FOYER OXFORD

Foyer Oxford is a cutting edge youth housing service located on Oxford Street in Leederville.

The multimillion dollar project is founded on the idea that ending youth homelessness can be achieved through education, training and sustainable employment.

The world class complex is located on Oxford Street in Leederville. It has the capacity to house and support 98 young people, including 24 young parents and their children. It is the largest single site homelessness service for young people in Australia.

THE CONSORTIUM

The Foyer Oxford project was developed by a consortium of three organisations – Foundation Housing, Anglicare WA and the Central Institute of Technology. Each member focuses on their area of expertise in housing, support and education.

OUR RESIDENTS

Foyer Oxford’s residents come from a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences. However all of our residents are:

- 16-25 years old
- homeless or at risk of homelessness
- committed to moving forward with their lives and finding a future that inspires them

HOLISTIC SUPPORT

Foyer Oxford offers a comprehensive system of support to its residents. This includes:

- accommodation in student apartment style housing for up to two years
- personalised 24/7 support from professional youth workers
- access to a variety of education, training and employment opportunities

THE FOYER DEAL

At the heart of the Foyer model is the establishment of the Foyer ‘Deal’. In exchange for a formal Service Guarantee, each young person signs a commitment designed to ensure they receive the maximum benefit that the service has to offer.

As part of their opportunity with Foyer Oxford young people must commit to:

- engaging with education, training or employment
- connecting with supports and meeting with support workers
- meeting the obligations that come with a normal lease (paying rent, regular property inspections, appropriate behaviour)
- being a positive member of the community both in and outside Foyer

IMPACT

Foyer Oxford has a quantifiable and tremendously positive impact on the lives of the young people it houses. Whilst these remain early results, in the period of January 2015 to June 2015:

- 85% of the young residents at Foyer Oxford exited the service into long term positive accommodation.
- 77% of singles were continuing in Education, Employment and/or Training at exit.
- 88% of the young residents who have left the service have maintained independent accommodation 12 months after exit.