ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION



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New York Film Academy Gold Coast Accommodation Information

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Welcome to
New York Film Academy Australia

New York Film Academy Australia has two amazing locations on the Gold Coast.

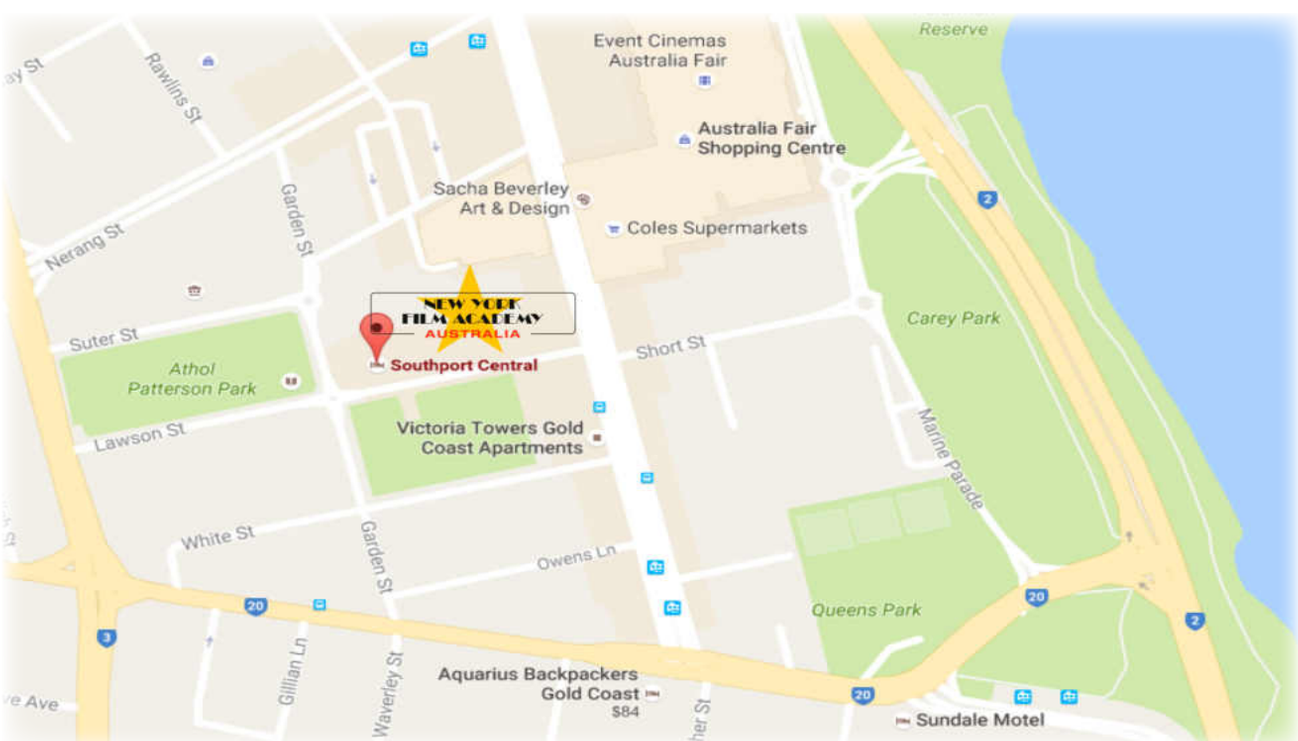
Location #1: Southport Central

In 2017, New York Film Academy Australia opened a brand new 2000sqm, 2 level, state of the art facility located at Southport Central Towers.

Southport is fast becoming the leading Educational & Creative Arts precinct of the Gold Coast and due to its proximity to the light rail and other student service amenities (libraries, shopping centres, migration services, restaurants, nightlife and student accommodation) makes this a great space for our students and staff. Our campus is located only 5 minutes from Surfers Paradise, directly across from the Broadwater, parks and beaches -ideal for location shoots.



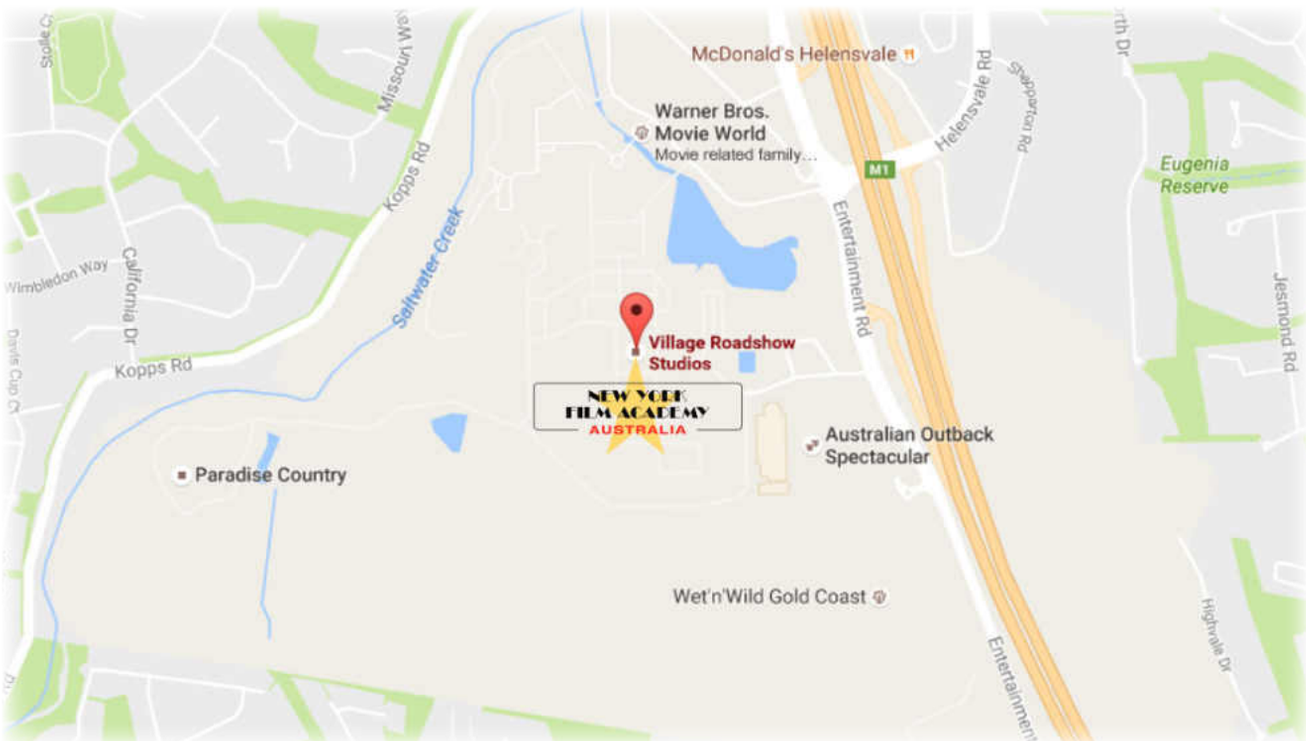




Location #2: Village Roadshow Studios Backlot

New York Film Academy Australia is based at Queensland's Village Roadshow Studios on the Gold Coast. www.movieworldstudios.com.au
Situated adjacent to the Warner Bros. Movie World Theme Park, the Studios offer truly world class film production facilities. Village Roadshow Studios have been locations for The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn
Treader, Daybreakers, Fools Gold, Peter Pan, Terranova, Pirates of the Caribbean, Thor:Ragnarok amongst many others.

All NYFA students study on the backlot, experiencing a working international film studio.





New York Film Academy at the Village Roadshow Studios Site

We are here to help!

Accommodation options on the Gold Coast are plentiful. Whether you are relocating from abroad, or from within Australia. this document is a resource for students who are embarking on a search for a place to live during their attendance at New York Film Academy Australia.
We are more than happy to assist you in finding accommodation here on the Gold Coast.

Before making any payments, please
ensure that the apartment you are looking into is a legitimate location. Use this guide as a resource to help identify legitimate locations.

There are many different types of living situations you can opt for:

Renting a Studio/1 Bedroom apartment alone

Sharing a 1 Bedroom/2 Bedroom apartment with another student

Booking a homestay where you can live with a host family



This guide will go over how to proceed with all of these options.

At times it is best to look into long term accommodation when you have arrived on the Gold Coast.

If you are unable to secure an accommodation before your arrival, you should book yourself a hotel or short-term accommodation for 1-2 weeks before you begin your program, so you can actively look at places once you are physically here.

New York Film Academy Australia's Recruitment Representatives can guide you on how and where to begin your search.

General information about Renting

Applying for an apartment

Landlords/companies approve applicants based on several different criteria, such as income, credit history, rental history, etc. Below are some guidelines on what to expect when applying for an apartment.

Income: In Queensland, some landlords/companies may require proof that you can afford to pay your rent/utilities. Be prepared to have bank statements showing recent balances.

Guarantor: For students who do not meet the income, or credit requirements, a guarantor (also known as a co-signer) is another option. A guarantor will take the financial liability and terms of your lease if you are unable or unwilling to fulfill it.



General information about renting:

Preparing to sign: Make sure to contact your landlord or broker before the lease signing and find out exactly what they need you to bring. Be prepared to pay the application fee and deposit. Expect them to ask for the following:

- A completed application
- A legal photo ID (Driver's License, Passport, etc.)
- Letter of employment (If applicable)
- Pay slips (Yours and your guarantor's; if applicable)
- Rental slips (Proof of payment for other residential rentals)
- Bank statements (Yours and your guarantor's, if applicable)
- Landlord reference letter (If applicable)
- Enrolment Verification letter from NYFA

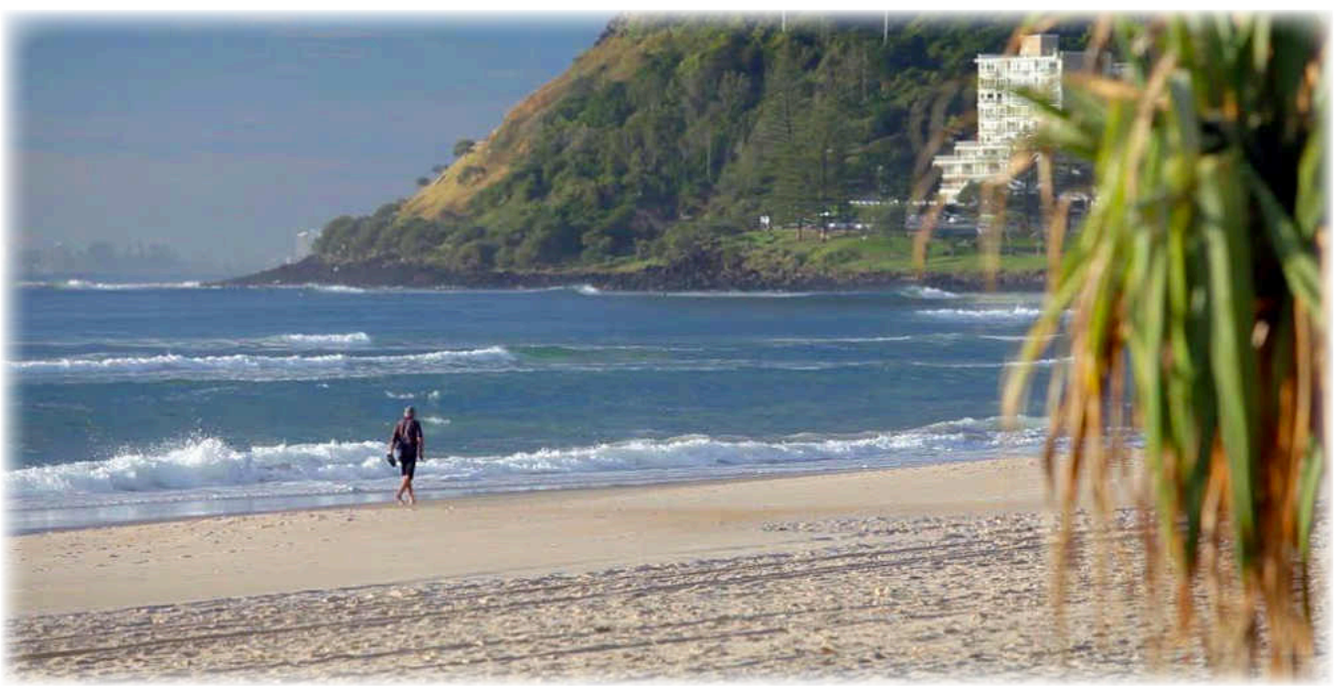
International Students

You will want to set up a local bank account and have the information available, as most landlords/companies will request it. It's as easy as walking in to one of the local branches of the Australian banks and explaining your situation. Please note they will want you to deposit money in order to start an account.

For more information regarding your rights, please refer to The Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008 (the Act) which sets out the rights and responsibilities for people renting a home.

Are signed contracts needed when renting?

The law requires tenants/residents to have a signed contract (or agreement) with their lessor, provider or agent. Tenants/residents must be given one of the following legal contracts depending on the type of home or accommodation being rented.



Rental bonds

A rental bond is a security deposit a tenant pays at the start of tenancy. This is held by the Rental Tenancies Authority (RTA) and is paid back to the tenant at the end of the tenancy, provided no monies are owned to the manager/owner and/or no monies are required to fix any damages caused by the tenant.

Please see the RTA's website here: www.rta.qld.gov.au

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Searching for an apartment

When you are searching for apartments it is very important to check the legitimacy of any apartment or company you work with. Remember to discuss all fees at the beginning so there are no surprises. It is important to have written and signed contracts for all leases before making any sort of payment. Be sure to get receipts for any monies paid.

Local Resources: If you have friends or family living in or around the Gold Coast region, ask them for suggestions. Many local bookstores carry apartment guides and travel guides for the Gold Coast. Local newspapers also have a classified section with apartment listings

Online Resources: There are many websites that can help you find an apartment, find a roommate or find a broker/management company. When searching online, please remember to always use caution and never send any sort of payment until you meet and discuss the terms. Unfortunately, there are many scams and it is very difficult to recover any lost money.

Using a Realtor: A realtor is someone you can hire to locate an apartment for you. They will compile listings that fit your needs and then will show you the apartments. Each realtor will have a different fee for their service, so it is important to ask about this before you start working with them. A realtor's fee in the Gold Coast can vary depending on the type of apartment and length of service. When you meet with a realtor you should be prepared to tell them what kind of apartment you want, where you want to live and what your budget is.

Lease - A lease is a legally binding, written agreement between a landlord and tenant that grants the legal right to reside for a specifically stated length of time. We recommend that you only enter into a written agreement.

Month-to-Month - A month-to-month is also a legally binding agreement between a landlord and tenant which may be terminated for any reason as long as written notification is given 30 days in advance.

Sublease/Sublet - An agreement where a tenant grants use of all or part of the leased property to another person, who is known as the (sub) 'lessee'. Subletting may be prohibited by the original lease or require written permission from the landlord.

Roommate/Share - A Roommate/Share is an arrangement where one rents an apartment with one or more individuals who already live in the apartment. This arrangement may be organized where one or more roommates may or may not be on the lease as a tenant.



Roommates

When searching for an apartment, it may be easiest to work as a team. We recommend researching the housing options and securing an accommodation 30 days prior to the beginning of your program. If you are unable to make arrangements prior to your arrival on the Gold Coast, then it is suggested that you arrive two weeks before your program start date to secure housing.

When speaking with a potential roommate, using social media (such as Facebook, Skype, etc.) is a great resource and can help break the ice. If you plan on physically meeting your potential roommate, please remember to use common sense tactics, such as meeting at a public place.

It is important to keep in mind that you need to be flexible and patient while searching for a roommate.

The following sites can be helpful when looking for housemates:

Flatmates
https://flatmates.com.au/

Sharehouses
http://sharehouses.com.au

Easy Roommate
http://www.easyroommate.com

Real Estate.com
http://www.realestate.com.au/



Suggested Suburbs for Renting

Southport
Main Beach
Surfers Paradise
Broadbeach
Molendinar

Arundel
Runaway Bay
Parkwood
Ashmore
Labrador



Student Accommodation close to New York Film Academy Australia's Southport Central Campus

Southport Central
www.southporttowers.com.au
Same complex as NYFA campus

University Square
www.unisquaregc.com
280 Olsen Avenue, Parkwood.
Distance to campus: 4.7km

Sphere Southport
www.spheregoldcoast.com.au
154 Musgrave Avenue. Distance to campus: 4.5km

Aqualine Apartments
www.aqualineapartments.com.au
136 Marine Parade Southport. Distance to campus: 2.2km

Metro on Central
www.metrooncentral.com
7 Brown Street, Labrador. Distance to campus: 4.5km

Nexus Place
www.nexusplace.com
129-131 Currumburra Road, Ashmore.
Distance to campus: 5.1km

Starting your search

We recommend that you begin your housing search at least 30 days prior to your desired arrival date.
It is best to familiarise yourself with the Gold Coast neighborhoods as early as possible. We suggest visiting the city and the school before you move, which will assist you later on while you are searching for accommodation.

Below is a list of some great websites you can use to help you search for an available apartment/room. You can enter the address of the school (Southport Central, Southport, Queensland) and search using Google Maps for apartments, sublets and rooms/shares that are located nearby.

Real Estate.com
www.realestate.com.au/share

AirBnB
www.airbnb.com.au



Unverified listing sites

Gumtree.com.au is a site where people can post ads for available apartments or rooms for rent in their apartment/home. It is a great place to find accommodation but it is a very large site so you need to use discretion.

You should only give money once you've physically been to and seen the apartment and spoken with a representative. Never send anyone your bank account information and identification details. Trust your instincts. If a listing sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Gumtree is not accountable for listings on their site, nor are they involved in any transaction or handle any payments.

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Getting to New York Film Academy Gold Coast

New York Film Academy's Gold Coast campuses are located centrally on the Gold Coast and are easily accessible via both Gold Coast and Brisbane Airport.

Travelling from Gold Coast Airport

Gold Coast Tourist Shuttle: gcshuttle.com.au
Con-x-ion: www.con-x-ion.com

Through these websites you can schedule a specific date and time for pick-up. Typically these services are cheaper than a taxi and are more reliable, however, as they are group charters they can take extra time to get you to your destination.

Public bus
Please see www.translink.com.au for timetables. Please allow approximately 1 hour to travel by bus from Gold Coast Airport to Southport Central.

Taxi: Taxi travel would be between $70-$100 Australian dollars from the airport to Southport Central (approx. 30km)



Travelling from Brisbane Airport

Brisbane Air Train: airtrain.com.au

The Gold Coast Southport campus is accessible by QLD Rail train to Helensvale Station, followed by Gold Coast Light Rail to Southport Station.

Please check www.translink.com.au for schedules.

Taxi: Taxi travel would be between $185 - $250 Australian dollars from the airport to Southport Central (approx. 82km)

Getting around on the Gold Coast

Renting a car:

Several rental car companies operate out of the Gold Coast.

- Avis - www.avis.com.au
- Budget - www.budget.com.au
- Europcar -www.europcar.com.au
- Hertz -www.hertz.com.au

For students wishing to purchase a car, they can try a site such as:
www.carsales.com.au

It is recommended that students undertaking the filmmaking program have access to a car for travelling to shoots and transporting filming equipment.

Driving in Queensland on an interstate or overseas license

You can drive in Queensland on an interstate or overseas license, provided that you are only driving the class of vehicle authorised on the license, that you comply with the conditions of that license, and that you show license to police when asked.



Public transportation in Gold Coast is very reliable. Below are some great resources to help you navigate through the Gold Coast.

Google Maps

A useful resource is Google Maps. When inputting directions, you have the option to choose between: Car, Public Transit (Bus, Railway), Walking or Biking. Each option will give specific routes and estimated travel times (including with current traffic). If you choose Public Transit, you will be given the specific bus stop(s) and bus number(s) to ride to your destination.

Gold Coast Transport

The Gold Coast train and bus lines have stations close to our two campuses. You can go to translink.com.au to get more information on the railway schedules and maps for the Gold Coast area.

You will need to purchase a Go card for the most cost effective way of travelling. This is a tap-on, tap-off system and can be registered to you with automatic debit.

Travelling with a student fare

If students wish to travel with a student fare, they will need to apply for student fares to be activated on their student Go cards.
Translink also offers various apps for android and iOS to make your travel information more easily available.

Bicycle

If you will be living close to the campus but do not want to purchase/rent a vehicle, a bicycle is another option and can easily be acquired once you are here. Bicycles can be purchased at a store (Target, BIG W or Kmart) or online and delivered to your residence.

Gold Coast G Link Tram

The G Link is Gold Coast's newest transport addition making for an easy travel from tourist locations Broadbeach and Surfers Paradise and as far north as the Gold Coast University Hospital and Helensvale QLD Rail Station.

New York Film Academy's Southport campus is closest to the Southport South tram station. Students can use their Go Card to use the G link, or can purchase single paper tickets.
For more information, please see their official site here: http://ridetheg.com.au



Queensland Rail

Queensland Rail is the primary rail network operator in Queensland, connecting the Southern and Northern Gold Coast, as well as Brisbane and surrounding suburbs.

Please remember to check the distance from your chosen apartment to our main campus (Southport Central, Gold Coast) in order to ensure you are able to travel to/from with your given transportation.

Short Term Accommodation

Woodroffe Hotel
Corner of Garden St & White St
Southport, QLD, 4215
(07) 5655 0465
https://woodroffehotel.com.au

Gold Coast Hostels
Aquarius Backpackers
44 Queen Street, Southport, QLD, 4215.
(07) 5527 1300
http://www.aquarius-backpackers.com.au

Gold Coast Backpackers
28 Hamilton Avenue,Surfers Paradise, QLD 4217
(07) 5592 5888
http://www.goldcoast-backpackers.com.au/

Budds in Surfers
6 Pine Avenue,Surfers Paradise, QLD 4217
(07) 5538 9661
http://buddsinsurfers.com.au/

Surfers Paradise YHA at Main Beach
Mariner's Cove, 70 Seaworld Drive, Main Beach, QLD 4217
(07) 5571 1776
https://www.yha.com.au/

Backpackers In Paradise
40 Peninsular Drive,Surfers Paradise QLD 4217
(07) 5538 4344
http://www.backpackersinparadise.com/



Homestay

Homestay is a housing placement service for International students and visitors and can be a great cost-effective option for students looking for short term accommodation.
Many students prefer a homestay because it enables them to explore new customs, social values and trends. It can also be very useful for students who are looking to improve their English outside of school.

All host families are carefully prescreened and interviewed directly by the Homestay company. The host family's property is also viewed to ensure student/visitor safety, as well as the legitimacy of the posted ad.

Students can opt for room-only accommodation or can organise meal packages.
It would be expected that any student staying with a host family would follow any guidelines set out by the host parent, which may include restrictions on noise and visitors. Students may also be asked to assist with household duties whilst they stay in the home.

Australian Homestay Network

The Australian Homestay Network (AHN) is Australia's largest and leading homestay provider having been commended by the Australian Government for ensuring appropriate standards.AHN has a national team of experienced and dedicated people using a unique homestay website and communication system for managing homestay placements throughout Australia.
Within Australia phone 1300 69 7829.
If outside Australia phone +61 2 8905 0321 http://www.homestaynetwork.org

The New York Film Academy is not affiliated with the above listed company, though we do recommend them. Students need to contact homestays directly for rates/availabilities, as well as booking.



Sites for Short-term Accommodation Options

http://www.airbnb.com.au/

www.stayz.com.au

wotif.com.au

Information for international students

Australian cost of living

The following site is helpful for an idea of living costs in Australia:
https://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/global/live-in-australia/living-costs

Studying on a student visa

Students who wish to study at New York Film Academy can do so with a Student Visa. After successful application and payment of deposit, students are issued with a Confirmation of Enrolment, which they can use to apply for their Student Visa.

Students can complete this visa application process themselves, or seek the assistance of a registered migration agent. By Australian law, persons who are not registered migration agents are unable to give advice on visas. If contacting immigration, there are translation services available.

Please see the Australian Immigration website here:
http://www.border.gov.au

Overseas Student Health Cover

For students studying with a student visa, it is a requirement to also obtain Overseas Student Health Cover for the duration of their visa.
For more information please see the following link:
https://oshcaustralia.com.au/en

New York Film Academy can assist with OSHC for students who are confirmed as enrolled.

Working whilst on a student visa

If studying in Australia on a Student Visa, there are also restrictions placed by the Australian government on the amount a student can work.

The current restriction at time of printing is 40 hours per fortnight.

Working in Australia – Tax File Number

If students wish to work in Australia, they need to apply for a Tax File Number.
For more information, visit the Australian Taxation Office website here:
https://www.ato.gov.au

Your rights as a worker

More information regarding your rights as a worker in Australia can be found here:
www.fairwork.gov.au/

Services close to New York Film Academy Gold Coast

Emergency

For any emergency, please dial 000 for Ambulance, Police or Fire department.

International students who have Overseas Student Health Cover policies should check with their health fund regarding their policy's cover.

Closest Hospital

Gold Coast University Hospital
1 Hospital Blvd Southport
Ph: 1300 744 284

Doctors

Southport Central Medical Centre
Shop 2020, Ground Floor, Southport Central,
5 Lawson Street Southport
Ph: 1300 011 925

Southport Medical Centre
100 Marine Parade, Southport
Ph: 0755 554 222

Australia Fair Medical Centre
40 Marine Parade, Southport
Ph: 0755 323 466

After Hours Doctor Southport
125 Nerang Street, Southport
Ph: 0755 328 666

Pharmacy

Australia Fair Amcal Chempro Pharmacy
Australia Fair Shopping Centre
Ph: 0755 329 881

Dental

Southport Dental
23 Nind Street, Southport
Ph: 0755 284 156

Australia Fair Dental
Australia Fair
Corner Scarborough St and Young St, Southport
Ph: 0755 912 661

Post office

Australia Post
28-30 Bay St, Southport
Ph: 13 13 18

Library

Corner Garden and Lawson Streets, Southport
Ph: 0755 817 200

Shopping Centres on the Gold Coast

There are many smaller local shopping centres on the Gold Coast for grocery shopping. Here are the main shopping centres of the Gold Coast.
Australia Fair shopping centre is closest to campus and has groceries stores as well as retail.

Australia Fair Shopping Centre
Corner Scarborough St and Young St, Southport
http://www.australiafair.com.au/

Pacific Fair Shopping Centre
Hooker Boulevard, Broadbeach
http://www.pacificfair.com.au/

Robina Town Centre
19 Robina Town Centre Drive, Robina
https://www.robinatowncentre.com.au/

Harbour Town Outlet Shopping
147 – 189 Brisbane Road, Biggera Waters
http://www.harbourtowngoldcoast.com.au/

Things to do - Themeparks and attractions

Wet n Wild Water Park
http://wetnwild.com.au/

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
http://www.cws.org.au/

Australian Outback Spectacular
http://outbackspectacular.com.au/

Seaworld
seaworld.com.au

Movieworld
http://movieworld.com.au/

Dreamworld
https://www.dreamworld.com.au



Places close to the Gold Coast

Mt Tamborine

Tamborine Mountain is approximately 40km from Southport. The rainforest is in the third oldest national park in the world. There are numerous walks and lookouts, including the Witches falls and Cedar creek, plus the Tamborine Skywalk and Glow worm caves. With numerous restaurants, wineries and art galleries, it is a great place to take a day trip.

Springbrook

Springbook national park extends from Springbrook plateau and Mt Cougal, to Natural Bridge and Numinbah Valley. The Natural arch has a beautiful waterfall by day and glow worms by night.

Brisbane City

Brisbane is Queensland's capital and is approximately 75km from Southport. On the Brisbane river, and overlooked by Mt. Coot-tha, Brisbane has many museums, art galleries and the cultural precinct of Southbank to explore.

North Stradbroke Island

North Stradbroke Island lies within Moreton Bay, 30km Southeast of Brisbane. It can be easily accessed for day trips by ferry, with options to take a car available. There are 3 small towns and a number of lakes and beaches on the island.

Byron Bay

Approximately 95km away from Southport is Byron Bay, in Northern New South Wales known for its beaches, surfing and scuba diving. Take a trip to the famous light house for amazing views.

