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Why St Andrew's College?

We're proud of the way we do things at St Andrew's. We seek to educate and challenge each of our students to discover and develop the extent of their personal excellence in its many forms – after all, the 'whole person' is the whole point. The expectation is that the St Andrew's experience will help to shape a life of contribution and meaning for the betterment of the nation and the world.

What is a Residential College?

University colleges are very different to other large-scale accommodation options. The primary objective of a college is not merely to provide a convenient place to live, but to foster an enduring academic community and provide access to an immersive, life-changing educational experience.

Scale

The relatively small scale of St Andrew's – up to 420 students, compared to the high-density accommodation offered elsewhere – enables us to offer a rich and intimate experience that cannot be found anywhere else on campus.

Inclusive, Enduring Community

We support and celebrate inclusiveness and diversity at St Andrew's, and cherish respectful relationships between equals.

Maintaining a 50:50 gender mix is a crucial element of College, and our long-standing commitment to those from rural, regional and remote areas helps to shape our diverse culture. The expanded non-residential program also allows a greater cohort of students to contribute to the richness of the St Andrew's experience.

The vibrant social atmosphere, rich history and traditions of College create an enduring community. When students graduate from St Andrew's, they talk about the people. There is something unique about the depth of human connection within our community. Friendships formed in College last for life.

Wellbeing Support

St Andrew's has a wellbeing support program, delivered by both staff and students, that helps students navigate their way through the challenges of university life. See page 5 for further details.

College Facilities

Our world-class facilities and support include:

- Pastoral care and wellbeing support
- Three meals a day – plus snacks
- Wifi (200GB per month)
- State-of-the-art gym
- Sports oval, basketball court and tennis courts
- Libraries, tutorial and study rooms
- Sound proofed rehearsal spaces
- Students' Club events, interest groups and competitions

Communal Dining

St Andrew's provides three hot meals per day, catering for all dietary requirements, and the opportunity for snacks and take-away when required. The benefit of our dining hall extends beyond mere convenience; communal dining provides an opportunity for members to come together, meet new people and engage in conversation. Our traditional, weekly formal dinners are a sight to behold!

Culture of Leadership and Excellence

St Andrew's 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), and many Wallabies captains and Olympians. (As well as Rohan Browning, currently the fastest man in Australia!)

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.





Scottish Heritage

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

From the tartan in the Dining Hall and the Saltire on the flagpole, to the presence of bagpipes at sporting events and formal occasions, the College's Scottish heritage is ever-present.

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. See pages 8 – 9 for further information.

Education & Student Life Program

St Andrew's College has a comprehensive Education & Student Life Program, which includes multi-layered academic support, a professional development program, many sport, music and creative arts outlets, as well as innumerable social events. See pages 4 – 7 for more details.

\$2 million in Scholarships

All students studying at a university in Sydney are eligible to apply for St Andrew's scholarships. We award the highest scholarships per capita of any residential college in Australia: \$2 million per year. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to full fee relief, and many are means-tested. Around half of our current students receive at least one scholarship. See page 12 for further information.

Non-residential program

Students who would enjoy all the opportunities that St Andrew's offers but do not wish to live in College, can take up non-residential membership. Non-res members can access many of the same benefits as residents, including:

- A residential experience during Welcome Week
- Academic support program
- Access to the College as a daytime 'home on campus', including a locker for storing belongings
- Mentoring support specifically for non-residential members
- All meals at College
- Attending and participating in College's Education & Student Life Program including the Palladian Cup (note that this does not include intercollegiate sports competitions)
- Associate membership of the SAC Students' Club allowing access to a range of free and at-cost social activities
- Use of the College's social, performance and learning spaces as well as our brand new gym
- University of Sydney Union Access card (for student discounts and other services)
- Use of the College's internet facilities

However, there are some limitations on involvement, for example, the Rawson and Rosebowl intercollegiate sporting competitions are not open to non-res members. For more information on non-residential membership, please contact us (details on the back cover).

Intellectual & Professional Life

At St Andrew's, intellectual life is about more than just exceptional university results. It is also about helping students think beyond the curriculum, while our Professional Development Program prepares students for professional life.



Critical Thinking

When students graduate from St 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, 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.

Multi-Layered Academic Support

The academic support at St Andrew's is designed to extend students beyond university course material. It is delivered by our Academic Heads – a group of university lecturers and researchers who lead a team of Senior Academic Tutors and Academic Tutors.

In addition to overseeing the delivery of subject tutorials, academic mentoring sessions and academic skills workshops – staples of the College's Academic Program – they also contribute to the College's innovative new courses and develop academic policy that will ensure the ongoing improvement of the College's educational offerings.

Lectures and Prizes

Each year, the College hosts many lectures, including the Annual Lecture and Senior Common Room Short Talks. Students of the College are also given many opportunities to win prizes for their academic performance and leadership.

Internships and Taylor Scholarships

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

Networking Events and Developing Professional Skills

Current students are given the opportunity to meet alumni who have flourished in their post-study careers. Our events are designed to give students an opportunity to ask questions about careers, practise networking, and meet prospective mentors and employers. Our Professional Development Program supports students to develop skills they will need (such as interview and résumé writing skills) when applying for jobs and launching themselves into the world of work.

Pastoral Care

St Andrew's Pastoral Care Leaders are students, second year or older, who undertake additional training to provide emotional support to their fellow students through their time in College. Often a young person will feel more comfortable approaching a fellow student with a question or problem, rather than a member of staff.



Pastoral Care Leaders are not expected to solve all the emotional issues that arise at College; often, the most valuable contribution a PCL can make is directing an individual to a more appropriate source of help, and importantly, PCLs do not have a disciplinary role.

'Pastorally caring' for students might involve:

- Having conversations about study and / or other issues
- Supporting students who are struggling with mental illness (directing them to the right place)
- Keeping an 'ear to the ground' and discussing relevant issues (e.g. ongoing unacceptable student conduct) with the House Committee and Student Mentors
- Loss of a relative or friend
- Identifying mental illnesses (e.g. eating disorders)
- Breakups – listening
- Substance misuse – on the spot and next day follow-ups
- Students struggling with College life – friendship
- Social dysfunction on corridors
- Disappointment – listening
- Life balance – study, sport, family, social, interests

Sport, Creative Arts & Public Speaking

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

Palladian Cup

St 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

St 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 St 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.





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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 known as 'jam nights', 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.



Events

Informal and formal events 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

St 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 offers St Andrew's students the opportunity to refine their leadership skills and manage a vast array of adult responsibilities. The Students' Club is a student-governed body politic. It comprises approximately 400 members, and is governed by a leadership team known as the House Committee.



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 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.

Sub-Committees

St 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.

Pastoral Care Leaders

Pastoral Care 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 Care Leaders are trained in areas such as physical and mental health first aid, and support any students 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).

Community Service

St 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 children with disability and their families.

Highlander Bar

The Highlander Bar is a commercially licenced venue within St 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.

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.

Applying to St Andrew's

St 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 St Andrew's, you must either be in Year 12 or have graduated from high school. All genders are welcome. 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). See the QR code on page 12.

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.

Timing

Due to high demand, we encourage all prospective students to submit an application as soon as possible. Candidates must attend an interview in person or online. To access specific dates, please visit: standrewscollege.edu.au.

More questions? Email our Registrar: registrar@standrewscollege.edu.au



Interview 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 St 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.

St Andrew's Scholarships

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St Andrew's Scholars Program (Full Fee Relief)

The College's most substantial scholarships are awarded through the St Andrew's Scholars Program. Up to five students per year are awarded full scholarships to the College.

The St Andrew's Scholars Program seeks young people with the capacity and commitment to realise their potential to lead their College, university, nation and world. The scholarships offered as part of the Program provide full fee relief and are awarded for the entire duration of each student's undergraduate degree.

Successful applicants will be exceptional young men and women who thrive academically, are engaged in life, and have the potential to make a significant positive contribution to College and, in the future, the wider community.

Means-Tested Scholarships

The College offers a number of means-tested scholarships (also known as 'bursaries') each year. These are awarded to ensure that financial circumstances do not prevent meritorious students from coming to College.

All-Round Scholarships

The College offers all-round scholarships to students who have demonstrated a high level of academic, leadership and/or extra-curricular ability.

Creative Arts Scholarships

The College offers a variety of creative arts scholarships. Students are obliged to complete particular activities (such as performing at gala concerts) in fulfilment of these scholarships.

Sporting Scholarships

Applicants are not required to submit applications for sporting scholarships. They are awarded in collaboration with the Elite Athlete Program (University of Sydney).

Indigenous Student Scholarships

The College awards up to ten scholarships to Indigenous Australian students each year.



For further information on scholarships, scan the QR code or visit: standrewscollege.edu.au

From the Principal

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My message to prospective students is simple: If you are looking for an immersive, engaging and stimulating university life, seek out a collegiate experience.



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.

St Andrew's is a welcoming and inclusive community. We are proud to support and celebrate inclusiveness and diversity, and cherish respectful relationships between equals. We seek to educate, challenge and develop each of our students to lead lives of contribution and meaning.

How do you know whether St Andrew's College is the right college for you? If the College were a 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, St 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, St 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, St Andrew's might just be a good fit for you.

The opening of our new building, the Thyne Reid Link, added a range of new facilities – such as study spaces, common areas, music rehearsal studios and the state-of-the-art Taylor Gym – as well as 85 new student rooms. Even with this additional capacity, however, demand for 'the St Andrew's Experience' remains extremely high and St Andrew's College continues to be the most sought-after university college in Australia.

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, so we can welcome young people with talent and potential, regardless of their economic circumstances.

I look forward to receiving your application.

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