



## Protocol for establishing social bubbles between College households

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While the majority of students study remotely, according to government guidance for the current lockdown, students who have to be in residence because of the lack of an adequate home-working environment or for health reasons may find themselves as the only resident members of their student household, with an obvious impairment of their social experience, and attendant risks to their well-being. To address this issue, the collegiate University recommended that social bubbles should be considered according to a set of criteria. These have been discussed with student representatives, and amended where appropriate into the following formulation:

- Bubbles can be formed by a single person household with another household of any size. Any student may only be member of one bubble.
- No informal bubbling is allowed. All bubbles (and any subsequent changes to them) must be approved in advance by the college and duly registered.
- Bubbles can only include registered Sidney students in college accommodation.
- Once established, a bubble should ideally persist for the remainder of term, to help contain the pressures under which college pastoral and support staff are operating. Changes to a bubble should be discussed in advance by the student(s) requesting it with a Tutor or Pastoral Lead; breaking up a bubble is ultimately the choice of either the single householder, or the residents of the larger household; creating a bubble requires unanimity of those involved. Changes in bubbles follow national guidance, specifically no students involved may become part of a different bubble for ten full days after the dissolution of the previous one.
- Households remain as they are for asymptomatic testing purposes. If a single student household bubble tests positive, then the whole household should isolate accordingly – and viceversa

### PROCESS

- EMAIL TO SINGLE-HOUSEHOLDERS INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST;
- INDIVIDUAL CONFIDENTIAL TUTORIAL CHECK WITH RESIDENTS OF MULTI-RESIDENT HOUSEHOLD
- IF NO OBJECTION, BUBBLE ESTABLISHED;
- IF OBJECTION RECEIVED, SINGLE RESIDENT IS ASKED TO SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE