



ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

2026 POSTGRADUATE BURSARY APPLICATION FORM - CONFIDENTIAL

This form does not constitute a general application to St Paul's College. Applications for residency should be made separately using the appropriate application form.

NAME OF APPLICANT _____ FOR YEAR _____

The College awards a significant number of bursaries which are funded by the College Foundation as well as many generous individual benefactors. Bursaries are awarded to candidates of merit whose families, without financial assistance, would be unable to afford the fees.

Australian and New Zealand Citizens and Permanent Residents are given priority for bursaries.

Bursaries are awarded for 12 months in the first instance. You are required to **reapply each year** for renewal of a bursary, which can normally be held for up to three years. The duration for which a bursary may be held is at the discretion of the Bursary Committee and subject to on-going satisfactory academic performance, good conduct, conspicuous participation in and contribution to postgraduate College life.

The College may decline to assess the application if all information requested is not provided by the closing date.

Please return the application form together with the required attachments to the Registrar by **Friday 5 September 2025**.

Any false information provided in the application or change in circumstances may trigger a review of your bursary award.

The Registrar
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BURSARY APPLICATION
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CAMPERDOWN NSW 2050
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Eligibility for Bursaries – PLEASE READ IN FULL BEFORE APPLYING

The College's bursary scheme is limited and subject to enormous demand. It exists to help those who are truly in financial need, **NOT** as an award for academic or other achievements, and **NOT** to make life more comfortable for the already fortunate.

A useful metric is to ask yourself if you are applying for bursary assistance due to a **choice**, or because you have **no other choice**. Bursaries do not exist to fund choices, but to help those who have no other choices.

College does not consider bursaries for those whose family are well-off, but **choose** not to support them. The choice of parents not to support a student's postdoctoral studies is a personal family matter, but the Bursary Scheme does not exist to subsidise that choice.

College does not consider bursaries for those who **choose** not to avail themselves of family support. Wishing to become independent from parents is a noble goal, but this cannot be achieved by simply becoming dependent on College. The Bursary Scheme does not exist to subsidise that choice.

Bursaries are generally allocated to those who do not have such choices. Families with few or no assets, and with annual incomes little more than a year's fees **do not have the choice** to fund a family member's time at College.

Bursaries do not exist to cover all of a member's expenses, and should be viewed as **one funding source among several** for those who are eligible. A student receiving a bursary would be expected to also be funding their fees through a combination of savings, government support, and especially, paid work. A member **choosing** not to undertake paid work during their studies would not be eligible for a bursary to subsidise that choice.

Bursaries do not exist to make College a cheaper option than reasonable private accommodation. A College member receives both accommodation and a suite of other services and benefits, including meals, utilities, tutorials, gym, academic counselling, pastoral support, and countless other services and activities. The desire to have these things at the same or less cost than private accommodation without these things does not constitute financial need.

Clubs, sports, activities, travel, dining out, and other discretionary personal expenses are not essentials and not considered when assessing bursary applications. Bursary applications consider only the cost of College and the necessity of a small amount of cash for lunches and personal essentials. Bursaries do not cover university expenses like books, course equipment, study travel, or other such costs.

Please consider carefully your real need for assistance, and apply accordingly. Applying for a Bursary "just to try" or because it would be nice to have more money around wastes our time and yours. It will be rejected.

Applications submitted without full accounting of the student's **and their parent's** full income and assets will be discarded without consideration, **regardless of explanation**.

Example Cases

Example 1:

Application: Adam is a medical student starting first year. He has \$10,000 in savings from previous work, and is working part time in the coming year, expecting to earn another \$8000. His family is his single mother and younger, school-aged brother. His mother earns \$58,000 per annum and they live in rented accommodation. Adam would like to live in College on a 41-week contract, which costs \$29,000-33,000 per annum.

Considerations: Adam's mother is unlikely to be able to contribute much to his College fees, given the costs of rent and another child. Adam should be able to retain a small amount of savings, say \$2000, for emergencies, so \$8000 of savings and \$8000 of expected income can contribute \$16,000 to College fees, leaving a roughly \$12,000 shortfall, and he is likely to have a small amount of other expenses. Adam is likely to be eligible for support from other funders as well, including the government, and may be able to take on slightly more work in the coming year, particularly given that he will be so close to the university in College.

Decision: College offers a bursary of \$6000 to cover half of Adam's shortfall. He can supplement the remaining \$6000, plus other living expenses through government support, other scholarships, and work.

Example 2

Application: Andrew is a second-year law student. He has no personal savings, but is working part time earning \$9500 per annum. He lives independently from his mother and father, who earn \$175,000 and \$130,000 per annum respectively. He has two siblings also in university. His parents own a home worth \$1.5million. They paid for his undergraduate studies but agreed that he would need to fund his own postgraduate studies.

Considerations: Andrew alone does not have much money to cover College fees. Government benefits and additional work might get him closer, but he is still likely to have a shortfall. However, his parents are well-off. Their ability to support his College place is not based on affording necessities but on how they choose to spend their money. This is their decision to make, but College will not subsidise it.

Decision: Andrew is not eligible for a bursary

Example 3

Application: Jane is working two jobs and earning \$20,000 per year. Her PhD is funded but without stipend, and she cannot add more work hours. Her parents are well-off and supportive of her education, but she has resolved that she no longer wishes to accept their help, and wants to become independent, so will not ask them to help with the cost of college.

Considerations: With regard to work, Jane is doing all she can and working hard to pay her way. However, her desire to become independent from her parents is a choice, and not one College can be asked to pay for.

Decision: Jane is not eligible for a bursary.

Please take the time to reflect on your genuine need for financial assistance, and prepare your bursary application accordingly.

Student information

Surname: _____ Given name(s): _____

Date of birth: _____ Nationality: _____

Residential address: _____

Email address: _____ Mobile: _____

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent? Yes ☐ No ☐

(Proof of Indigenous identity is required)

Family information

Parent 1

Title: _____ Surname: _____ First name: _____

Relationship to student: ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Guardian ☐ Other (please specify)

Residential address: _____

Postal address (if different from above): _____

Home telephone: _____ Work telephone: _____

Mobile telephone: _____ Preferred email: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer/company: _____

Nationality: _____

Parent 2

Title: _____ Surname: _____ First name: _____

Relationship to student: ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Guardian ☐ Other (please specify)

Residential address: _____

Postal address (if different from above): _____

Home telephone: _____ Work telephone: _____

Mobile telephone: _____ Preferred email: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer/company: _____

Nationality: _____

Family circumstances

Student normally lives with:

☐ Parent 1 and 2 together ☐ Parent 1 only ☐ Parent 2 only ☐ Parents 1 and 2 (shared custody)

☐ Other / guardian (please specify) _____

Academic and extra curricular activities history (to be completed by new applicants only)

Undergraduate University attended: _____

Name of scholarship or bursary held at University: _____

☐ Merit-based ☐ Need-based

Value: _____ (per annum) Years held: _____

Most recent WAM (Weighted Average Mark) at university, if applicable: _____

Academic awards at school/university/college/other:

Leadership positions held:

Cultural activities and achievements:

Sporting activities and achievements:

Community outreach:

Other achievements:

I declare that the information above is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Bursary requested from College

Minimum remission of fees you would require to be able to come to, or remain at, St Paul's College:

\$_____ (per annum)

Please note that Bursaries do not exceed \$10,000 per annum, and reach this level only in exceptional cases. Please be honest. Asking for more than you need is unhelpful and will not result in a higher bursary offer.

Applicant's Financial Position

PLEASE NOTE: Unless a student is estranged or lives entirely independently from and unsupported by his or her parents (in which case details are to be set out under other Information below), financial need will be assessed on the basis of parents' and/or students capacity to pay the fees. Parents' choice not to assist with College fees does not constitute independence or estrangement.

Contribution to college fees from parents \$ _____ (per annum)

Contribution to college fees from student \$ _____ (per annum)

Contributions to college fees from other sources (e.g. grandparents, family friends, trust funds, charities):

Government financial support you expect to receive for the year for which you are applying:

☐ Youth Allowance ☐ Rent Assistance ☐ Abstudy ☐ Austudy ☐ Other (specify) _

\$ _____ (per fortnight)

University scholarships or grants awarded for year for which you are applying:

Allowance from parents: \$ _____ (per fortnight)

Income (per fortnight) from job during semester: \$ _____ during vacation: \$ _____

Details of Family Earnings

Applicants wishing to apply as independent or estranged must obtain advanced permission from the Dean.

Please attach the **Income Tax Returns** (not tax assessments) for the last financial year for Parent 1, Parent 2 and the applicant (if applicable). Self-employed applicants need to provide a summary of their financial situation, including net profit, for the past year.

Income for the last Financial Year

	Parent 1	Parent 2	Student
Regular work (Gross salary/income)			
Contract work (Gross income)			
Bonuses/overtime			
Interest			
Child Support			
Australian Government payments			
Centrelink benefits			
Income from investment properties, dividends, other investments			
Other income			

Other Assets

Please supply details of assets of significant value (including residential home) and how they are used.

Residential Property (description and location of property; rental income received):

Investment properties (description and location of properties; any rental income):

Motor vehicles (year, make and model):

Boats, caravans etc. (year, make and model):

Other:

Vacations

Please list overseas holidays you have taken over the last two years, and any proposed overseas holidays in the next twelve months. Please include destination(s), duration, accommodation, who attended, and total cost.

With parents or friends:

University trips (including study/sports tours):

Additional information

If you wish to provide additional or qualifying information regarding your financial position, or personal circumstances (including information on other dependent children’s education expenses), please do so here:

Declaration

I/we declare that the information contained in this application is correct.

Parent 1 signature _____ Date _____

Parent 2 signature _____ Date _____

Student signature _____ Date _____

Please note that, should an offer of a bursary be made, we may require independent verification of the details in this application and a signed Statutory Declaration from you. We reserve the right to ask you to confirm the financial details contained in this application periodically to ensure you are still eligible for this bursary.