3, Room 330**

Hi evryone, my name is Alain and I am a PhD student in sustainable e-waste management, from Mexico. I love living on campus in Colombo, a chilled, warm, diverse environment. This year will be awesome because I will start teaching, will reach my PhD confirmation and will have lots of adventures in the outback, also looking forward to living the full Sydney life and making great connections with nice people. I can definitely help with Spanish lessons or getting your bike fixed among other College life related stuff, just ask me and if I don’t know I will point you in the right direction anticipating that my answers in such case will be: “Let me google it for ya” or “Fill in this form, have your grandparents sign it, and someone will get back to you in 1 to 2 business days” (nah, just kidding).

Welcome to Colombo, enjoy the view, the city, the sun!

**Meg Greenwood**  
**Level 4, Room 430**

Hi everyone! My name is Meg and I’m floor 4’s RA for 2019. I’m from Tamworth and study Criminology and Criminal Justice. My hobbies include sitting between two beanbags like a piece of ham, commentating documentaries
and saying I’ll sing at karaoke but never following through.

I love Colombo because everyone has your back and you can eat as much pasta as you want. As your RA I’m here to be a close port of call for any needs, issues or questions you might come across during your stay here. I’m really looking forward to floor suppers which happen every Sunday night and can’t wait to disappoint you with my subpar cooking skills. I’m trained in Mental Health First Aid and will always have my door open when I’m home for a chat! I’m really looking forward to getting to know all of you soon and helping you move into this neato floor.

Sam Ross  
Level 5, Room 530

Hey everyone, my name is Sam! I’m a second year Aerospace Engineering student from Leigh, New Zealand. I’m super keen to have fun and find new ways to make 2019 interesting at Colombo, hopefully with most of them involving food. My favourite thing about living here is walking through the kitchens and seeing all the different types of food people are cooking. At the moment my favourite recipe is a Beef and Gnocchi stew, the recipe is secret although I might make it for you sometime… My hobbies including adventuring and playing sports, and of course hanging out and partying!

Kristin Smith  
Level 6, Room 630

Hello from your floor 6 RA! First of all a very warm WELCOME to our new faces, I can’t wait to get to know you all. My name is Kristin (Krispy for short) and I’m in my second year of Software Engineering here at UNSW. I’m a big fan of wholesomeness, food and a good laugh which is pretty much what our weekly Floor 6 Suppers will consist of so please come!

I moved to Sydney in 2018 from Darwin, Australia where I lived my whole life prior. While I’m not an international student, I do understand how strange it feels to be living a long way from home (a cheeky 3,992km to be exact). Leaving my small hometown for Sydney was a bit of shock at first so if you’re struggling with adjusting to life in the big smoke, come find me, I’ll help out in any way I can.

Hobbies of mine include, but are not restricted to, baking, napping and brushing Dorito® crumbs off my unused gym clothes. For real though I am a cooking/food enthusiast so if I’m not ‘working’ in the common room I’m probably whipping up something in the kitchen. I’ve made some of my closest Colombo friends by cooking together so don’t be afraid to make a social event out of dinner time.

Finally, I’d like to warn you that I work a couple of jobs so please don’t be alarmed if I rush past you in camouflage gear, tradie attire or a clown costume (I wish I was joking but this really is my life #CollegeIsExpensive).

President’s Address  
Eliza Tucker

G’day and welcome to your new home, Colombo House! My name is Eliza and as your president for 2019, I have been given the privilege of welcoming you to our college.

I have no doubt in the world that you will love your stay here. If you are here for an exchange, I’m sorry but you might want to think about extending your stay already. Here, you
will make some of the most precious memories, experience some amazing things and meet incredible lifelong friends from all around the world.

One of the biggest perks of Colombo House is the amount of independence you will have while still having plenty of people to fall back on. Our facilities are incomparable and your House Committee and staff are second to none. Your Executive teams includes myself as President, Divij Sachdev as Treasurer and Niamh Craw as Secretary. Your House Committee team has Andrea Odmann and Sarina Meredith as Social Directors, Doug Coull as Sports Director, Sarah Myers and Jack Byrnes as Food Directors and Kirra Terranova as Charity Director. We are extremely lucky to have Michael Patoka as our Dean who not only goes above and beyond for us all but also makes one delicious Paella which I’m sure you will get to try very soon. We are also extremely lucky to welcome Lucy Murdoch as our new Deputy Dean for 2019 and couldn’t be more excited for her to join our great big family.

Your passionate House Committee has already begun to form a calendar of events that will ensure you never run out of things to do, places to go or people to see. Some of the highlights that you will get to experience include Tri-College events with International House and Fig Tree Hall and a large number of inter-college events. These events are useful for forming friendships and seeing Sydney and other parts of Australia. The Tri-College cruise is our biggest event of the term and is not to be missed and promises never to disappoint.

A major focus for 2019 will be on our residents’ mental health. Five residents in the College have very recently completed the certified Mental Health First Aid course and your RA's and Dean are also excellent at helping you and pointing you in the right direction. University is a stressful time and it is important to take care of yourself above all.

Your O-Week team have been working for months planning your upcoming events. Get keen and get plenty of sleep while you can. This week you will meet some of the most significant people of your entire stay and form some incredible friendships. Take advantage of this time and the abundance of free food.

It is incredibly important for you to remember that everyone is as nervous and awkward as you are. We have all been where you are now and have felt the same way but I promise you that we have all found our own little family here and you will also.

If you need anything, please come to room 132 and I will see what I can do. Welcome to Colombo!

Eliza Tucker
President of Colombo 2019

Meet your House Committee (HC)
The Executive Team (Execs)
The President
Eliza Tucker
Degree: Bachelor of Arts (Theatre and Performance Studies/History)
Hometown: I am from a country town out West past the Blue Mountains called Bathurst. You may have heard of the Bathurst 1000 V8 race that is held there each year. Honestly though, it’s such a small place, I’d be more surprised if you HAVE heard of this rather than if you haven’t.

You will most likely see me chairing Coffee Night Meetings or in the ground floor kitchen cooking pasta or eating food with an UberEats bag beside me when I have gotten tired of pasta. I was lucky to be one of the Social Directors for Colombo House in Semester 2 of 2018. I was able to learn new skills and develop new friendships while contributing greatly to the college. I feel as though Colombo has given me so much and helped me in so many ways and in my role as President, I am hoping to give back to the college as much as possible. Please feel free to come to me with any questions or concerns you may have and I will do everything I can to help. I am very keen to meet some new Colombros and hope that you feel comfortable coming and having a chat. As president, I will continue through with the promises I made when I was elected and try my absolute best at making Colombo House a Colombo Home.

The Secretary
Niamh Craw
Degree: Medical Science
Hometown: Avalon Beach
Most looking forward to: helping make Colombo a better college and making everyone feel part of our
unique community.

The Treasurer
Divij Sachdev
Degree: Masters of Commerce (specialising in economics and finance)
Hometown: New Delhi, India
I just took the role of a treasurer so that I could say, ‘you don’t pay the bills for this house, I do.’ Looking forward to having fun with my fellow HC members and friends in Colombo while using this opportunity as a treasurer to understand the internal working of a college.

The HC Team
Social Director
Sarina Toyama
Degree: Fine Arts/Criminology/Film
Hometown: Japan/Thailand/Sydney is my 6th home!
Most looking forward to: meeting and getting to spend time with you all! <3

Social Director
Andrea Ødmann
Degree: Don’t ask
Hometown: Alta, Norway
Most looking forward to: meeting new people and going on adventures around Sydney

Food Director
Sarah Myers
Degree: Medical Science
Hometown: Lake Macquarie
I’m super excited to make some delicious food for everyone at Colombo and hopefully we’ll be able to try some awesome new restaurants around Sydney! If you have any ideas or recommendations, please come up to me or drop me a message and I’ll see what I can do!

Food Director
Jack Byrnes
I am called Jack Byrnes but I mostly go by my nickname J-bone. My official role in Colombo is food director, but I do many jobs that are off the books and questionably legal for the good of the college. I come from the small country town of Parkes. I am currently doing an engineering degree but that is just a fall back in case my DJ career doesn’t take off. In my role as food director next year I look forward to the challenge of somehow not ruining Sarah’s work and being there to help at the same time (she is the good food director).
Sports Director
Doug Coull
Degree: Law (on exchange)
Hometown: London, UK
Most looking forward to within the position: smashing all the other halls and colleges in all the sporting competitions we have this term and hope you all are too!

Charities Director
Kirra Terranova
Degree: Neuroscience
Hometown: Newcastle
I am in charge of the college’s charity events, social justice and environment so if you want to join or have any ideas let me know. I’m really looking forward to meeting all of you and hope you enjoy your time at Colombo!

COLOMBUDDY
Mentoring Program
All new residents are automatically invited and are expected to join in our mentoring program called COLOMBUDDY. We partner up all new residents with a returning resident as a buddy/mentor (COLOMBRO) to help them get settled in to College life, UNSW life and Sydney. The Colombros each have approximately 4 new residents (COLOMBUDDIES) and join with one other buddy group for group activities. The program runs until the 3rd week of the Semester, so it’s quite short.

Colombros are there to welcome you, answer any questions you have, show you around and introduce you to some people around the college. They go through some in-house training however they are all volunteers. We expect that after going through the program you will also sign up and apply to become a Colombo to help introduce future new residents.

The office
The Student Accommodation office is located at the entrance of Gate 5. If you walk out of Colombo House, turn right and it’s just past the driveway. The office will help you with any mail, financial, maintenance, cleaning and contract questions. It’s also where you go to pick up any large mailed parcels.

Some basic house rules
It’s important we all remember that we are sharing a home here and therefore, we have some basic house rules for you to follow to ensure everyone enjoys their time at Colombo House. Follow these rules and we will have a peaceful and fun community!

Quiet time
Quiet time is a noise curfew that runs from 11pm to 8am daily. During these hours there should be no noise. Students that break this curfew could face financial penalties or community service. Please be respectful of this to make sure that anyone who wants to sleep or study is able to. We all love a good party but between these times you’ll need to take it to an external location if you want to be rowdy. This ensures that Colombo House is a nice place for everyone to live.

If you hear noise after 11pm, please try and discuss the issue directly with the resident(s) involved in a calm respectful way. If that doesn’t work (95% of the time it will!) please just call our duty tutor and ask for their help… And yes, quiet time also applies on the weekend.

No smoking
UNSW is a smoke free campus which means that all parts of Colombo House are strictly no smoking zones. This includes shared and private balconies, the fire stairwells and toilets. If you wish to smoke, you may do so across the road on High Street or in smoking areas off campus.
Penalties will apply if you’re caught smoking in Colombo House or on campus at UNSW.

**Shared space**
There are a number of communal places and facilities that you share with all the residents in Colombo House. Make sure you clean up after yourself in the kitchens, common rooms and study areas.

Residents need to ensure that they do not leave old food out in any areas. Food left out in the kitchens and common rooms will be removed by RA’s, cleaners or the Dean. Each student has one pantry and one draw in the fridge and freezer - this is where food should be stored. We have created a space for you to store your kitchen boxes, labelled with your room number, so please keep any extra items you need in this area.

We have a rooftop BBQ area on level 6. It’s open until 10pm and alcohol is permitted between 5pm - 9pm. The same goes for our ground floor external courtyard.

**Student ID**
Make sure you keep your student ID on you at all times. It’s how you access Colombo House and you will not be able to use the elevator, re-enter the building or your room if you don’t have your student ID. If you lose you ID during office hours, go to the Student Accommodation office. If you lose it after hours, call the duty tutor.

**Can my friend stay over?**
Guests are welcome in Colombo House, however, it’s your responsibility to look after your guests. If you want your guest to stay overnight you’ll need to request this in writing to the Dean (Michael Patoka) with the names, dates and contact details for your guest along with written confirmation you will be responsible for them during their stay. Email is fine however please don’t leave this to the last minute.

**Responsible alcohol policy**
This is your home and it’s completely fine to have drinks with friends. However, Colombo House has a strict no drinking games policy, simple as that. Though it would seem ideal, we’re not a pub or venue for large drinking and non-approved gatherings. There are many pubs and venues available for that are near or on campus. If you are causing a disturbance for fellow residents by drinking, you will be asked to move on by College staff, if not by fellow students. If so, please be compliant with that request and be considerate to the whole community.

It is expected that residents drink responsibly at all times and do not drink to excess or with the sole purpose of becoming inebriated. Residents who display anti-social behaviour or frequently disturb or disrupt other residents will be subject to penalties.

**Falling ill**
If you are feeling ill, the UNSW Health Service is located on the Ground Floor, East Quadrangle Building. There are both male and female doctors as well as a dentist and appointments can be made by phone or email. Emergency appointments are also available and all visits are bulk billed for domestic UNSW students with a Medicare card. International students with OSHC Worldcare or Medibank OSHC insurance are also bulk billed.

In the unfortunate circumstance that you fall sick and vomit, it’s your responsibility to clean up your own mess. If you don’t, then you’ll be charged for a biohazard crew to come in and clean it up. If you have become sick as a result of excessive alcohol consumption, you may also be liable for penalty.

If no one confesses they are responsible, then the payment will come out of the House Committee budget, which means less events and activities for everyone.

**Have fun**
Make sure you try and get to know everyone at Colombo House, participate in all our social, cultural, charity and sporting events and have a good time!

**Help**
There are people willing to help you with anything at any time. Whether it’s a friend next door or if you’re feeling a little bit home sick, there are professionals at CAPS or an RA/your Colombro or the Deans in Colombo House to assist. The best thing about living on campus is having a constant support network.

Even if it’s something you’re embarrassed about or think it’s beyond an RA’s skills, come and see us and we will do everything we can to be kind and non-judgmental whilst we help you out, or find someone who can.

Don’t ever feel like you have to deal with stuff alone.

- At college, if there is an emergency or serious incident and the Student Accommodation office
is closed, contact the Colombo House duty tutor on 9385 9786, 6pm and 8am Weekdays and all weekend.

• If you need to talk to someone who is professionally trained, contact Counselling & Psychological Services (CAPS) on 9385 5418, 9am - 5pm weekdays or visit them on level two, East Quadrangle Building.

• If you need a doctor, dentist, physio or other medical professional, contact UNSW Health Services on 9385 5425, 8.15am - 5.30pm weekdays or visit them on the ground floor, East Quadrangle Building.

• If you have legal, financial or academic issues contact the Student Participation Advisors on 9385 9365, 9am - 5pm weekdays, or visit them on the lower ground floor, Morven Brown Building.

• If you’re being discriminated against or harassed, contact a Student Equity Officer on 9385 4734 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 10am - 4pm, or visit them on the ground floor of the Goodsell Building.

• For any other emergencies off campus call 000 (for police, fire brigade or ambulance)

Email
Accessing your email is important at uni as it’s the only formal way that the course and lecturers can contact you. It’s the same at college, the Dean will send out regular emails to students.

To access your email account:

mail.unsw.edu.au

However, the college also uses a Colombo House Facebook page and your floor RA’s have individual floor Facebook pages. These are good for communication, but they do not contain all the information that will be sent out via email.

Facebook

Colombo House
To join in and keep up-to-date with what’s happening on social media, join our Facebook group. Search for ‘Colombo House Residents Page’ or type in the address below:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/659407590786738/

Floor Facebook
Each floor will have a dedicated Facebook page. To find your floor page search for Colombo House Floor X, where X is the floor you’re on. You will only be allowed to join the Facebook group of the floor you’re living on.

The Portal

portal.rc.unsw.edu.au/residents

Repairs
Please refer to the loose flyers in your welcome pack for logging a maintenance request.

Accounts
Log into the portal, on the main page click the Accounts tab.

1. On the accounts page you can view your account summary, account details and make a payment.

2. If you have questions about your account, contact the Student Accommodation office.

Updating your personal details
1. On the main page of the portal, click Update Details.

2. Enter your personal details.

Please keep these up-to-date as this is the formal address we will have for you.

Contact info

Important numbers (save these in your phone).

Duty tutor: 9385 9786.

UNSW Security: 9385 6000.

Emergencies: 000 or 112.

Closest hospital is the Prince of Wales Hospital.
It’s 500m up High St from Colombo House.
Ph: 9382 2222.

Closest police station is Randwick Police Station at 196 Alison Road. Ph: 9697 1099.

When to call
Call the duty tutor if you’re locked out, have a noise complaint or need help within the House.
Call security if you need help or feel unsafe on campus.
Call 000 if you’re in an immediate emergency. However, it is important to call UNSW Security to alert them that you have called 000 as they will bring the services to you.

If you lock yourself out
If you lock yourself out of your room between 8.30am and 4.30pm you can go to the Student Accommodation office and they will give you a temporary card to let you back into your room. If it’s between 6pm and 8.30am then you can call the duty tutor on 9385 9786 (save this number in your phone). When the duty tutor comes they will need your name and student ID after they let you back into your room. If the call is after 11pm then you need to pay a $20 fine. You will need to pay this the next day to the Dean. If you continue to lock yourself out - you’ll face community service (third lockout) and a larger financial penalty for the fourth and subsequent lockouts of $100.

Please note: Before February 1, please call security (9385 6000) for all after hours lockouts.

If you have a noise complaint
If there are people in the college who are loud, you firstly, politely, ask them to be quiet. Half the time the people making the noise won’t realise how loud they are. If, after asking, the same people are not being quiet and you’ve tried to ask them again, call the duty tutor and they will move the people on. If the noise is outside of the college you should call UNSW security.

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If your power goes out
During office hours: go to Office
After Hours: Call the duty tutor - you may have to wait until the following working day before it gets fixed, unless it’s urgent.

If you injure yourself or see another person injured
Call the duty tutor, they will call security and make a decision as to whether or not you or the person needs to go to hospital.

If there is a major emergency
Call the duty tutor and security and if still needed, due to no response, then and only then - call 000, direct, however the security office should usually do this for you to be able direct/escort the emergency services to your exact location.

Things to do on campus
Join Arc
Arc is UNSW’s student organisation (kind of like a student union equivalent) and they offer a whole heap of benefits to students. Membership is FREE, so you might as well sign up.
Go to the Arc website arc.unsw.edu.au or visit them in their offices at Gate 5.

Clubs & societies
Once you become an Arc member, make sure you join as many clubs and societies as possible. This is a great way to meet people outside of college and attend even more events on campus.

Arc volunteering program
Volunteering programs offer you another opportunity to get involved and meet people and there are a number of awesome volunteering opportunities.
Head to the Arc website for more details.

The White House
They have the best pizza, coffee, wedges and punchbowls on campus and it’s right next to Colombo House. Tuesday trivia is a Colombo tradition – though we expect top results!

The Roundhouse
This is the UNSW’s main bar where they hold session parties and live gigs. Tickets to most events are generally around $10 for Arc members, and they sell out very quickly. The Roundhouse also does great weekday happy hours and drink deals and have lots of pool tables to keep you busy!

The gym
In your welcome pack you will have received information about the gym, so if you want to join let them know you live in the college and you’ll get a massive discount off their normal prices.
Sports
Arc and UNSW offer a number of ways to get involved with sport. Arc run weekly social sporting competitions as well as a number of wellness courses and recreational activities. For more info check out their website, sport.arc.unsw.edu.au.

If you want to join the rugby, hockey, football, rowing or kendo clubs then check out the Join A Clubs page at sport.arc.unsw.edu.au/joinaclub.

There are over 33 different sporting clubs to choose from!

UNSW bike club (Bike-ology)
The bike club on campus is a free Arc service that will teach you how to repair and maintain your bike. They have bike workshops on campus (outside the Arc offices, at the end of Gate 5) from 12 - 2pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Music room
Colombo has a piano that is situated at the very end of the common room.

If you want to play together in a music room then you will have to talk to Arc, they hire out music rooms for all Arc members.

IGA
UNSW has a food store on campus, while this is super convenient to shop at, it’s generally more expensive than Coles or Woolworths at Randwick. The IGA is located near Gate 2 on High Street.

On and off campus cheap eats and general deals
To see where all the cafés, ATMs and other general services on campus are: bacs.unsw.edu.au/property/retail

Being a member of Arc provides a heap of benefits and discounts: arc.unsw.edu.au/membership/member-discounts

The Ritz Cinema in “the Spot” at Randwick offers cheap Tuesday movies for $8 per ticket: ritzcinema.com.au/Page/Special-Events

There are also a heap of cool cafés/bars and takeaway places in “the Spot” – so check it out!

Tuesday night at the Doncaster hotel is two for one steak for only $12.50: doncasterhotel.net.au/Whats-On

The DOG hotel in Randwick also has a heap of two for one deals: doghotel.com.au

All you can eat pizza at Bondi Pizza, Eastgardens for $22.95 (Monday to Wednesday): bondipizza.com.au/view/promotion/4711/All-You-Can-Eat-at-Bondi-Pizza

Dominoes and Pizza Hut both do really cheap $5 pizzas (pickup only and limited menu) if you’re really desperate for a cheap feed!

STRIKE BOWLING: @EQ - Now has Bowling, laser tag, karaoke, pool tables and a bar, with drinks and food. Best deals are on Monday nights after 5pm with unlimited activities for $20. The HC goes there every Term, so stay tuned for our next outing!

Watch out for our Cheap Wednesdays at Colombo House - dinner for a fiver!

How to print something
The printer is located in the common room on the ground floor. Each student will be provided with approximately 50 pages per semester free of charge. You’ll need to provide your own paper, though you may want to come together and invest in a few reams amongst friends.

Credits should be provided to all residents by the end of week one.

Once you’re ready to print, you’ll need to send the job to the correct wireless printer queue and go to the printer on the ground floor to release it.

Instructions on how to print/top up etc are provided next to the printer and will be emailed out to all residents shortly.

Harvest Hub
harvesthub.com.au

This awesome service continues in 2019. If you want awesome quality fresh fruit and veggies at a reasonable price delivered to Colombo House every Friday morning, check out the Harvest Hub. You pay and order online and the college helps to pack it all up in convenient cool bags ready for your collection.

The Hub prefers a $20 weekly order, but this is not mandatory and you can pick whatever you want – not just getting a pre-selected box.

Items include eggs, breads, cheeses, nuts, grains, coffee, fruit, veggies.

There is a small fee to join and simply choose Colombo01 as your Hub to join up. Feel free to ask the Dean or Food Director for more details on this. Remember, this is a way of getting produce
much more directly from the farm to your door and the produce is much fresher than the major supermarkets.

We will also have a stall during O-Week.

**The Producers**
The Producers are an Arc-run group of volunteers that plant, maintain and harvest veggies around campus.

Our rooftop garden on Level 6 is run by The Producers and a group of Colombo students however feel free to help yourselves to anything that is ripe for the picking! We are also setting up a herb and chilli garden in the ground floor courtyard which our students are also welcome to. In the next few weeks, we will be putting together a group of students that share a passion for growing their own produce that will take care of the gardens. If you love gardening, get involved!

The Producers also run workshops giving aimed at boosting your greenery-confidence and giving you foodie ideas.

Stay tuned for more details to come this trimester! For more information about The Producers and their work around campus, visit: https://www.arc.unsw.edu.au/volunteering/the-producers

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**Basic recipes**

**Boiling an egg**

**Step 1:** Place yours eggs in a saucepan and fill until you cover the eggs with cold water.

**Step 2:** Put a lid on the saucepan and bring the water to the boil over a high heat.

**Step 3:** Reduce heat immediately to medium and gently boil, uncovered, stirring occasionally.

For a soft boiled egg (yolk is runny on the inside) continue cooking for 1 minute per egg.

For a medium-boiled egg, cook for an extra 2 minutes per egg.

And for a hard-boiled egg continue cooking for 3 minutes per egg.

To peel the eggs, first crack them a little and run them under cold water. This cools the egg down and makes it easier to peel with your fingers.

**Pancakes, from scratch**

- 1 ½ cups milk
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups of self-raising flour
- ¼ teaspoons bicarbonate of soda
- 1/3 cups caster sugar
- 25g butter

**Step 1:** Whisk milk, egg and vanilla together in a jug. Sift flour and bicarbonate of soda into a bowl. Stir in sugar. Make a well in centre. Add milk mixture. Whisk until just combined.

**Step 2:** Heat a large non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Brush pan with butter. Using 1/4 cup mixture per pancake, cook 2 pancakes for 3 to 4 minutes or until bubbles appear on surface. Turn and cook for 3 minutes or until cooked through. Transfer to a plate. Cover loosely with foil to keep warm. Repeat with remaining mixture, brushing pan with butter between batches. Serve.

**Spaghetti Bolognese**

- 1 large onion ($0.45).
- ½ stick of celery (share with others going shopping $1.50).
- ½ garlic (share with others going shopping $1).
- Minced beef 500 grams ($4 or share with others and buy in bulk).
- Chicken stock - Campbells or similar liquid 500 grams ($2.20).
- Canned peeled tomatoes, whole ($1.40).
- Tomato paste: small container 280 grams (or buy bulk with others) $1.50.
- Pasta: Fettuccini 2 packs of 500 grams ($3).
- Total cost: $15.10.

**Equipment needed**

Sharp knife, chopping board, peeler, medium size pot or large sauce pan for meet sauce with thick base preferable, large pot for boiling pasta, strainer for pasta and wooden spoon for stirring. Serving plates, cutlery and serving spoons.

Simply chop all veggies and onions and fry in olive oil until soft. Cook mince in chunks until browned off. If you want a splash of red wine - this is where you add and let the alcohol burn off. Add all tomatoes and stock and cook on low heat for at least 30 mins, though better for a few hours. Serve with pasta and top with grated cheese (parmesan if you have it). Serve with a nice green garden salad.

‘Mums’ chicken soup in case people get
How to clean

The kitchen

One of the biggest issues we get here in the college is ensuring the kitchens stay as clean as possible for everyone throughout the day. Whilst there is a cleaning of surfaces done on a daily basis in the mornings, the kitchens should be cleaned by all of you after every use. Here are some handy hints to get the best out of using them:

- Only store food inside fridges/freezers and lockers and lock your items up! Food left out on counters, unlocked or on top of shelves etc. is likely to end up in the bin or taken by someone else - please don’t fall into this trap.
- Buy a large clear plastic container with a lid (lockable if you can find it) and keep all your leftover items in this. Label it clearly so everyone knows that it’s yours. You will be provided a place to store this close to your kitchen area on some shelves or in your room.
- PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE after cooking, clean up all your rubbish immediately, leaving your kitchen bench free for others to use.
- Sit down and eat with others. This is a great way to meet new people. Likewise, if you see someone sitting alone, invite them to join you.
- When using the oven, microwave or stove, please wipe down any spillages immediately.
- When using the rubbish bins, please try and get it in the bins. If you leave rubbish on the metallic frame, please wipe it down so it stays clean.
- Every so often we’ll have a large Colombo cleaning bee and we ask that everyone joins in to completely clean down the kitchens together. There’s loud music, free food and usually a BBQ or other celebration to end.

Jobs and careers

To find jobs, this Arc website will direct you to vacant internal positions, paid and volunteering. As well as other job offers both on and off campus:

arc.unsw.edu.au/about-us/jobs--opportunities

UNSW also has its own careers office which is really useful, they have advice, seminars, internship opportunities and programs to help you get a job, as well as a jobs board:

careers.unsw.edu.au

Internet usage and networking devices

Wi-fi is available in Colombo House. You’ve got access to the UniWide fair usage system. There’s no volume based charging for the internet, but you’re bound by the acceptable use of IT resources policy:

it.unsw.edu.au/students/policies

For instructions on configuring your device and accessing the network:

it.unsw.edu.au/students/uniwide

You must not connect or make use of any networking devices on the data ports provided (for example: networking routers, hubs, switches).

What happened around Colombo in the past and what to expect this year

- ICC Intercollege Cup
- Talent Night: Expect this to take place sometime in O-Week. All new residents are expected to perform and attend to cheer everyone on!
- Lots of international cooking and shared
cooking experiences, so be prepared to cook and teach others.

• Lots of BBQs.
• Weekly Coffee nights on Wednesdays – basically a house meeting where the HC discusses all the activities of the upcoming week.
• Weekly floor Supper hosted by the RA team where free food and chilled hangouts occur on Sunday evenings in the floor common rooms.
• Common room themed parties/gatherings.
• Floor competitions, including trivia nights, dodgeball and other fun activities.
• Wednesday cheap eats.
• Harbour cruises and special events
• Blue Mountains trip

Plus so much more! So get involved, make friends, meet others and try something new.

Colombo House is now your home away from home!

Useful Apps and Websites

TripView or TripView Lite
• TripView displays Sydney Train/Bus/Ferry timetable data on your phone
• It features a summary view showing your next services, as well as a full timetable viewer.
• It also shows whether your bus is running early/late and roughly how long till your bus arrives.
• All timetable data is stored on your phone, so it does not require any network access.

Uber
• Uber is a reliable private transport service (similar to a taxi) that operates in Sydney. Download the app for usage.

GoogleMaps
• GoogleMaps is a handy app to use to figure out how to get to destinations and if you somehow get lost!
• It features walking, driving and public transport options and expected time of arrival (ETA) for all these options

Transport NSW
• transportnsw.info
• This website has the maps of the bus routes and train services and a ‘Plan your trip’ application.

What to do in Sydney?

The following websites/facebook pages are great resources to check out what you can do in Sydney!

• The Urban List
• Concrete Playground
• Pedestrian.tv

Address of your College

A number of students find that they need their address to set up a number of services in Australia. Once your spot in College is confirmed this is your street address (the one you would use for forms and mail/letters).

Resident name
College Name
Gate 5, High Street
University of New South Wales, Kensington, NSW, 2052

So for example:

Jane Doe
Colombo House
Gate 5, High Street
University of New South Wales, Kensington, NSW, 2052

If you’re organising any deliveries (such as parcels or online shopping purchases) use the following address:

Resident name
College Name
UNSW Student Accommodation Office
Gate 5, High Street
University of New South Wales, Kensington, NSW, 2052

So for example:
The main form of public transport near the Colleges is the buses. The main bus routes run along the perimeter of the campus. Bus stops are located on High Street at Gate 2 and Gate 8 and along Anzac Parade.

Public transport

Opal Card

The Opal card is a smartcard ticket that you load value onto and keep for travel on all public transport in Sydney, and the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Hunter, Illawarra and Southern Highlands.

Setting Up Your Opal Card

1. Go to → https://my.unsw.edu.au/
   Log on to your MyUNSW account with your zID (e.g. 3587343) and zPass.

2. Click on ‘MyStudent’ tab. This is located to the top left of your home page.

3. Find ‘Concession Opal Card’ on the left. It is located below the ‘Online Services’ heading

4. Complete form. Click ‘Consent’

5. Once you’ve given your consent wait up to 2 business days for Transport for NSW to receive your details, then you can apply for your Concession Opal card online at https://www.opal.com.au/ordercard/ or by calling 13 67 25 (13 OPAL).

NOTE: If you are not entitled to a concession Opal Card, alternatively, you may purchase an adult Opal card at the IGA or WH Smith store on campus.

Buses to Central

UNSW Express Bus routes (890, 891, 892 and 895) run to and from Eddy Avenue, Central Station. These routes are prepay only (Make sure you set up your Opal Card first!) and are fast and high frequency. Please note these services only operate Monday to Friday.

The Bus Routes 391, 393, and 395 run to and from to the UNSW Kensington campus. These routes are not express routes but operate 7 days a week.

Buses to Coogee

The Metrobus 50 (M50) (Drummoyne to Coogee via the City, Anzac Parade and High Street) and the 370 (Leichardt to Coogee via Anzac Parade and High Street) run to and from Coogee. You can catch these service at the bus stops in Randwick Junction (Belmore Rd) and at the Coogee Bus Stop on Arden St.

Buses to the Airport

Bus route number 400, traveling between the airport and Bondi Junction stops at Gate 8 High Street and Anzac Parade. When using this route check beforehand using TripView whether the service terminates at Eastgardens. The Route stops in walking distance between the 2 Domestic terminals and the International terminal. Between 7am and 7pm these buses operate every 20 minutes.

Buses to the City

Many routes run from Kensington and Randwick to the City CBD. Head to UNSW Bus Stop (Corner of Barker St and Anzac Parade) to catch the 302, 303 (goes via Surry Hills), 392, 394, 396, 397, 399, L94 (limited stops service) and M10 services.

From Randwick the X73, and X77 goes to the city. These routes can be caught from the Belmore Rd near Arthur St stop.
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