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A Student's Guide to Moore College

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WELCOME TO THE GUIDE

(An electronic and up-to-date version of this guide exists on the college website <http://inform.moore.edu.au>.)

Welcome to the Guide! The Guide is put together by students at Moore College to help inform you about a whole range of eclectic topics related to student life at Moore College. It contains insights from collected wisdom of the student body. The Guide will also refer to further information in the *Student Handbook* but note that this will only become available to you on your first day at college.

Firstly a few words on two of the challenges of college life, the curriculum and relationships. The curriculum at Moore College is demanding and hard work but very rewarding. While it may feel all consuming and life threatening at times, it is a challenge that people inevitably meet with success. The course will strengthen your ability to:

- *Develop exegetical skills* - The emphasis on learning the original languages of the Bible and the exegetical approach modelled in the biblical subjects is helpful here.
- *Think theologically* - Subjects which involve Doctrine, Biblical Theology and Historical Theology will help you to be more aware of what thinking has contributed explicitly and implicitly to your own theological understanding.
- *Reflect on the Gospel and our world* - Philosophy, Church History and other subjects help understand how previous generations have dealt with issues of life and faith.
- *Understand people* – Congregational ministry subjects strengthen an understanding of people, drawing out the implications the knowledge of God has for people in our world.

Relationships are another challenge at college. Here is what a 4th year student said.

I think relationships are a key part of the college experience. Just as we plan to get the most out of study we need to be active in the way we foster relationships at college. I have found it helpful to think of it at 3 levels. There is my overall responsibility to the community as a whole, given that it is my fellowship for however long I am here. Secondly, it is great time to invest in some specific friendships that will not only keep me going and accountable here but also after college. Thirdly, I look out to encourage the weak and timid, warn the proud and open myself up to the same treatment from others. In my experience study comes easier at college than relationships, but what's new!

Some further words of encouragement for now before you start college. While learning Greek and planning to read some books before college is a worthwhile pursuit, treat yourself to a good break before you start college. There is a sense in which college is the best time to hone the skills that college teaches best. There will be enough momentum in the course once you do start so be careful not to overexert yourself beforehand.

1st Year WEEKEND AWAY

Most years at college organise a weekend away during the course of the year. Luckily for first year this is organised for you by the orientation committee. This weekend is during Greek weeks. It is a fantastic opportunity to meet and bond with students and faculty from college. More information about this weekend will be given to you closer to the time. CHECK website for Registration details <http://inform.moore.edu.au>

BANKING AND INSURANCE

The closest banks are:

NAB

- RPA Hospital, on Missenden Rd.
- 277 King St.
- Wentworth Building

ANZ - 244 King St.

Westpac - 268 King St.

Commonwealth

- RPA Hospital (Missenden Rd.)
- 274 King St.
- Wentworth Building

St George - 243 King St

(NB: While the Wentworth Building (Sydney Uni - 174 City Rd) is probably the closest, it is closed on weekends although there is an ATM in the pub downstairs.

The NAB, Commonwealth and St George banks have fee-free banking for full-time students. You will need to take your Student I.D. card and ask about this.

For **Home Contents Insurance**, there is a 'Clergy Contents Scheme' for people living in residences owned by the Anglican Church (including Moore College). Premiums are approx. \$260 per annum for \$45,000 contents cover.

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CHAPEL

The *Student Handbook* has more information regarding Chapel Services. They provide the opportunity to come together as the college community to sing, pray, give thanks to God and hear from His word. The services follow a liturgical structure.

Chapel services are like church services in that not all occasions in chapel will be equally rewarding. Some of the most life-changing sermons will be heard in chapel and at other times tiredness or the pressure of assessment will be personally distracting. Some students find it helpful to use a variety of ways to participate in chapel (taking notes, just listening, etc).

Once a term there is a **Community Chapel Service** with a guest speaker. This takes the place of normal chapel. All members of the college community are invited to attend. Spouses are particularly welcome at these services, and a creche is provided. Communion is celebrated in the first and last chapel service of each term.

FIRST YEAR / CHAPLAINCY GROUPS

In first year you will be part of a group of around 6-8 people as part what is called a 'first year group'. These are small groups that have a social and pastoral function within your college experience. They meet once a week on either a Wednesday or Thursday morning. They are a great time to get to know some people in your own year. At certain points material is provided for discussion, but on the whole these groups remain a time to relax, get to know each other and debrief about your experiences at college. The other thing to note about these groups is that they are paired with a chaplaincy and a chaplain. Chaplaincy groups are made up of students from years two, three and four. While you will not often meet with your chaplain in first year they remain available for any pastoral concerns. You will also be joining with your chaplaincy group to form your mission team. See mission.

The First year / Chaplaincy group will be the group that you will be working with when rostered for crèche duties on Tuesday night. You will also be assigned to a weekly prayer triplet across years within this group. The group may decide to get together for other social activities as well.

COLLEGE FOOD

The food at college is very good. Generally at lunch there is at least one hot option as well as a fresh salad bar, sandwich making material and fruit. Due to the growth in the college lunch is now held in two sessions. They are 12.10 – 12.45 (for 2nd and 3rd yr) and 1:05 - 1:40 (1st and 4th yr). Lunch is generally followed with college announcements. It is a great opportunity to fellowship with others in the college community including faculty.

Tuesday night community dinners are part of the college timetable and are a prime opportunity to get to know others at college. They start at 5:45 for 6:00. The dinners are now run in year groups. You will generally be rostered on once every four weeks unless you live in the singles accommodation or have a spouse in a Tuesday night bible study in which cases you can attend every Tuesday. It is a particularly important time for students whose spouse is not studying at college or living close to college as this will be a main point of contact with the college community each week. In first year many people find it helpful to concentrate on cultivating a smaller group of friends and contacts during Tuesday night dinners rather than feeling an obligation to keep meeting new people. Creche is provided for children during dinner on Tuesday night. It is split into three sections. one for babies, one for toddlers, and one for primary age children.

COMPUTERS

If you are thinking of buying a computer or computer equipment or software (especially bible software), you may like to ask someone on the computer committee (see the 1st year representative) to help you by recommending what you need and where to go to get it. Power points are available in the lecture rooms for laptop computers.

Wireless internet is available throughout most of the college. There are also computers with internet access in the library and Nathaniel Jones room. Once at college you will be given an email address, which the college will use for formal communications. If you wish to keep your current email address your college account can be forwarded on. The e-mail address in the following form: first.surname@student.moore.edu.au.

The college has a learning support system (known as the LSS), which allows faculty to distribute information to students, as well as facilitating discussion among students and between students and faculty.

FINANCES

Financial Assistance

Students who find themselves in a position of financial need have a couple of options open to them at College:

- The **SMAF (Students Mutual Assistance Fund)** - contributed to periodically by students and administered by the Senior Student, who distributes the funds according to need.
- The **Principal's Assistance Fund** - (refer to the *Student Handbook*) - see the Dean of Students about this.

Austudy and Youth Allowance

Contact Centrelink for Austudy and Youth Allowance information (ph: 132490).

Centrelink offices: Marrickville - 373 Illawarra Rd
Redfern - George St (cnr Redfern St).
Leichhardt – 23 Balmain Rd

Rent assistance and Family Allowance Supplement, Parenting payments

Check your eligibility for this with Centrelink (contact information above). You will need to provide:

Documentation detailing your financial position including details of income, investments and assets, and your last tax return;
Birth and marriage certificates; and
Three types of ID for both you and your spouse.

Other students already receiving these benefits or the Senior Student will probably be able to help you.

Other Benefits

A *Newstart* is available to pregnant women who are not in receipt of a substantial income. It is paid for a maximum of 6 weeks before the baby is due until baby arrives. This is worth looking into for College students.

You qualify for a Health Care Card once your income in any eight week period is less than \$2,848 (single) or \$4,680 (combined income with partner) or \$5,240 (partner and one independent child (details 2006 check for latest figures). The 8 weekly limit increases by \$340 for each subsequent independent child. Contact your local Centrelink for more details. A health care card provides substantial benefits on PBS medication, Medicare rebates and other government services. It is also accepted in Sydney city council swimming pools for \$2 entry.

Consult Centrelink for details on other benefits also, such as the Handicapped Child's Allowance, Home Care Child Allowance, and Unemployment Benefits.

If you experience difficulties with Centrelink (as is quite common), you may wish to:

Call the Area Management (Metro) Office of Centrelink on 9227 8727;

Call the Welfare Rights Centre on 9267 5077; or

Write to or call your local member.

HOUSING

The college would ideally like to have all students living in community, however, due to the rise in student numbers this is impossible. Generally students move into college housing in the 3rd or 4th year of their studies. There are exceptions to this. Preference is given to those coming from overseas and interstate. The most common option for incoming first years is to live in the 'Moore West' community at Parramatta. To enquire about the availability of college housing speak to Anne Grant via the office (9557 9999)

LIBRARY AND PHOTOCOPYING

See the *Student Handbook* for more detail. The College Library is located in the two floors above the College Office. It has an impressive range of books and is considered to be one of the outstanding features of the college, with a range of books second to none in this part of the world. Your **Photocopy card** is your Student Card and can be 'charged up' in the library from the central card-charging machine. Credit can be added to the card at any time via the machine and it will print receipts of money deposited on the card (keep for tax). The photocopiers also scan to email for FREE. This is becoming a very popular alternative to photocopying.

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MEDICAL

The **Royal Prince Alfred Hospital** casualty ward is open 24 hours (9515 6111).

Broadway Medical Practice

In the Broadway Shopping centre (at the City/ Parramatta Rd. intersection)
Call 9281 5085

A helpful Patient Information Booklet is available from the practice recommending other local health and diagnostic services.

Marrickville Metro Medical Practice

This is a bulk billing service. Walk in on the day, or appointments can be made for future dates on 95654045.

Dental Services

Dr. Peter Andronicos, 247 King St., Newtown, 9519 5063.

Physiotherapy

Try the Women's Sport Centre, Western Ave., Sydney University.

Chemists

NB: - There are no 24-hour chemists in Newtown.

The closest are Carillon Medical Centre Pharmacy, 100 Carillon Ave, Camperdown.
8am-6pm, Mon-Fri, and

Day & Night Chemist, 90 King St., 10am-9pm.

Another pharmacy is in the Wentworth Building, Sydney University.

MISSION

College mission usually occurs in semester one. Here First year groups and partner chaplaincy groups come together to form a mission team. Normally the mission team will work with a church in Sydney but some go outside of Sydney to rural NSW, interstate and overseas. It's a great time to get to know people in your chaplaincy group as well as preach the gospel in many and varied situations. It's fun, but it's hard work.

Most missions are **residential** - ie you will be away from home for the duration. Students are billeted with people from the local churches. Some churches working with the mission team can accommodate spouses and families but it will not always be possible. This can make mission a difficult time for spouses and children who cannot go with the student.

Note that mission runs for 8 days, from **Sunday to Sunday** - ie you need to ask for 2 Sundays away from your church. Your minister will generally be more than happy with this as it is part of your college commitments.

MOORE COLLEGE ANNUAL LECTURES

The Moore College Lectures occur during 3rd Term. Of the 5 lectures, 2 are in the evening and the other 3 are in the morning (in place of lectures). Attendance is compulsory for all students.

MOORE COLLEGE ANNUAL REVUE

This event occurs in 3rd term. If you're a budding Jerry Seinfeld, Jimi Hendrix, Kamahl, or if you were in the circus before you came to College, this is for you (though traditionally there has been a range of entertaining abilities displayed at this sometimes wonderful, sometimes tragic event - don't let a lack of talent deter you from having a go!) This is your chance to showcase your extensive range of abilities to shock and entertain the rest of the College community.

POST OFFICES

(Refer to map of the area in the *Student Handbook*)

Missenden Rd., next to the RPA Hospital.

Science Rd., within Sydney Uni, opposite the Holme Building.

292 King St.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Refer to the *Student Handbook* for details about Student Concession Cards for public transport.

All buses with route numbers in the 420's travel between the city and Moore College. For timetable and customer service enquiries, phone 131500 (6am to 10pm daily) or www.131500.com.au

Redfern train station is 15mins walk from College (down Darlington Rd and past the sports centre at Sydney Uni). McDonalstown station is closer but trains are less frequent. After dark a security bus does shuttle runs between pick up points at Sydney Uni and Redfern station. Contact Sydney Uni for details (ph: 9351 2222).

REST RELAXATION & OTHER FUN

Also see **Sport**.

Movies - the closest cinemas are:
The Dendy Newtown (King St)
Hoyts Cinemas Broadway

Café Moore

This is an informal social time over tea and coffee and supper at John Chapman House later on a Thursday night. All students of the college community are welcome. Students at Carillon House and John Chapman House often plan social events (movies, coffee, etc) both during the week and on the weekend.

Children's dinner

This is dinner for kids on a **Tuesday night** at 5.30pm before college dinner. Usual fare is hot dogs and drink. The donation of a gold coin is preferred.

Restaurants

There are clumps of good restaurants and cafes in Newtown, Glebe, Leichhardt, Balmain, and wherever else. Finding them is half the fun!

Winter Carnival

This fun event of games, sport and entertainment is held on one Saturday in winter. This is for everyone in the college community.

SECURITY

Newtown has a very high rate of crime and we need to be careful and vigilant.

- External doors and windows in houses and in the Singles' Quarters should be closed and locked wherever possible.
- Cars should always be locked and no valuables left inside. Leave glove box and middle compartments open so it is clear there are no valuables left in them.
- Shifty looking strangers found hanging around the College should be asked their business (make sure it's not John Woodhouse). A simple 'May I help you?' is a neutral approach.
- Senior students should be told if there has been a break-in, so that they can warn others.

SHOPPING

The nearest supermarkets are

Franklins on King St, in walking distance of college; mostly brand names, not a good selection but good for a fast getaway.

BiLo, Coles and **K-mart** in the Broadway Shopping Centre – very good.

Aldi and Woolworths at Metro shopping mall, on the corner of Skidmore St and Murray St in Marrickville.

Spar and other convenience stores are on the opposite side of King St from college and are useful for quick purchases.

There is **free bread** available at the College mailroom (Monday 7:30pm, Thursday 9:30, Friday, 8:30) and But Har Gra (5:30pm) on Saturday evenings. This bread is donated by Bakers Delight as part of a charity policy.

There is a fruit and veg co-op run by students of the college supplying very cheap produce. All are invited to join. Details will be announced at the start of the year.

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The College also periodically runs its own clothing boutique, known as the Grapevine Boutique. You can donate unwanted (but clean and wearable) clothes to Grapevine by putting them in plastic bags, and contacting Karen Williamson via the office.

NB: - Grapevine is always well stocked with babies and children's clothes.

For buying **theological books**:

SUBEX (Student Union Book Exchange) operates periodically throughout the year. This is a chance to buy and sell books for and from your library. It is usually quite popular.

Moore Books (attached to college) gives a 15% discount if you credit your account with \$250 and then keep it in credit over time.

SPORT

At various times during the year, the Sport & Recreation Committee may organise competitions in the following disciplines: 500, Scrabble, Pool, Debating, Risk, Tennis, Squash.

If you have any suggestions of some sport or game that would be helpful for the college community then talk to one of the Sport & Rec. committee members about it

Touch Football / Oztag - Every Wednesday at 3 or 4 pm at St. Paul's College Oval (next to John Chapman House). In Terms 1 and 4 this is a social game for anyone who'd care to come along. In Terms 2 and 3 a competition is run with the teams made up mostly from within each year at College.

Soccer - A social game is organised each week on Monday afternoons at around 3:30 or 4:00 pm at St. Paul's Oval. There is also annual game against SMBC.

Ultimate Frisbee - A social game is organised each week on Thursday afternoons at around 4pm, at St. Paul's Oval (behind Singles Quarters). Ultimate Frisbee has been all the rage in the last couple of years - it's a great social sport, and is also good for fitness.

Cricket - an inter-year cricket competition is organised during 1st Term. Start looking around your year at College for any potential cricketing talent. Morning tea is an informal time to try out your cricketing skills against other students.

Rugby Union - the College scrapes together a Rugby team at various times during the year to play against Sydney Uni EU and Youthworks. These matches are usually played in good spirit. If you don't want to play, at least come and cheer the team on.

Sydney University - students of Moore College are able to join up at the sports centres in Sydney Uni as members of the local community. Some discounts are available if you are a Sydney Uni Graduate. The centres include:

Noel Martin Sports Centre - gym, heated indoor pool, squash, tennis, aerobics.

Women's Sports Centre - gym, aerobics, etc. (open to male members as well). This is generally the cheapest centre to join.

H. K. Ward Gymnasium - gym, indoor sports (eg badminton).

Public Pools – Victoria Park/ Enmore Park and various public pools aren't far away:

Victoria Park - outdoor Olympic pool, babies pool and gym (the closest to College, after Sydney Uni)

Enmore Park - indoor heated pool
Petersham Pool

Leichhardt Pool - has everything.

Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre - indoor heated. Harris Street Ultimo.

If you have a health care card and live in the city of Sydney you can gain \$2 access to these pools.

THE STUDENTS UNION

The Students Union is the body which is responsible for overseeing and financing those aspects of College which are student-run. The chances are that if it's fun and it aims at building up the College as a community, then it's run and funded under the umbrella of the Students Union.

The Students Union Executive is made up of a Chairman, a Treasurer and a Secretary. If you have any ideas as to events or other ways in which the College community could be drawn closer together (or life at College improved for all), please approach one of the above people - they can probably help you.

VEHICLES AND PARKING

There are various automotive **mechanics** close to college - including Malcolm Motors, right next to the College. It is best to talk with students in other years to check out what quality of work is done and whether it is value for money.

Pockets of unrestricted **parking** can be found on Carillon Ave, Darlington St, Forbes St, Queen St, and Bennett St (off Queen St), though during the day these parking spots are very hard to come by.

Much of the parking around College is time-limited, except for residents of the area. If you live at College, you can obtain a Resident Parking Permit from Sydney City Council, which allows you to park in these restricted areas.

The College office has application forms for these permits. You need to take this form, along with your car registration papers, a rent receipt, confirmation that you are on the electoral role, and your Student Concession Card (if you want a concession) to the Council offices between 9am and 4pm. Go to the Public Works and Services inquiry counter. May the Force be with you.

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Remember when parking around Newtown to never leave anything valuable in your car (and don't be too emotionally attached to the car itself either).

Also remember that if you find your car gone, and you parked overtime in a tow-away zone, it's probably been towed away and dumped in a nearby street. The Council may not inform you of this.

WOMEN AND FAMILIES

'Moore Women' meets every Thursday evening in the Knox Centre at 7:45pm. It is open to all women in the College community. There is a varied program of fun and fellowship, and biblical and topical issues are discussed. It's a great time to enjoy the company of other women in the College community. Information on Women's fellowship will be available at the Orientation Weekend at the start of the year.

College Courses

Spouses of full-time College students can attend Tuesday night lectures or 1st year lectures for free. PTC external courses are available for College spouses at a reduced rate. Check with the External Studies Department regarding this. Call 9577 9911 if interested. It is possible for spouses to sit in on College lectures of the Diploma of Bible and Missions without the obligation of doing assignments or exams.

Bible Study Groups

Women's Bible Study Groups run on Friday mornings (creche provided) and Tuesday evenings after college dinner. These are extremely helpful and encouraging, especially for women spouses of students (though the groups are open to all women in the college community). All women will receive a phone call early in the year to canvass your interest in joining a bible study group.

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The Average 1st Year week – 1st Term 2008

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:05 – 8:55		Greek 1	Doctrine 1	Old Testament 1	
9:05 – 9:55		Joint Chapel	Chapel/ Chaplaincy groups	Chapel/ Chaplaincy groups	Joint Chapel
9:55 – 10:20	<i>Morning tea</i>	<i>Morning tea</i>	<i>Morning tea</i>	<i>Morning tea</i>	<i>Morning tea</i>
10:20 – 11:10	World religions and the Gospel	Biblical Theology	Congregational and Church History	Old Testament 1	New Testament World
11:15 – 12:05	Greek 1	Biblical Theology	Greek 1	Apologetics	Congregation Ministry
12:10 – 1:00	New Testament	Hebrew 1 A/B	New Testament 1	Hebrew 1 A/B	Congregation Ministry
1:05 – 1:55	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
2:00 – 2:50		Lay Ministry Foundations		Scripture	
6pm		(Dinner)			