



## **Family FAQ**

### **Is the Beachouse family friendly?**

Yes! We welcome children of all ages. The misconception of a youth hostel being only for the young backpacker is a myth! With your own family room you will be left to enjoy your time away from home, and mingle with other families.

### **What activities are there for my kids to do in the hostel?**

We have a games room filled with a ping pong table, pinball machines and much more! Board games can be picked up from reception, or kids can choose a movie from our list of films at reception. Movies can be played from the TV of your own room or from the main TV lounge.

The rooftop pool is the perfect place for the kids to be while parents cook up a sausage sizzle on the BBQ that's conveniently situated by the pool. The pool is fenced and the gate closed at all times for your child's safety!

### **What equipment can we hire for the beach?**

We have body boards, surf boards, sand pit kits, balls, cricket sets, you name it! All you need to do is leave behind some Identification (of the parents of course!) at reception.

### **Are there lifeguards at Collaroy Beach?**

From the **end of September to the end of April - 9am to 5pm, 7 days a week** there are Professional Lifeguards patrolling all the main beaches. **Remember to always swim between the red and yellow flags. Raise your arm and remain calm if you find yourself in stuck in the water!**

### **Where is the closest park?**

Griffith Park is located in front of the Long Reef Golf course just off Pittwater Road. Next to the park you will find the Collaroy Tennis Courts available for hire, just call [9971 0644](tel:99710644) to make a booking.

For younger children there is an enclosed jungle gym, and an Eco Track that takes you up around the headland. Please keep in mind that the park is dog friendly and is used extensively for their exercise.

Heading north 5 minutes by car there is also Narrabeen Lake where you may feed the local wildlife some bread and even hire a kayak. Lay a blanket in the sun and enjoy the scenery.

See site for information on kayak and stand up paddle board hire - <http://www.prokayaks.com.au/>

### **Is there a sporting centre near by?**

Pittwater Sports Centre in North Narrabeen is just a 10 minute drive from the Beachouse. Click on the site below for more information.

<http://pittwatersports.com.au/>

### **Can we hire a cot?**

Yes you can! It won't cost you a thing, just bring along some blankets.

### **Are there security cameras around the hostel?**

Yes! We have CCTV security footage in **all common areas**. At 7pm when reception closes, the Night Manager is available for you to speak to in regards to any queries or incidences. 7pm is also when the front sliding doors lock, so only those who are checked into the hostel will have access to inside (guests have 24 hour access to the hostel).

### **Where can I park my car?**

Our car park is accessed via Alexander Street. It is a locked, open air car park accessible by your room key. When leaving the car park it is only required that you drive towards the blue sliding gate and it will open automatically.

### **What does a family room consist of?**

We have two types of family rooms available at Sydney Beachouse YHA – the 4 bed family room and the 5 bed family room. They consist of a double bed and 2-3 single bunk beds. All family rooms have ensuite facilities, television and tea and coffee making facilities. Linen and towels are provided, so no need to worry about bringing any with you!

### **Are there cooking facilities?**

The hostel has a large communal kitchen, equipped with all the cooking equipment you will need to cook a meal for your family (and a fridge and pantry to store your food). If you would prefer to relax and not cook, there are a range of restaurants in the area that provide various cuisines to suit any budget. Sydney Beachouse provides a continental breakfast every morning.