

# Undergraduate **PROSPECTUS**



**St Andrew's College**

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– ROB LEACH, PRINCIPAL



# *Welcome to* **St Andrew's College**

We are thrilled that you are interested in joining our community at St Andrew's. This prospectus will provide you with an overview of what our College has to offer.

We strongly value community and social opportunities, and we are deeply committed to nurturing student leadership.

St Andrew's is an environment that fosters academic excellence through tutorial support, individualised advice, and a whole raft of learning programs. Career mentoring and networking opportunities are also on offer.

Of course, College is about more than academics, leadership, and career preparation. There is music, drama, sport, debating, community service, and much more.

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Our students tell us that St Andrew's is a great place to be. You can see this in the smiles on their faces, and in the fact that our alumni stay strongly connected long after they graduate.

We are confident that you will find our community to be welcoming, intellectually stimulating, and personally fulfilling, and we look forward to supporting you as you achieve your goals and realise your dreams.

Thank you for considering St Andrew's College. We welcome your application.

**Rob Leach**  
St Andrew's College Principal



# Why St Andrew's College?

## **WORLD-CLASS RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE**

St Andrew's College sits on 10 acres within the grounds of the University of Sydney, on Gadigal land. Students choose to live at College not just because it is convenient and close to the major Sydney universities, but mostly to immerse themselves in an environment that supports academic achievement while forming life-long connections and taking part in a vibrant social atmosphere.

## **COMMUNITY**

St Andrew's is home to up 400 students who attend universities around Sydney, including USYD, UTS, UNSW, ACU, and others.

Although the majority of students live on campus, some choose to take up non-residential membership, enjoying most of the benefits of College without living here.

We support and celebrate inclusiveness and diversity, and cherish respectful relationships between equals.

St Andrew's is a co-ed college and we maintain an equal gender ratio. We also have a long-standing commitment to those from rural, regional and remote areas.

These diverse groups allow for a greater cohort of students to contribute to the richness of the St Andrew's experience.

## **CONNECTIONS**

Students have opportunities to develop skills for their future, connect with alumni and have access to internships and professional development.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Our College offers over \$2 million in scholarships per year, more than any other college in Australia. Nearly half of our students receive some level of assistance towards their College fees. Our goal is to ensure that students from all backgrounds have an opportunity to be part of St Andrew's College life.

**More about scholarships on page 10.**



### **CULTURE OF LEADERSHIP AND EXCELLENCE**

It underpins everything we do. Whether in the arts, academia or sport, each student is encouraged to achieve their best, work together and support each other's' achievements.

### **COMMITMENT TO STUDENT-CENTRED RESPONSIBILITY**

We prepare students for the life and career that lies ahead of them. Students at St Andrew's College are entrusted with a range of responsibilities, including the independent management of the Students' Club. The Club handles disciplinary responsibilities consistent with the maintenance of a value-based community and manages its own financial affairs.

**Read more about the Students' Club on page 8.**

### **NON-RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM**

St Andrew's offers a non-residential program for students who want to access the College's benefits without living there. Non-residential members receive academic support, daytime access to the College, mentoring, meals, and participation in various programs and activities, excluding intercollegiate sports.

**“I would encourage anyone seeking an engaging, rewarding and exciting experience of community living to apply to St Andrew's.”**

– LILY



## Education

St Andrew's College has a long history of supporting students in their university studies. Our dedicated Education Department has a team of professional staff, academic heads, and subject tutors who provide educational support across a broad range of courses of study. Our interactive, small-group education programs support our students and help them achieve their academic goals.

All St Andrew's College students have access to our education programs (provided at no extra cost), with the most comprehensive educational offerings of any university residential college in Sydney.

### TUTORIALS

Our comprehensive Tutorial Program is limited in class size to ensure better learning outcomes and is delivered by university lecturers and tutors, as well as high-achieving postgraduate and senior undergraduate students. The program aims to clarify and build on content from lectures and university tutorials and to help students achieve their full potential in their studies.

### ACADEMIC SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Designed to cultivate skills that are applicable across different subject areas, including essay writing, research skills, and time management, workshops are engaging, practical sessions facilitated by our Academic Heads.

### MENTORING

Our students have the unique opportunity to have personalised 1:1 sessions with an Academic Head to receive guidance on course progression, degree paths, career planning, study skills, and special consideration applications.

### LANGUAGE COURSES

Learning a new language can open doors for employment, travel, and personal enrichment. Our language programs offer students the chance, in small class settings, to learn a range of languages including French, Italian, Spanish, German, Mandarin, and Korean.

# Professional Development

We are committed to ensuring that our students are well-prepared for the professional world. Our Professional Development Program aims to equip students with the necessary skills to succeed in their future careers, by offering a range of opportunities to help them achieve their goals and thrive in their chosen careers.

## NETWORKING EVENTS

These events provide students with the chance to engage with accomplished alumni who have excelled in their careers after graduation. Through these interactions, students can ask questions, build their networking skills, and potentially connect with mentors and employers who can help them along their own career paths.

## DEVELOPING PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Whether it is honing interview techniques or crafting an impressive resume, we help our students prepare to enter the workforce with confidence.

## INTERNSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

We offer a range of internships and professional opportunities within the College network. For instance, our student-led leadership team provides hands-on experience in managing a team and making critical decisions, while the editors of our students' blog can develop essential communication and writing skills. Meanwhile, our Administration Departments offer a range of paid internships roles that allow students to gain practical experience and make meaningful contributions to the functioning of the College.



# Student Life



We believe in providing a well-rounded educational experience. That is why we have a strong focus on community life, offering students a range of opportunities to get involved and connect with others. Whether it is through sports, drama society, jam nights, events, or intercollegiate music, there is something for everyone to enjoy and participate in.



## SPORTS

We offer hundreds of competitive and social opportunities for students to participate in sports. From basketball to soccer, cricket to rugby, students can get involved in both intercollegiate and intra-collegiate competitions. The College also boasts state-of-the-art sporting facilities, including a gym, tennis courts, and an oval.

## CREATIVE ARTS

Students can participate in drama, music, and visual arts. Our Drama Society puts on a yearly performance, providing students with the chance to act, direct, and produce plays. We also have Jam Nights, where students can showcase their musical talents, as well as intercollegiate music competitions for those who want to compete at a higher level. For students who are interested in visual arts, we offer workshops and classes in painting, drawing, sculpture, and more.



## EVENTS

We host a range of events throughout the year, from formal dinners and balls to charity fundraisers and cultural celebrations. These events provide an opportunity for students to socialise and connect with each other and the wider College community and are an important part of the St Andrew's culture. Many of the events are organised by student committees, giving them the chance to get involved in event planning and management.



# Wellbeing

At St Andrew's we place great emphasis on our students' wellbeing, which we believe to be central to every student's success, happiness, and overall university experience.

Our commitment to student wellbeing is evident in the wide range of support services and activities that we provide.

## WELLBEING WORKSHOPS

Are available throughout the year as a combination of in-house and external sessions, designed to provide our students with fun and educational opportunities. These workshops aim to equip students with practical tools to manage stress, anxiety, and other challenges.

## WELLBEING CHECK-INS

Led by our Dean of Student Wellbeing, these are an effective way for all students to reflect on and address any current or emerging wellbeing issues.

## WELLBEING-FOCUSED STUDENT LEADERS

Our Pastoral Care Leaders are fellow students in their second or third year that provide peer support and run student-led wellbeing initiatives in College to foster a supportive environment for all our students.

## ON-SITE COUNSELLING

We offer on-site confidential counselling sessions with our accredited Dean of Student Wellbeing, who is here to help students with any mental health concerns and provide guidance to seek further external support.

## CHAPLAINCY SUPPORT

Chaplaincy support as well as Chapel Services across semester provide our students with spiritual and emotional support during their time at College.

## NO WRONG DOOR POLICY

We understand that everyone has unique experiences and challenges that may require different types of support and reaching out in a way that feels best for them. There is never a wrong door to knock on at St Andrew's.





## *Leadership Programs &* **Students' Club**

Leadership is in our DNA. St 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, Wallabies captains, Olympians and business leaders

St Andrew's College students can engage across the year with our Leadership Program, a range of in-house and external workshops developing the unique leadership skills and capabilities of all our students.

For those students elected and selected for formal leadership roles within the College, a comprehensive training program is provided to educate and support them to achieve success in their roles at College and in their future endeavours.

Our Students' Club is a self-governed body politic, and plays a vital role in shaping College life. Students have the chance to take ownership of their experience and make a difference in the college community. The Students' Club provides a platform for students to develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills while organising events and initiatives that benefit their peers.



**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, and supporting members of the community.



**Sub-Committees Secretaries** are chosen by the House Committee to lead each of the sub-committees within the Students' Club. Each secretary manages a small team of students.



There are 74 **Sub-Committees** at St Andrew's College. The breadth of programs, events and other activities means that there is always something for students to participate in.



**Student Mentors** are responsible for organising Welcome Week and supporting students throughout their first year in College and are required to complete several rigorous training modules.

“The best thing about St Andrew’s is the everyday aspect of college life, the late-night conversations with your friends, chats in the dining hall, showing up to support your mates.”

– ADELAIDE

## Your home at Drew’s

While studying for your degree we offer you a home away from home with all your needs catered for.

At the heart of the beautiful heritage building is a world-class residential college with:

- Newly renovated bedrooms
- Communal dining providing three hot meals per day that cater for all dietary requirements, and the opportunity for snacks and take-away
- Gym and yoga studio
- Sports oval, basketball and tennis courts
- Libraries, tutorial and study rooms
- Sound-proofed rehearsal spaces
- Academic tutorials, workshops and mentoring
- Language courses
- Professional Development Programs
- Wellbeing Check-Ins & on-site Counselling
- Intercollegiate competitions in the Creative Arts and Sports
- Students’ Club events and special interest groups.





Half of our students receive scholarship support

## Scholarships

St Andrew's awards the highest scholarships per capita of any residential college in Australia: over \$2 million per year. All students studying at a university in Sydney are eligible to apply.

### THE ST ANDREW'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Seeks to support future leaders by awarding up to three scholarships each year to students who excel academically. The Scholarships provide financial support of full fee relief and are awarded for a maximum of 3 years.

### MEANS-TESTED SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer many Means-Tested Scholarships (also known as bursaries) each year to deserving students who lack the financial means to be able to come to College.

### FIRST NATIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who wish to study at university and live at St Andrew's College.

### SPORTING SCHOLARSHIPS

Are awarded in collaboration with the University of Sydney Elite Athletes Program.

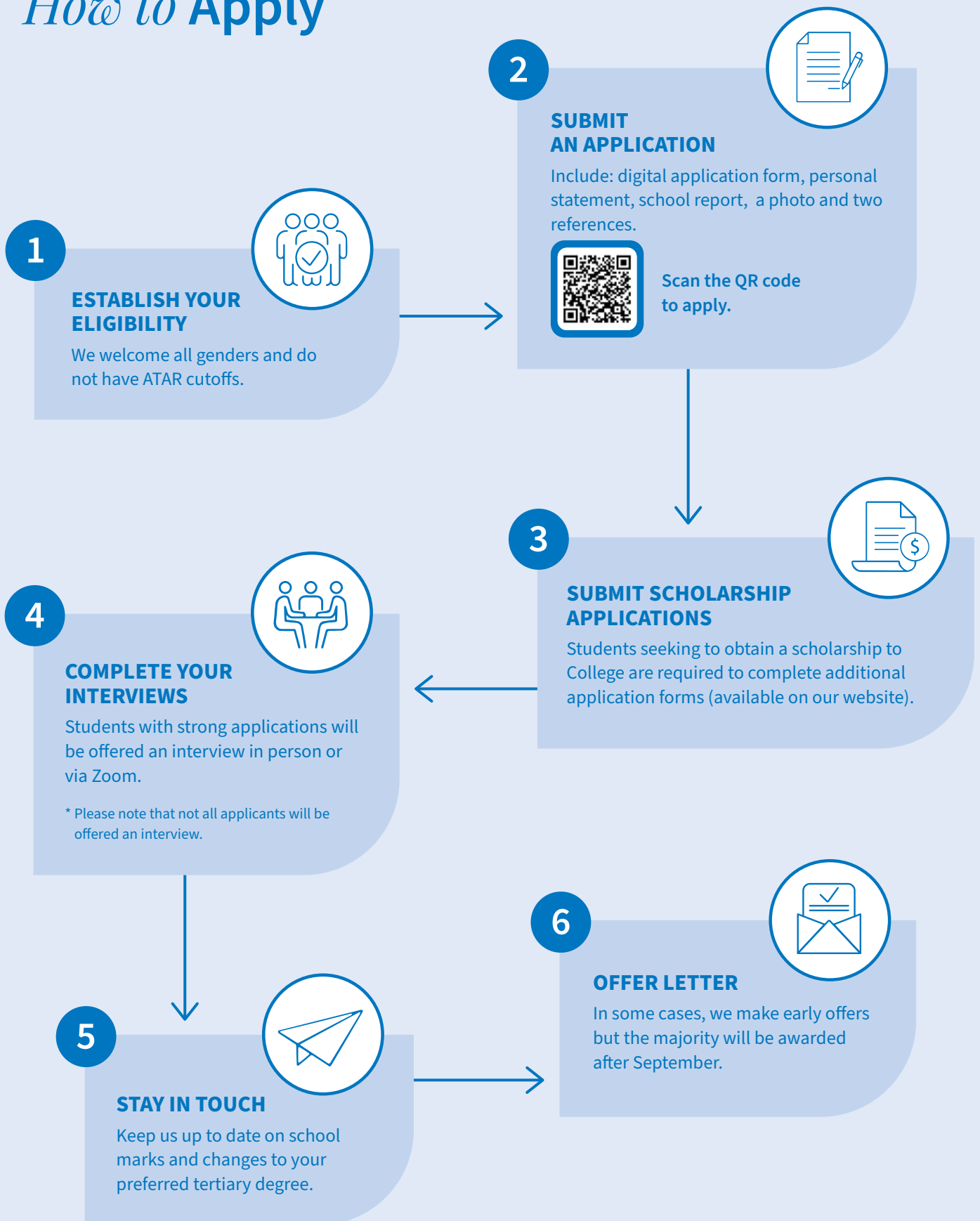
### CREATIVE ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS

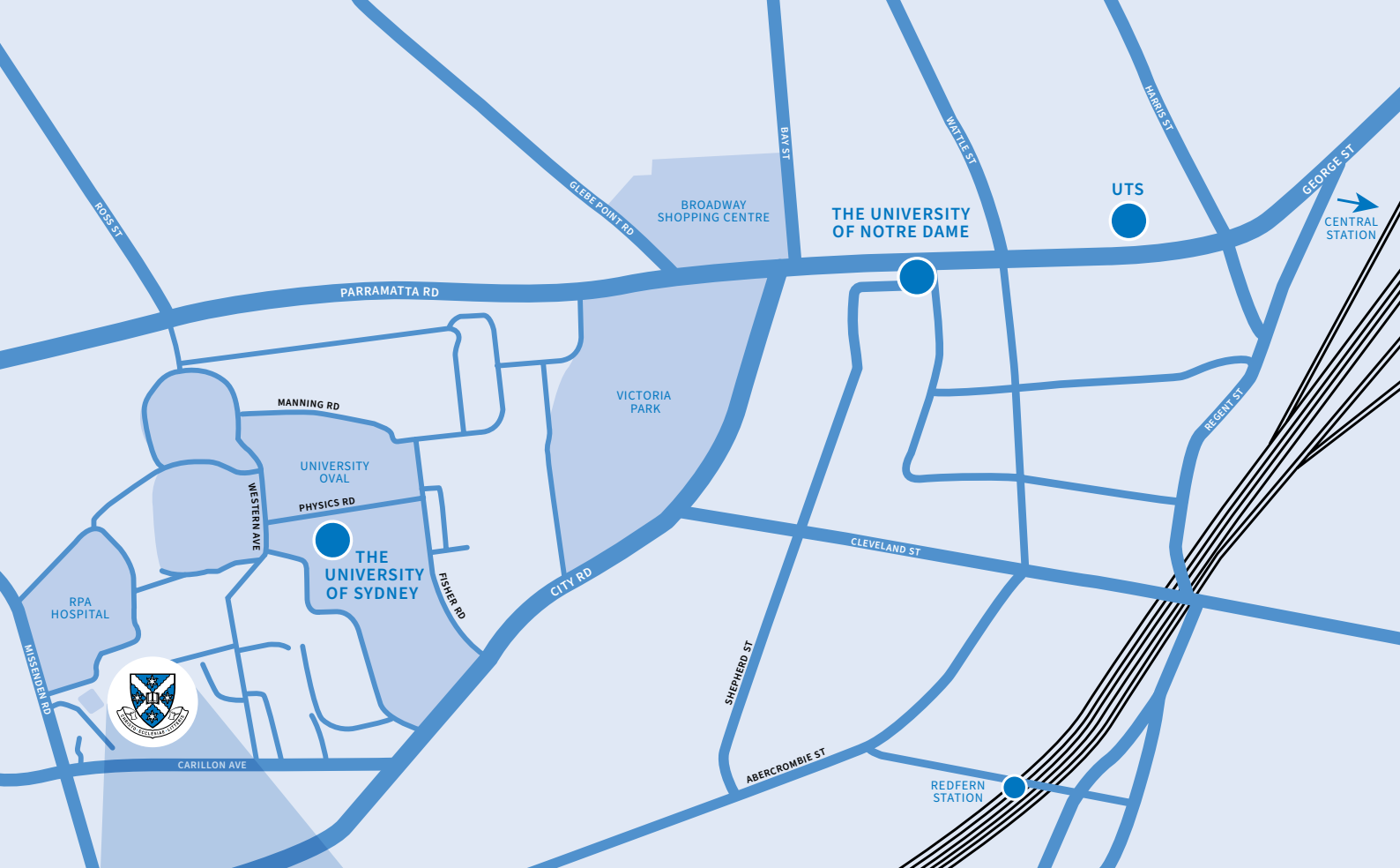
We offer a variety of Creative Arts Scholarships for music, performing arts and public speaking.



Scan the QR code for more information.

# How to Apply





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“Connecting with people of different backgrounds and experiences has by far been the greatest aspect of College, and I have made many lifelong mates.”

– KOKULAAN



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