



Sydney University International House Alumni Association

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Submission to

the 2023 Australian Universities Accord Review Panel in response to the Interim Report published in July 2023

on behalf of

Sydney University International House Alumni Association

On 21 August 2023, the Council of Sydney University International House submitted a response to the Accord Review Panel Interim Report published in July 2023. The response emphasized that the International House model of student accommodation has proved to be an outstanding example of how best to support the student experience for both international and Australian students. It goes on to note that the International House model provides opportunities for students to learn from and support each other unequalled by any other accommodation model. The benefits of such an accommodation model are shared between both local and foreign residents who gain more insight into and understanding of each other's culture and background.

The Sydney University International House Alumni Association consists of past residents of Sydney University International House. They can attest to the value of the experiences they had and the understanding they gained by being part of a living arrangement that put them in daily contact with people from many cultures. The ideals of international understanding and friendship were brought to life by a conscious program and culture that created a home for students from many countries. This included spaces that enabled a sense of community, such as a shared dining hall, a location for informative lectures and a lively series of multicultural events and ceremonies. In addition, this positive experience by alumni attracted many international students to choose the University for their studies.

We wholeheartedly endorse the recommendations of the Council regarding the value of an International House experience.

On behalf of Sydney University International House Alumni Association,


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