



## **Australian hotel located in the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains now operated by Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School at Torrens University Australia**

The Waldorf Leura Gardens Resort, in the idyllic Blue Mountains now operates under the Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School (BMIHMS) at Torrens University Australia. As part of an innovative collaboration, the resort will now serve as a space for students training in 5-star customer service to complete their degree, guided by fully qualified hospitality professionals. It will be one of only a handful of hotels run by an educational institution worldwide.

The Waldorf Leura Gardens Resort is a perfectly appointed hotel located in the heart of the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains and directly adjacent to BMIHMS' Leura campus. Students of the acclaimed hotel management school will reside within the Waldorf Leura Gardens Resort and undertake some of their practical learning, including food and beverage training, housekeeping and event management, on-site at the hotel, gaining valuable hands-on experience by interacting with genuine guests.

Students of programs at BMIHMS at Torrens University Australia are trained in 5-star customer service and as a result, guests who stay at the Waldorf Leura Gardens Resort will receive 5-star service from the students throughout their stay.

Laureate Australia & New Zealand General Manager Hospitality, Jerome Casteigt, said he was delighted with the collaboration and is looking forward to the next phase in BMIHMS' growth.

"With an impressive roll call of alumni already working in the middle and upper echelons of leading hotel and hospitality groups, the Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School at Torrens University Australia has a history of producing graduates who are highly sought-after by industry leaders. The hands-on experience our students will get working at Waldorf Leura Gardens Resort is a prime example of why BMIHMS graduates have such a strong reputation in the hospitality sector after completion of their studies," he explained.

"Thanks to this collaboration, we will now be able to provide our students with a unique learning environment looking after real guests within an operational hotel. They will provide customer service, work on events held at the hotel, such as weddings and conferences, and manage projects within the hotel under the guidance of skilled academic staff and department managers," added Mr Casteigt.

The 80 rooms at Waldorf Leura Gardens Resort will further undergo refurbishments based on contemporary designs that harness rich, warm tones, reflective of the unique Blue Mountains environment.

The resort is conveniently located next to a golf course, Everglades Historic House & Gardens and Leuralla New South Wales Toy and Railway Museum.

The model for the Waldorf Leura Gardens Resort follows the very successful student-run and managed William Blue Dining – a full-service restaurant which acts as a training centre for students of William Blue College of Hospitality Management at Torrens University Australia.

### **BMIHMS at Torrens University**

Since BMIHMS was founded in 1991, the school has produced more than 4,000 graduates from over 50 countries. The School's unique approach to hotel and resort management assists with fast tracking graduate career success. It has campuses in Leura and Sydney, Australia and Suzhou, China. In 2016, BMIHMS joined Torrens University Australia.

### **Torrens University Australia**



Torrens University Australia offers a range of career-focused undergraduate and postgraduate programs in **Business, Education, Hospitality, Design** and **Health** for study on-campus, online or a hybrid of both. Torrens University's campuses can be found in **Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide** and **Brisbane**, and is led by a team of research- and career-oriented academic staff who, combined with a carefully selected group of global industry partners, help students to bridge the gap between study and work.

Torrens University Australia is part of the global [Laureate International Universities](#) network, with more than 1,000,000+ students at 70 institutions in 25 countries.

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