

ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Because community has never been more important



WELCOME

Firstly, well done on taking the opportunity to find out what St Paul's College is all about, and how you may be able to benefit by becoming a member of this unique community.

There are thousands of graduates of St Paul's for whom choosing to apply to come here was the beginning of one of the best and most formative experiences of their lives. Having spent most of my adult life associated with collegiate communities, including as an undergraduate at St Paul's, I can personally attest to how enriching they are and how St Paul's is an especially transformative college.

In the pages of this prospectus I hope you will get a sense of what we are about and the kind of activities that make becoming a member of St Paul's such a special experience. It is an environment that will accelerate your academic, social, creative and spiritual endeavours. Furthermore, you will have opportunities to serve and develop as a leader in ways that other students miss out on. It is a community where students from different faculties, faiths, backgrounds and worldviews share and shape one another in their thinking. All of this takes place in a convivial and enjoyable environment. As you contribute, you benefit.

So, St Paul's is far more than a place to stay while you are studying at university. It is a vibrant and life-enhancing community where deep and profound friendships are formed as students learn together and from one another. While a prospectus can highlight and describe aspects of St Paul's community life, there is no substitute for coming and meeting people and seeing the campus. I hope that reading these pages will inspire you to take that next step and I look forward to welcoming you for a visit or an

interview as you continue to explore whether you too might become a member of this life-transforming community.

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The Reverend Dr Ed Loane
Warden





WHO ARE WE?

St Paul's College is the Anglican residential college of and within the University of Sydney. Founded in 1856, it is the oldest of its kind in Australia.

Today the traditional undergraduate College, comprising around 320 students, sits alongside St Paul's Graduate House which is home to postgraduates and academics.

With the admission of the first female undergraduates in 2023, St Paul's became fully co-residential and thus entered a new and exciting chapter in its history. The College is committed to admitting and maintaining equal numbers of male and female students going forward.

If you are like most people, you may be unsure exactly what a residential college is. Put briefly and simply, St Paul's offers the very best full-time, all-round university experience possible: the exhilaration of living and learning together within a supportive and caring community. As the University of Sydney's population inches towards 75,000, the idea of being part of a college community small enough to give you a real sense of belonging, is attractive to more and more students.

The benefits of living in close proximity to the University of Sydney campus are obvious, but it would be wrong to think that St Paul's is merely a convenient place to stay while studying. Many people are surprised to learn that St Paul's is both a residential *and* a teaching college, modelled in part on the offerings of the great collegiate universities of the world such as Oxford, Cambridge, Yale and Harvard. Living in College for the duration of your degree enriches not just your academic journey, but your human journey. At St Paul's you are able to integrate your academic, spiritual, cultural and sporting life along with social activities, leadership opportunities and community service.

At its core though, College is about friendship. Almost without exception Old Paulines (as our alumni are known) look back on their years here as one of the happiest and most formative times in their lives. Invariably the stories they tell are about the joy of shared experiences, their growth into adulthood and the lifelong friendships formed along the way.

WHAT DO WE STAND FOR?

St Paul's aims to provide the best possible model of what an academic community of young people can be. We aim to foster intellectual leadership, academic excellence, moral responsibility and civilised values. True to our Christian foundation, we aim to reflect God's love for us in the love and care we show for one another and our commitment to serve the community beyond.

The culture of St Paul's College is inclusive, respectful, safe and fun. It fosters life-long friendships, leadership skills and academic excellence. Shaped by its Anglican identity, the College seeks to develop personal character traits of humility, generosity, service and compassion.



THE PAUL'S FAMILY

***St Paul's is a close-knit community in which you are known and valued.
Staff and students alike are here to help you.***

From the moment you enter Paul's you will be welcomed and cared for, especially by your Peer Support Leaders who will maintain close personal contact with you throughout your first year. It goes without saying that the Residential Life staff team, headed by the Warden, is dedicated to your academic and pastoral care. They all take a personal interest in each and every Pauline.

Participation, co-operation and responsible servant leadership are fundamental to the ethos and effective operation of the College. All residents are members of the Students' Club which plays an important role in running social and other activities through its elected Committee. There are many ways for you to get involved and serve the College community, mainly through convenorships which offer the chance to serve in the day-to-day life of the community. You are very strongly encouraged to participate in as many College activities as your interests allow and your studies permit.

Like any close family, the College comes together at meal times. The most important of these is Formal Dinner (Monday to Thursday at 6.30pm), the dress for which includes an academic gown, the outward and visible sign of our membership of an academic community,

and which pays tribute to the 'Oxbridge' tradition stretching back over 700 years. Formal Dinners are scenes of great conviviality, conversation and good-humoured banter. They are also the best possible way of getting to know people and finding out what's going on! It is expected that you attend Formal Dinner as often as practicable unless you have unavoidable commitments such as late lectures, work or sports training (in which case a Late Dinner is provided).

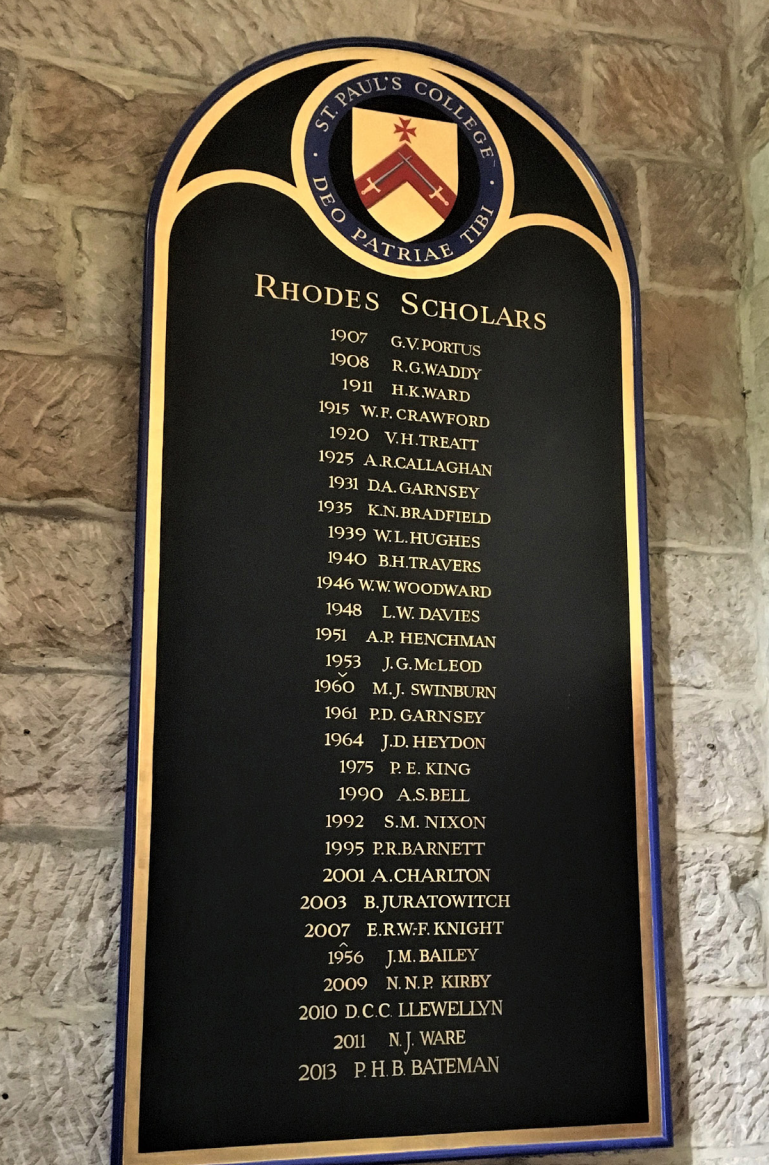
All other meals are informal, self-service meals. A fully-cooked breakfast is available from 7 to 9.30am; lunch, offering a wide selection of hot and cold dishes, is served from 12.00 noon to 1.30pm. Dinner Friday to Sunday is served from 6.00 to 6.30pm.

Life at College is full and the College calendar is punctuated by a number of key important events: Academic Dinner, ANZAC Commemoration Dinner, Parents' Dinners, Jazz Dinner Dance, Formal, Valedictory Dinner, Rawson Cup/Rosebowl/Palladian Cup Victory Dinners and *Victoriana!*

Other social, sporting and cultural events, both at St Paul's and at other colleges, occur throughout each semester which you may choose to attend.



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THE LIFE OF THE MIND

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A distinguished legacy

St Paul's exists primarily as an academic community. Paulines are justifiably proud of the College's academic record, its notable alumni and the distinguished contribution they have made to public life. To date St Paul's has produced 29 Rhodes Scholars, three appointees to the High Court bench, two Prime Ministers (Sir William McMahon GCMG CH and Gough Whitlam AC QC) and one Deputy Prime Minister (John Anderson AC). The College has also produced over 100 University Medallists, 20 in the last decade. The Weighted Average Mark (WAM) for the undergraduate College currently sits in the mid-70s and over 40% of our students consistently achieve a Distinction or High Distinction average.

Sharing the academic journey

The most obvious academic benefit of living in College is being able to discuss your work with like-minded, academically ambitious fellow students on a day-to-day basis. It is one of the very best ways of clarifying your own understanding of what you are studying. But perhaps the greatest 'added value' which Paul's will offer you in terms of your academic work, is the **Tutorial Programme** (see following page). Our College library, and study spaces around College, are additional valuable resources available to residents. The **Senior Tutor** monitors

the academic progress and results of each student and provides mentoring, advice and support when required. The Senior Tutor also arranges course-specific talks and seminars. We also have senior students, our Academic Leaders and Assistant Senior Tutors, dedicated to helping students in particular subject areas and linking them with academic support in College. The College's **Mentoring Programme** creates avenues for students, usually in their third year of study, to receive advice and guidance from alumni, parents and other professionals to kick-start and guide a career path.

A liberal education

Essential to the ideal of a liberal education is the pursuit of intellectual enquiry beyond your own academic discipline. **Guest speakers** distinguished in their field are regularly invited to speak to students after dinner. Faculty Dinners are unique opportunities for you to meet academics from the University. But it's the chance to interact regularly with fellow students which makes College unique. Those unplanned, impromptu conversations at mealtimes, in the Bar, following guest speakers' talks - or more likely in your room or corridor - form the stuff of everyday College life. Good conversation - curious, open-minded, and generous - is at the heart of our living and growing together. There is no better way of formulating your own perspectives on the world and your place within it.



TUTORIALS

The tutorial programme is at the heart of the academic life of the College and one of the best reasons for coming here.

Tutorials are offered in over 60 1st and 2nd year core and popular units of study at the University of Sydney along with some more generalist tutorials. They provide invaluable opportunities for you to sort out problems and deepen your understanding of the subject in small groups of fellow students.

Tutors are senior members of College who have previously achieved a High Distinction in their subject. Organised by the Assistant Senior Tutors, the Tutorial Programme at Paul's is the largest and most comprehensive programme of its kind amongst the colleges on campus and, as any current student will tell you, one of the best reasons for wanting to come here.

SAMPLE SEMESTER TUTORIAL LIST

Arts and Social Sciences

Studying Arts and Social Sciences
Introduction to Academic Writing
Introduction to International Relations
Introduction to Politics
Introduction to Media Studies
Media Production
Reality, Ethics and Beauty
Civilisations of the Ancient World
Age of Empires

Commerce and Economics

Accounting and Financial Management
Future of Business
Quantitative Business Analysis
Accounting Business and Society
Economics for Business Decision-Making
Marketing Principles

Economics as a Social Science
Introduction to Economic Statistics
Introduction and Intermediate Econometrics
Introduction and Intermediate Microeconomics
Introduction and Intermediate Macroeconomics
Corporate Finance I and II
Banking and the Financial System
Investments and Portfolio Management

Engineering

Introduction to Engineering A & B
(Flexible First Year Programme)
Professional Engagement Programme
Introduction to Engineering Computing
Introduction to Electromechanical Systems
All 1st year stream-specific subjects
(Civil, Aeronautical, Chemical, Mechanical etc.)
Building a Sustainable World

Law

Foundations of Law
Torts
Contracts
Civil and Criminal Procedure
Administrative Law
Federal Constitution Law
Public International Law
Introduction to Property and Commercial Law

Life Sciences

Animals and Us
Life and Evolution
Human Biology
Zoology
Functional Musculoskeletal Anatomy A & B
Body System Structure and Function
Psychology
Introduction to Exercise Science
Movement Analysis
Earth, Society and Environment
1st year Nursing subjects
1st and 2nd year Veterinary/Animal Science subjects
Allied Health
GAMSAT preparation

Mathematics, Physical and Computer Sciences

Linear Algebra (Regular and Advanced)
Introduction to Calculus
Calculus of One Variable (Regular and Advanced)
Vector Calculus and Differential Equations

Linear and Abstract Algebra
Fundamentals of Chemistry
Chemistry 1 & 1A; Chemistry 1B
Foundations of Data Science
Introduction to Programming
Object Oriented Programming
Physics 1 & 1A
Data Structures and Algorithms
Systems Programming

Languages

Classical Greek and Latin
French
German
Japanese
Italian
(Language tutorials can be attended by students studying these languages, or those wishing to learn/improve a language outside of formal study)

Generalist Tutorials

Essay Writing and Study Skills for Humanities
Anatomy
Architecture
GAMSAT preparation
Coding and Computer Science
Biology
Honours Thesis Mentoring
Remedial/Introductory Mathematics
Study Skills





COMMUNITY LIFE

College provides unparalleled opportunities to develop deep, life-long friendships, whilst building community through the joy of shared experiences.

The **Rawson Cup** (for intercollegiate men's sport) and **Rosebowl** (for intercollegiate women's sport) are both fiercely contested. Paul's is renowned for its sporting prowess and the large attendance and enthusiastic support given by its members at fixtures. Internal social matches - including the time-honoured tradition of 'Tip' (touch football) before Formal Dinner - also take place.

The **Palladian Cup** for intercollegiate competition in cultural and artistic pursuits, dates from the 1990s. You are encouraged to audition to represent the College in the Oration, Solo Vocal, Solo Instrumental, Solo Drama, Dance, Debating, Vocal Ensemble, Art, Instrumental Ensemble and Drama Ensemble competitions.

Medals are awarded annually for best performance in Oratory (Asimus Medal), Singing (Drury Medal), Instrumental Music (Albert Medal), Debating (Waddy Medal) and Drama (Felix Arnott Medal).

Music has long occupied an important place in the life of the College. Singers and instrumentalists perform throughout the year at dinners, in the Bar, in the Palladian Cup competition, and in the long-running music hall-style production of *Victoriana!* Singing by all students at celebratory events is both stirring and emblematic of the spirit of the College!

The **Chapel Choir**, conducted by the Director of Music and accompanied by the College Organist, performs traditional and modern repertoire to the highest standards. Its principal

role is to sing Choral Evensong each Tuesday evening and at other significant chapel services such as the ANZAC Day service and the Carol Service. The Choir has also presented operas and recitals at the College and toured regional NSW and the ACT. Recently, the choir has accepted invitations to sing services in churches in the UK and France, including Westminster Abbey, St Paul's Cathedral, St Eustache and La Madeleine.

Mummers is the St Paul's College dramatic society. Founded in 1948, it has a proud history of staging high calibre dramatic productions each year. It equally attracts students with acting experience, and those with none!

Debates are organised between current students and neighbouring colleges, alumni or members of Graduate House. Mooting has also become popular.

Outreach activities are opportunities for students to give back by engaging directly with those in need beyond these walls and fundraising. A significant number of Paulines feed and care for the homeless through the agencies such as the Cana Foundation and raise money for 'FundsFest' which supports causes such as drought relief.

Entrepreneurship initiatives launched by Paulines in recent years include AIME, a mentoring program for marginalised Indigenous youth and 'threefourfive', a pre-tertiary mentoring programme for Year 12 students;



SPIRITUAL LIFE



'DEO PATRIAE TIBI'

St Paul's College is unapologetically an Anglican foundation where members of all religious traditions, and of none, are welcomed.

The College's motto, 'Deo Patriae Tibi' is loosely translated as *'For God, your homeland, and yourself'*. The crossed swords on the College coat of arms represent both the Apostle Paul's reference to the 'sword of the Spirit' which is found in his letter to the Ephesians (6:17) where the sword is one of the examples of spiritual armour St Paul tells the Ephesian Christians to put on as part of the *'full armour of God that will enable us to stand our ground against evil'* (Ephesians 6:13). In addition, the writer of Hebrews states *'... the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart'* (Hebrews 4:12). Another reason why St Paul is often depicted carrying a sword is because of a long-standing tradition of depicting martyr saints with the instrument of their death. As St Paul was a Roman citizen, he was not eligible to be crucified. Instead, he was decapitated with a sword outside of the walls of Rome.

The Maltese cross on our coat of arms signifies the place where St Paul was shipwrecked and then imprisoned on his journey to Rome (Acts 28:1). St Paul's status as a Roman prisoner enabled him to bring the gospel to a people who would have otherwise never heard it.

Today St Paul's is unique amongst colleges on campus in having a full-time Chaplain in residence who leads regular services of worship in its Chapel

(see below). The major College service is Choral Evensong which is sung by the College Chapel Choir and precedes Formal Dinner each Tuesday during semester. There is a weekly Bible Study, and a lively World Views and Ethics discussion group that considers and debates important local and global issues each week.

Most importantly, the Chaplain is available to all members of the College community for pastoral care matters and discussion.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Monday

8:30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday

8:30am Morning Prayer

5:15pm Choral Evensong

(sung by the College Chapel Choir)

8:30pm Bible Study

Wednesday

8:30am Morning Prayer

Thursday

8:30am Morning Prayer

8:30pm World Views and Ethics

Friday

8:30am Morning Prayer

12 noon Holy Communion

Other significant Services, including Welcome Week, ANZAC Day, Valedictory Services, Remembrance Day and the Nine Lessons and Carols Services, are advertised separately.



YOUR HOME AT PAUL'S

Rooms for Freshers are allocated by the College to ensure a mix of gender and backgrounds; seniors' rooms are determined according to seniority and contribution to College. Each room is furnished with a bed, desk, desk chair and wardrobe. Other small items of furniture may be brought into College except in the Head Building where rooms are fully furnished. All rooms have unlimited Wi-Fi connectivity. Residence over the mid-year break is included in the fees; residence over the summer break is available upon application. Common shared spaces such as bathrooms are cleaned daily; bedlinen and towels are changed weekly.

The magnificent original **Dining Hall** is the heart of the College. Each day the College community gathers together for meals under its imposing Gothic windows and timbered ceiling. Formal Dinner is held in Hall Monday to Thursday during semester as are major celebrations.

The **College Chapel**, with its collegiate seating and stunning east wall of modern French stained glass, is the setting for formal liturgical worship and occasional music recitals. The recently restored two-manual Flentrop pipe organ, is one of the finest of its kind in Australia.

The **Senior Common Room** is for the use of Fellows of the College, residential staff, graduates, as well as guests on High Table, who gather there before Formal Dinner. It is used at other times for smaller dinners, seminars and meetings.

The **Junior Common Room** is a sitting room for undergraduates and is also used for meetings, debates, suppers, after-dinner talks or for simply relaxing between lectures. It is home to a fine 6-foot Yamaha grand piano. Directly above the JCR is the **Rogers Room**, another large multi-purpose space.

The **Waddy Performance Centre**, a versatile 280-seat performing arts space with foyer, bar and multipurpose studio, opened in 2024. Within the Centre are also individual practice rooms and ensemble rehearsal spaces.

The **Mansfield Library** (incorporating the College Archives and Cannington Law Library) contains reference and fiction books of general interest including a collection of rare and valuable books, the earliest of which dates back to 1517. The Library is a popular choice for students who wish to work in a quiet space out of their room. Printing is available for a modest fee.

There are seven designated **Tutorial Rooms** throughout the College. In use most evenings for formal tutorials, these rooms are available at other times for private study.

When not in use for College and University sporting matches, the **College Oval** is available to all students for casual games, personal training, or just relaxing.

The **Salisbury Bar** is a fully-licensed bar and café run by the College and supported by a team of students. On weekdays during the day it operates as a coffee shop. On Monday to Thursday evenings it operates as a bar for Paul's students. On Wednesday evenings it is also open to guests.

The large and very well-equipped **TAG Family Gymnasium** is for the exclusive use of St Paul's students. As well as a generous weights, cardio and exercise area there is a separate dance/pilates/yoga studio and an ergometer room.

Laundries are located throughout the College. Washing machines are available for use for a small fee; dryers are free.



WHAT PAUL'S MEANS TO ME

HUGH ROBINSON

Newcastle, NSW
Arts/Law



Coming into Paul's, I had a preconception that I had to fulfil some kind of criteria, or fit the mould of the classic 'Pauline'. However, over the past year I have found the complete opposite. Paul's fosters an environment that esteems the development of your own identity. Personally, I have a love for acting, and the Paul's community has helped me develop this passion through the *Victoriana!* production and the Palladian Drama competitions, not to mention the numerous plays staged by Mummers. No matter how 'niche' your interest, no matter which endeavour you choose to embark on, the Paul's community will always support you.

ELINOR TREVELYAN-JONES

Sydney
Engineering/Design in Architecture



Whilst I always aspired to venture beyond Sydney for university, St Paul's stood out uniquely, offering a transformative, nurturing environment empowering young people to strive towards their highest potential, forging a path for becoming wellrounded individuals. For me, the array of musical opportunities within St Paul's has enabled me to grow my passion for music, providing a gateway to perform with some of Australia's best young musicians within the College facilities whilst simultaneously being immersed in a haven to flourish academically.

BELLA TAYLOR

Kelso, NSW
Science (Medical Science)



Paul's is a home away from home. It is a place that has fostered so many friendships that will last a lifetime. It is an amazing opportunity that allows for the perfect combination of academics and fun. The Palladian and Rosebowl competitions have been some of the most amazing events of the year with all Paulines coming together to support one another. Their fierce loyalty and encouragement is something that is rarely experienced. Aside from the huge intercollegiate events, there is nothing better to break up a day of study than to head down to the oval and kick around a soccer ball with friends. To me, Paul's is a place that provides the support and environment I need to achieve my goals and have a lot of fun along the way.

ADAM WONG

Auckland, NZ
Science/Doctor of Medicine



At St Paul's, I am immersed in a very enriching environment made from a cohort of an incredible standard, whom I am fortunate to be able to call my friends. With the oval calling us to kick a ball around and the sounds of the grand piano in the Junior Common Room tempting us to a jam, St Paul's gives us opportunities to connect with one another on fundamental levels and beyond on a daily basis.



HOW TO APPLY

APPLICATIONS

Applications are considered on the basis of character, strong academic record, suitability for community living, level of extra-curricular involvement and interview, if offered. We seek to admit as broad a range of students from as wide a variety of backgrounds and interests as possible.

Interested students should complete the Application Form found on our website and pay the Application Fee. You will need to attach a recent photograph of yourself and arrange for a reference to be sent. For school-leavers, the reference should be completed by a senior member of your school's academic staff.

Please consult the College website for the opening and closing dates for applications.

Should you be offered an interview, you will be invited to meet with a senior member of staff at the College. A Zoom interview can be arranged for candidates who live outside Sydney or overseas. It is advisable to lodge your application well in advance of the closing date for applications during the year preceding entry.

Offers of places are made conditional upon you gaining entry to the desired degree course. St Paul's has traditionally been a college 'of and within the University of Sydney'. Applications from students intending to study at another university would only be considered in the case of exceptional students and where the course of study proposed is not offered at the University of Sydney.

FEES

Residential fees include accommodation for 40 weeks of the year (including the long mid-year break). The fees cover 21 meals per week, weekly room cleaning and linen changing, utilities, use of library, oval and gymnasium, student services and support, academic tutorial programme, unlimited Wi-Fi access per month. For the current fee schedule go to www.stpauls.edu.au/home/live-with-us/apply/fees-and-charges

BURSARIES

Each year the College awards a significant number of academic awards and bursaries with a range in value. **Academic Merit Awards** (offering a \$5,000 reduction in fees) are given purely on the basis of proven academic merit. **Bursaries** (offering a 25% to 75% reduction in fees) are awarded on the basis of financial need and applicants are required to demonstrate that, without a bursary, they would be unable to afford all the fees. (Note: Parents' capacity to pay is taken into account.) All bursaries are awarded for 12 months in the first instance and recipients must reapply each year for renewal, which is subject to good academic progress, satisfactory conduct and contribution to the life of the College.

All bursary applications must be received **by 30 November**. Please note: applications may be sent either together with the admission application, or separately.

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WHERE IS ST PAUL'S?

St Paul's College sits amongst beautiful and extensive grounds and gardens at the heart of the University of Sydney. The neighbouring suburb of Newtown, with its bustling café, bar and restaurant scene, is a short walk from the College, as is Broadway shopping centre.

Redfern railway station is just a few blocks away. Buses on City Road travel directly to Central railway station and the CBD with bus, rail and ferry connections to the airport, beaches and other Sydney attractions.

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