

# St Andrew's College

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## Undergraduate Prospectus

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"I always say to students and parents: if you have the chance to live in college, grasp it with both hands."

Belinda Hutchinson (Chancellor,  
University of Sydney)



## Why College?

Colleges are very different to high-density accommodation providers. Their primary objective is not merely to provide a convenient place to live, but to foster enduring academic communities and provide access to an immersive, life-changing educational experience.

### Activities

Colleges offer a vast number of opportunities for students to be involved: social events, sport, community service, music, dance, hackathons, writing competitions, leadership opportunities, tutorials, drama performances, jam nights, lectures, student committee meetings ... there is always something for students to be part of.

### Scale

Colleges provide so much more than a room on campus. Their small scale – up to 420 students, compared to more than 73,000 at the University of Sydney – enables them to offer a rich and intimate experience that cannot be found anywhere else on campus.

### Support

Colleges have wellbeing and academic support programs that help students navigate their way through the challenges of university life. Although the type of support offered at each college is tailored to that institution's needs, all colleges provide some form of academic mentoring and pastoral care.

### Community

The vibrant social atmosphere, rich histories and affiliative traditions of colleges create enduring communities. Friendships formed in colleges last a lifetime. This is because all colleges are limited in size and are committed to the principle that university life should be multifaceted and fun.





### Communal Dining

All University of Sydney colleges provide three hot meals per day. The benefit of dining halls extends beyond mere convenience; communal dining provides an opportunity for members of college communities to come together and engage in conversation.

### Scholarships

Most colleges offer scholarships and bursaries. In some cases, colleges help students access university when they would otherwise be unable to afford relocation costs.

### Tutorials

Most colleges offer regular group tutorials that supplement study undertaken at university. The small scale of college tutorials is conducive to fruitful academic discussions, and erodes the dividing line between friendship and learning.

### Student Leadership Opportunities

All colleges have student leadership teams. Students who attend a college enjoy the opportunity to refine their leadership skills throughout their university lives and manage a vast array of adult responsibilities.







## Why Andrew's?

We're proud of the way we do things at Andrew's. We remain committed to the principle that students can – and should – be trusted with adult responsibilities, and recognise the centrality of fun in university life. Andrew's is so much more than a room on campus.

### **Culture of Leadership & Excellence**

Our College has offered the world many extraordinary leaders and great minds, including Australia's only President of the UN General Assembly (Doc Evatt), the designer of the Sydney Harbour Bridge (John Bradfield), nine Wallabies captains and many Olympians.

Our commitment to excellence underpins everything we do. It explains why we have won each of the four intercollegiate cups more times than any other college, why we require all students to achieve at least a credit average in their degrees, and why our students exceed the University of Sydney average mark by more than 10 marks.

### **Commitment to Student-Centred Responsibility**

At St Andrew's, we 'prepare the student for the road, not the road for the student'. Though we certainly have fences, we set them wide where possible. In practice, this means trusting students with a range of responsibilities, including the independent management of student life.

Our Students' Club, a self-governing student organisation within the College, embodies these ideas. The Club is trusted with many disciplinary responsibilities consistent with the maintenance of a values-based community and manages its own financial affairs, with a turnover of up to \$500,000 per year.



## Comprehensive Education & Student Life Program

Andrew's offers one of the most expansive Education and Student Life Programs in the world. There is always something for our students to participate in.

- Subject tutorials
- Academic mentoring
- Informal college social events
- 74 Student Committees
- Professional development seminars
- Weekly formal dinners
- Social sport
- Intercollegiate sport competitions (Rawson, Rosebowl and University Cup)
- Intercollegiate creative arts and public speaking competition (Palladian Cup)
- The St Andrew's College Drama Society
- Gala Concerts
- Awards presentations evenings
- Lectures
- Student leadership training
- Musicals
- Jam Nights
- Community service
- Dinners at the Principal's Lodge
- Entrepreneurial competitions
- Debating
- Chapel services
- Ensemble rehearsals
- Highland Ball
- Weekly Senior Common Room short talks
- Mother's Day and Father's Day dinners
- Victory Dinners (celebrating success in creative arts and sport)

## \$2 million in Scholarships & Bursaries

Andrew's offers the most scholarships per capita in the country: \$2 million available for 2022. We award seven types of scholarships:

- St Andrew's Scholars Program Scholarships
- Means-Tested Scholarships
- All-Round Scholarships
- Creative Arts Scholarships
- Sporting Scholarships
- Indigenous Student Scholarships
- Non-Residential Music Scholarships

## Scottish Heritage

St Andrew's College has a deep connection to the Scottish Enlightenment. Many of the foundational values and principles fostered by the College are derived from Enlightenment texts. These values and principles include challenging authority that refuses to explain itself, actively pursuing human progress, and using logic and reason to solve problems.

Our Scottish heritage manifests in more than intellectual life. From the tartan hanging in the Dining Hall to the presence of bagpipes at sporting events and formal occasions, the College's Scottish heritage is ever-present.

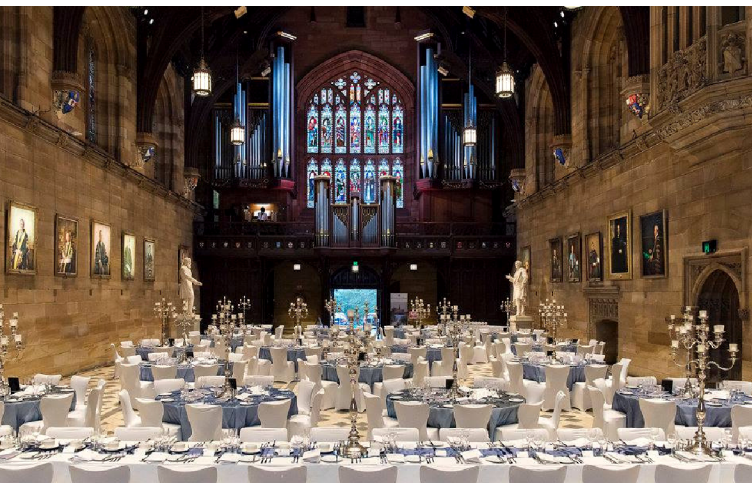






# Intellectual Life

At Andrew's, intellectual life is about more than just exceptional university results. It is also about helping students think beyond the curriculum.



## Critical Thinking

When students graduate from Andrew's, they do so with an inclination to think critically and challenge authority that refuses to answer for itself. We provide innumerable opportunities for students to test and challenge their ideas, including debates (both formal and informal) workshops and tutorials. When our students vote in Australian elections or run as parliamentary candidates, they do so having thought deeply about the world they want to live in.

## Tutorials and Mentoring

We provide internal tutorials for 98% of the subjects our residents study at university. These tutorials, which are run by a team of Academic Area Tutors, College Fellows and casual tutors, are designed to extend students beyond university course material. Students also have access to Academic Mentors, who help them create study plans and meet the College's academic standards.



## Lectures

Each year, the College hosts many lectures, including the Annual Lecture and weekly Senior Common Room Short Talks. Leading Australians who have participated in these events include Professor Dame Marie Bashir, the Honourable Michael Kirby, David Morrison, Kate McClymont and Professor Rufus Black.

## Prizes

Each year, current students of the College are given an opportunity to win prizes for their academic performance and leadership. Students are also given the opportunity to compete in the Principal's Writing Prize for Poetry and Prose.





# Professional Development

The St Andrew's College Professional Development Program prepares students for professional life.

## Internships and Taylor Scholarships

Andrew's offers multiple internships and professional roles within College, from the Editor of *Drew's News*, our student blog, to Taylor Scholarships. These opportunities help students build their CVs and develop essential professional skills.

## Networking Events

Current Androvians are given the opportunity to meet alumni who have flourished in their post-study careers. Our networking events are designed to give students an opportunity to ask questions about careers, practise networking, and meet prospective mentors and employers.

## Developing Professional Skills

Our Professional Development Program also helps students develop skills they will need (such as interview and resumé writing skills) when applying for jobs and launching themselves into the world of work. Events such as 'HR Help' enable students to sit down with professionals and talk about how to maximise their chances of getting internships and jobs.





# Sport, Creative Arts & Public Speaking

Andrew's offers hundreds of competitive and non-competitive opportunities for students to participate in sport, creative arts and public speaking.

## Palladian

Andrew's has won the Palladian Cup - the intercollegiate creative arts and public speaking competition - more times than all the other colleges combined. We have a long and proud history of celebrating great performances, art and oratory. The Palladian Cup encompasses many different pursuits, including music, dance, drama, debating, oration and fine arts.

## Rawson & Rosebowl

As with the Palladian Cup, Andrew's has won the Rawson (male sport competition) and Rosebowl (female sport competition) Cups more times than any other college.

The Rawson sports are cricket, swimming, rowing, rugby, soccer, basketball, tennis and athletics.

Rosebowl sports are netball, swimming, rowing, hockey, soccer, basketball, tennis and athletics.

## University Cup

The University Cup is awarded to the college that scores the most points in male and female sport each academic year. To date, St Andrew's College is the only name on that cup.







### Social Sport

Not all sport played by Andrew's students is highly competitive. There are also many informal sporting opportunities such as inter-year soccer and round robin tennis available to all students. Intercollegiate AFL, Twenty20 and Touch Football tournaments are also a significant part of College life.

### Drama Society

Every year, the St Andrew's College Drama Society produces a play for the enjoyment of College students, alumni and guests. DramSoc was founded in 1953, making it one of the oldest surviving societies within College.



### Jam Nights

Several times each semester, students gather on the tennis courts or in the Highlander Bar to make music. These informal gatherings are known as "jam nights", and are intended to enable musicians of varying abilities to make music for the sheer joy of it. Often, the Students' Club purchases pizza and drinks for the enjoyment of audience members in this "open mic" affair.

### Gala Concerts

Gala concerts provide an opportunity for our music scholars and ensemble members to showcase their talent. The College has more than five ensembles: large and small jazz bands, a string quartet, a string ensemble and several choirs (the Chapel Choir and smaller vocal ensembles).



### Intercollegiate Music

Andrew's has been active in leading and participating in several collaborative musical projects. For example, its members co-founded and managed the Intercol Orchestra. It has also been heavily involved in the Intercol Musical, a production staged annually by college students within the University of Sydney.



# The Students' Club

The Students' Club is a student-governed body politic within Andrew's. It comprises approximately 385 members, and is governed by a leadership team known as the House Committee.

## Sub-Committees

Andrew's has 74 sub-committees. Each sub-committee (such as Drew's Environmental Committee, the Highlander Bar Team, the Formal Committee, the Community Service Team and the Drama Society) is managed by a small team chosen by members of the House Committee. All committees are led by secretaries, most of whom are second-year students.



## Highlander Bar

The Highlander Bar is a commercially licenced venue within Andrew's. It is comprised of an informal courtyard (where students can enjoy a quiet drink during opening hours) and an internal area suitable for hosting public and intercollegiate parties. The bar is run by a syndicate of College students, all of whom complete rigorous training and collaborate with the St Andrew's College Licensee to ensure that events are both fun and safe.



## Community Service

Andrew's has a comprehensive community service program run by the Students' Club. It has partnered with the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse (where our musicians perform for patients), OzHarvest and the Newtown Mission in recent years. The College also hosts the annual Sony / St Andrew's College Children's Camp, a respite camp run by students within College for the benefit of both children with disability and their families.



## Junior Common Room

The JCR is the place where members of the Students' Club socialise. It is replete with a pool table, ping pong table, comfy couches, a TV and other amenities. The JCR is part of a collection of hubs, alcoves and courtyards that students can use for recreational purposes.



# Leadership Opportunities

Leadership is in our DNA. Andrew's has been home to many great Australian leaders in the national and international arenas, from the first – and Australia's only – President of the UN General Assembly to many parliamentarians and Wallabies captains.

## The House Committee

The House Committee is the student-elected team that governs the Students' Club. The team is responsible for managing the financial affairs of the Students' Club, electing sub-committee leaders, dealing with infringements of the St Andrew's College Code of Conduct, and supporting members of the community.

## Sub-Committee Secretaries

The House Committee chooses secretaries to lead each of the 74 sub-committees within the Students' Club. Each secretary manages a small team of students who all contribute to the running of events and activities, including social sports, jam nights and the Highlander Bar. Second-year students are eligible to nominate themselves for secretarial roles.

## Pastoral Leaders

Pastoral Leaders are undergraduate and postgraduate students chosen by both the House Committee and College Officers to provide support to members of the community. The Pastoral Leaders are trained in areas such as physical and mental health first aid, and help any members of our community struggling with a range of challenges.

## Student Mentors

Student Mentors are responsible for organising Welcome Week and supporting students throughout their first year in College. Before students can nominate themselves for a Student Mentor role, they are required to complete several rigorous training modules (from leadership training to first aid courses).





# Applying to Andrew's

Andrew's is the most in-demand university college in Australia. Submitting a convincing application will maximise your prospects of being offered a place.

## 1. Establish Your Eligibility

In order to apply for Andrew's, you must either be in year 12 or have graduated from high school. Both men and women are eligible to apply. We do not impose ATAR cutoffs; we are interested in the whole person.

## 2. Submit an Application

Applications for residential membership comprise a digital application form, personal statement and two references. Application forms for both our residential and non-residential programs are available on our website.

## 3. Submit Scholarship Applications

Students seeking to obtain a scholarship to College are required to complete additional application forms (available on our website).

## 4. Complete Your Interview/s

Students who submit strong applications will be offered an interview with one of five members of our interview panel. Additional interviews may be required as part of your scholarship applications. If you live overseas or interstate, a phone or Skype interview can be arranged.

## 5. Stay in Touch

After your interview, we encourage you to keep us up to date on matters such as school marks and any changes to your preferred tertiary degree. In some cases, we make early offers. However, the majority of offers will be awarded after September.





# Timeline

To access specific dates, please visit:  
[standrewscollege.edu.au](http://standrewscollege.edu.au)

## June

- Non-Residential Applications Open (for mid-year entry)
- Residential Applications Open (for following-year entry)
- All scholarship applications open

## August

- Applications for the St Andrew's Scholars program close
- Applications for the Creative Arts Scholarships close
- Creative Arts Scholarship Auditions

## September

- Applications for means-tested scholarship ("bursaries") close
- The St Andrew's Scholars Program interviews are held
- First-round offers are made

## December & January

- Applications for all-round scholarships close
- Second-round offers are made

## Our Non-Residential Program

In addition to our primary Residential Program, we offer a Non-Residential Program to applicants who want the Andrew's experience but do not wish to reside in College.

Visit our website for more information.

# Interviews Tips

There are many ways of maximising your chance of receiving a high interview score:

## Think about why you are applying

Applicants should come to their interview prepared to talk about the experience they are looking for at Andrew's.

## Consider why you want to come to university

Some applicants want to attend university to explore their interests, while others see university as a stepping stone to a specific career. Either way, we would love to hear about your long-term intellectual and professional aspirations.

## Skim the headlines

We do not expect Year 12 students to read newspapers from cover to cover each day. However, you should think about three social issues or "hot topics" you would like to discuss during your interview.

## Think about your worldview

What does a perfect world look like to you? This is not a question that we will explicitly ask you, but having an answer may help you answer other questions.

## Practice explaining who you are

While your interviewer may not open with "tell me about yourself", it is a good idea to think about what you would like the interviewer to know about you by the end of your interview.

**More questions? Email our Registrar, Tessa Bruin:**  
[registrar@standrewscollege.edu.au](mailto:registrar@standrewscollege.edu.au)





# The St Andrew's Scholars Program

St Andrew's College has more than **\$2 million in scholarships** available for 2022.

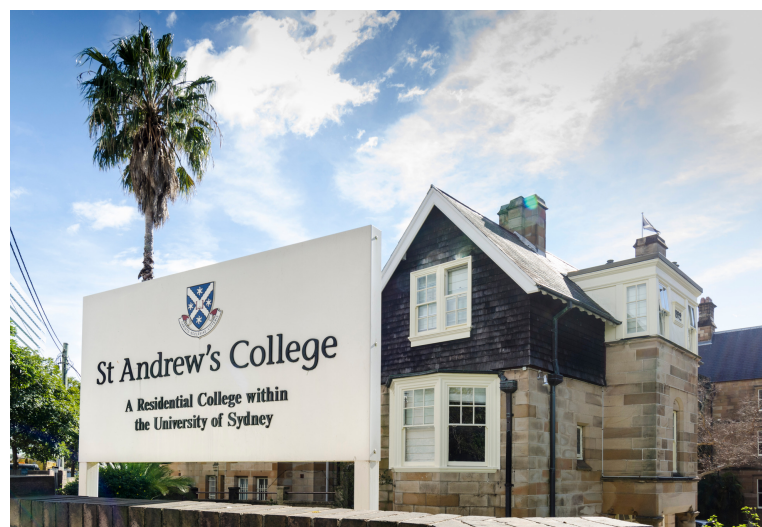
Scholarships offered through the St Andrew's Scholars Program provide **full fee relief** for the entire duration of each recipient's undergraduate degree.

## Application Process

In addition to your general interview and application form for residential membership, you will be asked to complete a second panel interview and fill out a separate form.

## What are we looking for?

In summary, we are looking for students with a clear vision and the capacity to change the world. The panel will favour candidates with leadership potential, strong intellectual appetites, and a tendency to approach life with enthusiasm and energy.





# From the Principal



Thank you for taking the time to read our prospectus. We are very proud of the College we have been building for over 150 years, and welcome your interest in becoming a part of this lively and multifaceted community.

My message to prospective students is simple: If you are looking for an immersive, engaging and stimulating university life, seek out a *collegiate* experience. As the *Sydney Morning Herald* pointed out in 2019, “university life has changed. Gone are the unhurried days when it was as much about social learning as it was about the academic kind. Modern students still crave interaction, but have arrived at uni at a time when that is much harder to achieve.” In our experience, students fortunate enough to enjoy a collegiate university experience do not report a lack of interaction.

How do you know whether St Andrew's College is the right college for you? If the College were a single person, it would be an intelligent, high-achieving all-rounder with a desire to lead and to serve. If you bring just one of these traits, Andrew's might just be a good fit for you; if our unrivalled success in the intercollegiate sport and creative arts

competitions appeals to you, Andrew's might just be a good fit for you; and if you are known for being a leader, or someone with a desire to challenge the way you – and others – think, Andrew's might just be a good fit for you.

Demand for 'the Andrew's Experience' remains extremely high; just one in six applicants seeking a place in College in 2021 were successful, making St Andrew's College the most sought-after university college in Australia.

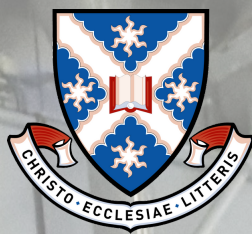
Since 2020, we have been able to welcome more students to College with the opening of our state of the art Thyne Reid Link. This new building allowed us to increase our capacity by 85 rooms and add a range of new facilities – such as study spaces, common areas and music rehearsal studios – to the College.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the \$2 million in scholarships and prizes available to you. The St Andrew's Scholars Program continues to offer exceptional young people the opportunity to live in College with full fee relief for the entirety of their undergraduate degree. A significant number of our scholarships are means-tested, ensuring that meritorious students are not denied a place at Andrew's for financial reasons.

I look forward to receiving your application.

**Wayne Erickson**  
Principal





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