

# Cost comparison between Wintec accommodation options and private flatting

## Estimated weekly expenses during semester\*

	General flatting average (per week)*	Wintec Student Village (per week)	Wintec Apartments (per week)
Average per bedroom cost	\$131	\$300	\$220
Food (basic dietary requirements only)	\$64	(included in weekly cost)	\$64
Power	\$16	(included in weekly cost)	(included in weekly cost)
Internet – unlimited broadband	\$7	(included in bedroom cost)	(included in bedroom cost)
<b>Total cost per week (when occupied)</b>	<b>\$218</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$284</b>

PLUS with Wintec Student Village and Apartments you also have access to:

- 24/7 security (CCTV and swipe card)
- Social activities
- On-site support from staff
- Bedroom furniture
- Communal lounges with smart TV, games etc.
- Cleaning of common areas
- Secure bike storage
- Phone

- Two minute walk to the City Campus (village) or on campus (apartments)
- No need for transport to the city campus
- A community on your doorstep

Nearby you'll find:

- Hamilton's CBD within walking distance
- Access to local and national bus services
- Cafes and restaurants
- Shopping

## Estimated living expenses for Wintec academic year\*

Private flatting (average, including contracted rental weeks on a standard 52 week contract)*	Wintec Student Village (42 weeks)	Wintec Student Apartments (44 weeks including food)
\$10,466	\$12,600	\$12,496

When you take into consideration weeks when the flat is likely to be occupied (during term time), the cost of flatting compared with Wintec accommodation is very similar. Wintec accommodation has additional benefits.

When all expenses are considered, the cost of Wintec accommodation with its many all-inclusive elements is very competitive with private flatting arrangements.

Notes:

Many private rentals require 52 week rental agreements to be signed (whether the flat is occupied or not). Wintec accommodation options are rented on a 42 or 44 week contract to cover semester periods, and therefore students are not required to pay for a full calendar year period.

Flatting may also incur hidden costs, such as:

- Bonds for electricity
- Costs involved in finding a flat
- Costs for supplying furniture
- Money for appliances in kitchen and breakdown of those appliances

**\*Information sources:**

**N.B. Average rents have been derived by taking the lower quartile rents of each of the five following Hamilton 'student suburbs' i.e. the cheaper data options, and then calculating the mean for the stated flatting option. Data is based on the first quarter 2019:**

Hillcrest/Silverdale

[https://www.tenancy.govt.nz/rent-bond-and-bills/market-rent/?location=Hamilton+-+Hillcrest%2FSilverdale%2FTamahere&period=116&action\\_searchMarketValue=Find+Rent](https://www.tenancy.govt.nz/rent-bond-and-bills/market-rent/?location=Hamilton+-+Hillcrest%2FSilverdale%2FTamahere&period=116&action_searchMarketValue=Find+Rent) first quarter 2019

Hamilton East/University

[https://www.tenancy.govt.nz/rent-bond-and-bills/market-rent/?location=Hamilton+-+Hamilton+East&period=116&action\\_doSearchValues=Find+Rent](https://www.tenancy.govt.nz/rent-bond-and-bills/market-rent/?location=Hamilton+-+Hamilton+East&period=116&action_doSearchValues=Find+Rent) first quarter 2019

Hamilton Central/Maeroa/Frankton Junction

[https://www.tenancy.govt.nz/rent-bond-and-bills/market-rent/?location=Hamilton+-+Hamilton+Central&period=116&action\\_doSearchValues=Find+Rent](https://www.tenancy.govt.nz/rent-bond-and-bills/market-rent/?location=Hamilton+-+Hamilton+Central&period=116&action_doSearchValues=Find+Rent) first quarter 2019

Claudelands

[https://www.tenancy.govt.nz/rent-bond-and-bills/market-rent/?location=Hamilton+-+CLAUDELANDS&period=116&action\\_doSearchValues=Find+Rent](https://www.tenancy.govt.nz/rent-bond-and-bills/market-rent/?location=Hamilton+-+CLAUDELANDS&period=116&action_doSearchValues=Find+Rent) first quarter 2019

Dinsdale South/Frankton

[https://www.tenancy.govt.nz/rent-bond-and-bills/market-rent/?location=Hamilton+-+Dinsdale+South&period=116&action\\_doSearchValues=Find+Rent](https://www.tenancy.govt.nz/rent-bond-and-bills/market-rent/?location=Hamilton+-+Dinsdale+South&period=116&action_doSearchValues=Find+Rent) first quarter 2019

Cost of living (StudyLink) <https://www.studylink.govt.nz/starting-study/thinking-about-study/cost-of-living.html#null> (Hamilton tab) July 2019

Wintec accommodation fees webpage <https://www.wintec.ac.nz/student-resources/accommodation/fees> July 2019