



NORTH MELBOURNE

SCHOOL GROUPS FACT SHEET



LITTLE DRIFTER NORTH MELBOURNE

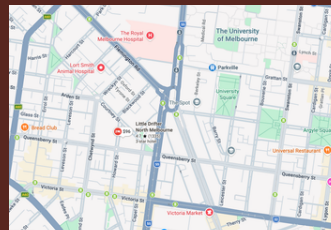
Discover the vibe of 78 Howard Street, North Melbourne – where urban convenience meets local cool. Our hostel has recently undergone a multi-million dollar designer fit-out, promising a one-of-a-kind experience for solo travellers and groups making their way to Melbourne. Just a quick jaunt to Arden Station and the bustling Queen Victoria Market, it's your ticket to city life and lively markets.

Communal spaces

Within each Drifter is a collection of fun and adaptive communal spaces.

- Rooftop
- Dining spaces
- Games and recreation
- Gym
- TV room
- Communal kitchen
- Communal laundry
- Vending Machines

Location: 78 Howard St



Points of interest

- Shopping centre: 10 min walk
- Train station: 10 min walk
- Supermarket: 10 min walk
- Royal park: 12 min walk
- Queen Vic Market: 8 min walk

Guest experience



Room types

Little Drifter North Melbourne offers an exciting mix of room types to suit all travellers, with shared rooms of 4, 6, and 8 beds, and private double rooms. We have 82 rooms with a total of 350 beds.



Private Suites

Comfy bedding and linen, storage, desk and chair, casting enabled TV, En-suites where possible, full length mirror, soap dispensers.



Mixed and Female only Dorms

Sturdy bunks, lockable drawers, comfy bedding and linen, Charging and power, Functional ladder, Hooks, Hair dryer and a full length mirror



Group Bookings

We specialise in hosting school groups, ensuring safety, security, and a seamless experience with the help of a dedicated groups coordinator. We offer private hire of various spaces or building sections, as well as secure luggage storage and catering.



Contact

Contact: Planning a school trip? We'd love to hear from you! Shoot your questions or booking requests over to groups@thedrifter.com

Website

thedrifter.com/north-melbourne

Coach Access

We've got you covered for arrival drop-offs and departure pick-ups just around the corner of the property on Queensberry or Courtney Streets. For overnight or longer parking, head over to Queen Victoria Market Parking. It's an outdoor parking area with plenty of spaces and no height restrictions. Perfect for coaches and busses!

Guest experience



DIVERSE ROOM TYPES



ENGAGING HOSTS



VIBRANT COMMUNAL AREAS



GREAT LOCATIONS



CURATED MUSIC, ART AND EVENTS



DIGITISED SERVICES



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES



SECURITY AND PRIVACY

Key Feature for School Groups

- Refurbished and reopened in June 2025
- Purpose built group accommodation venue
- Tech driven security, 4-digit pins for students (no more lost keys)
- Master pins and access for teachers
- Dedicated group sections, ability to seal off wings and floors with access to gendered bathrooms no matter the configuration
- Central location
- Cinema room
- Group kitchen for BYO cooking. Subject to availability.
- All staff trained in appropriate child safety standards
- Simple continental brekkie included
- All linen included



Floor plans: Ground Floor



Floor plans: 1st floor





Indicative Rates – School groups:

<i>Room Type</i>	<i>High Season (October- March)</i>	<i>Low Season (April - September)</i>
<i>Dorm Beds (\$PP)</i>	\$63	\$58
<i>Private rooms</i>	\$145	\$110





FAQs

Q: What's the deal with the exclusive group spaces?

A: Think of them as VIP areas! You get your own floor with all rooms, bathrooms and common space between the rooms private to your group only.

Q: Do you allow more than one school group at a time?

A: Yep, sometimes we host 2-3 school groups at once! When that happens, we'll assign each group their own rooms on the property. But heads up, the gendered bathrooms will be shared between the groups.

Q: What if our school group is on the smaller side?

A: No worries! You will still have your own rooms next or close to each other, for sure on the same level! We can also allocate one of our communal bathrooms only for your groups use. You will only have to share the common areas with other groups

Q: Is Little Drifter open to public? How do you keep kids safe?

A: Safety is our top priority, full stop. When school groups are in-house, we:

- Secure their floors: Areas can be isolated and locked down so only the right people get in.
- Use smart tech: Goki smart locks handle access with pin codes (high-tech and hassle-free).
- Back it up with training: We run an improved, ongoing safety policy for all staff; always learning, always leveling up.

Q: Are there accessible rooms and lifts?

A: Definitely! We've got accessible rooms available on request with their own accessible bathroom and lifts too. Just let us know what you need, we've got you covered.

Q: Do we need to bring sleeping bags?

A: All bed linen is provided, so there is no need to bring a sleeping bag or pillow. Towels can be hired as part of your package or you can bring your own.

Q: What are the catering and dining options?

A: We've got your crew covered when it comes to food! Here's the lowdown: Continental brekkie is included in your stay; think cereals, toast, condiments, and juice to kickstart the day. Hot brekkie from \$20pp (because sometimes you need that extra fuel) Lunch packs from \$18pp; perfect for adventures on the go Dinner from \$25pp to wind down with a solid meal. Got dietary needs? No problem! We can accommodate them with a bit of notice. Just give us a heads-up.



FAQs

Q: Do you offer group experiences and activities for school groups?

A: We absolutely do! We love taking a bit of the pressure off teachers, so we organise fun group activities like game nights, movie nights, musical bingo and more. It's all about creating a great atmosphere where students can unwind and everyone (staff included!) can actually enjoy the evenings without having to plan a thing.

Q: HOW DO WE BOOK?

A: It's really easy, simply email groups@thedrifter.com and we'll be in touch with you on the same day!