



St Mark's College



Enriching your university experience

ACCOMMODATION FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF ADELAIDE

Master's Welcome

St Mark's College combines stimulating intellectual engagement and a rich cultural, sporting and social experience with a welcoming, inclusive community life.

St Mark's is a university residential college affiliated with the three universities in Adelaide. Combining the best of tradition with a modern and progressive outlook, St Mark's provides a complete university experience. By enhancing the social and personal development of young people through the vast array of academic, social, cultural and sporting activities on offer, St Mark's is a community you belong to for life.

The College's welcoming and supportive environment ensures a smooth transition from school to university and then into the workforce and strengthens students' communication, leadership, team work and problem solving skills.

We want you to know that the College experience at St Mark's is characterised by support, strong interpersonal connections and academic engagement. We are here for you, and our students are here for each other.

This is St Mark's

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St Mark's College Community

St Mark's College fosters the growth and development of each individual within a collegiate community through active encouragement and support, the provision of a diverse range of activities and experiences, and an emphasis on maintaining the highest of standards in all pursuits and relationships.

Our Community

St Mark's College is home to 245 students, predominantly undergraduates, studying at the University of Adelaide, UniSA and Flinders University. The College also welcomes postgraduates and academic residents from time to time.

The College is committed to maintaining a diverse community and sees this as key to a successful residential college experience. There are roughly equal numbers of male and female students from metropolitan and rural South Australia as well as representation from each of the other states and territories and from overseas. Students bring with them a diverse range of experiences and are studying across a broad range of faculties.

Values

Our values guide the way we live together. We have a mutual responsibility to live according to them and to negotiate what it means to live together in our busy, energised and diverse community. We always need to be able to answer the question 'is the way I am living consistent with St Mark's values?' Living according to these key principles, rather than by a list of rules or prohibitions, is living as a values-based community.

We place importance on being a welcoming, diverse and inclusive community that:

- promotes intellectual enquiry and rigour, a love of learning and a culture of continuous improvement
- supports the well-being of each student to enjoy a healthy and happy College experience
- fosters respectful relationships and lifelong friendships
- expects personal and professional conduct characterised by fairness and integrity
- encourages a willingness to serve others and to give back to the community in a spirit of thankfulness
- cares about the environment and embraces the principles of ecological sustainability
- values the vision of our founders, our Anglican foundation and the best traditions of the College
- takes an active, progressive and outward-looking approach to life



"There can be much anticipation about the opportunity to study at university and the transition of moving out of home. I didn't know what to expect but I wanted to step up and manage the transition independently and be my own person."

Mary, Pt Augusta SA



Student Life

College Club

The College Club is at the heart of student life and activity at St Mark's. All students are required to be members of the Club, which is led by an annually elected Committee. Each year the College Club coordinates an impressive range of activities and events including O'Week, The College Ball, Marksenfest, Arts Evenings, the College Play, Marksenfeast art show, The Lion Magazine, community service and environment programs.

Events and experiences are designed to appeal to the College's broad mix of students, participation is vital to the success of all activities. Students are encouraged to contribute their ideas and challenge themselves with new experiences as part of College life.



Charitable Foundation

The Charitable Foundation runs events and initiatives to raise funds for identified groups and charities in the community. There are also opportunities for volunteering and community service throughout the year.

Drama

The College play is a major event on the College calendar and offers a broad range of opportunities for students with an interest in acting, stage management, costumes and make-up as well as technical production such as sound and lighting.

Individual students also have the opportunity to present dramatic pieces, monologues and comedy items as part of the regular Arts Evenings.

Music



Music is an important and popular part of College life. Arts Evenings are held throughout the year and are open to all students wishing to present a music, dance or drama performance.

The College Choir is coordinated each year by a senior student and piano accompanist and offers participation and performance opportunities for students from all year levels. Regular performances include the Opening and Final services in St Peter's Cathedral and Founders' Day in April.

Visual Art

Marksenfeast for the Eyes is the annual Art Show, enabling students to showcase their works of art, including drawing, painting, photography and sculpture. Student photographers are encouraged to take photos at College events throughout the year.

Sport

Sport is an important part of College life, and brings the whole College together in support of its teams and individual athletes across a range of events. The inter-collegiate competition – where the five colleges compete across 11 sports for the prestigious Ian Douglas Irving Cup – is competitive and enjoyable, providing participation opportunities for men and women with varying levels of skill, and spectators alike.

St Mark's fields a team in every intercollege sport including swimming, tennis, debating, netball, volleyball, table tennis, basketball, soccer, hockey, football and athletics.



"St Mark's has given me the opportunity to become accustomed to university life, whilst making me feel comfortable after moving out of home for the first time. If it wasn't for being at St Mark's, I would have not met so many new friends or experienced such unforgettable moments. The Cowan Grant I received has also significantly decreased the financial stress on me and my parents, for which I am very grateful."

Brayden, Renmark SA

Publications

The annual College magazine, "The Lion" is edited by a student-led committee, elected each year by the College Club. The magazine offers scope for students to engage their literary, journalistic and photographic talents.

The College Club also periodically produces editions of "ReMarks". This journal serves as a forum in which members of the College may have their literary works, drawings and photographs presented to a wide and discerning audience.



St Mark's College Facilities

Located in North Adelaide, just a short walk from the city campuses of The University of Adelaide and UniSA, St Mark's is nestled in spacious and beautiful grounds with exceptional recreational facilities. Lawn tennis courts and courtyards provide magnificent outdoor spaces for all students to enjoy.

Academic Centre

The Ian and Pamela Wall Academic Centre provides state of the art information access and learning facilities. Suitable for individual and group study, the Centre incorporates three separate tutorial rooms with access to presentation equipment.

As well as its collection of texts in most areas of study, the Centre also contains many reference works and sets of past exam papers. It subscribes to a number of relevant journals, and its collection is regularly updated by new acquisitions. There is also a collection of recreational fiction.

The Library Reserve Collection houses rare and specialised textbooks suited to various professions such as the health sciences, engineering, or viticulture. The Collection also houses various anatomical models available for student use.

Accommodation

Your room is your space. It is a place to call your own and we enjoy seeing how students add personality and decorate their rooms. Rooms differ in configuration but all first year student rooms are similar in size and are equipped with a King Single bed, wardrobe, desk, chair and bookshelves.

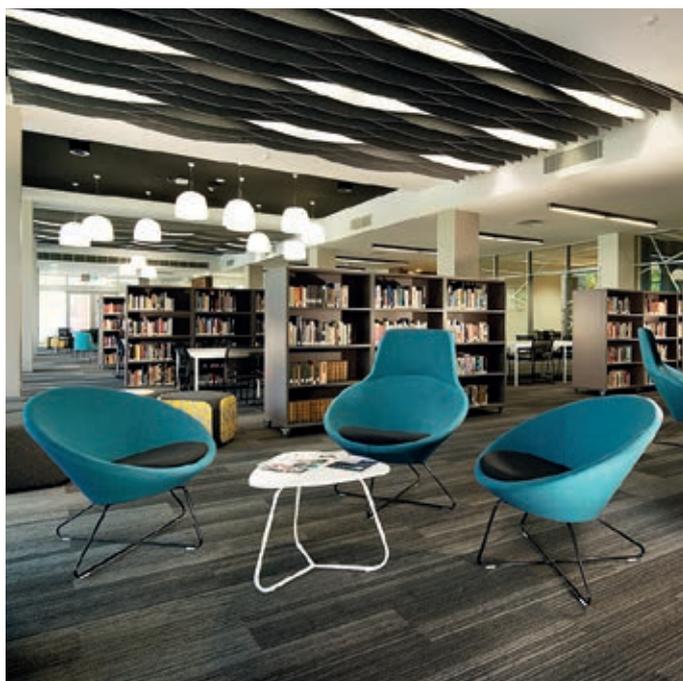
Groups of rooms are serviced by a unisex bathroom and a utility room which has a fridge, microwave and kettle. Automatic washing machines, clothes dryers, clothes lines and ironing facilities are also provided.

Rooms for senior students differ in size and amenity and, along with a number of flats comprising separate bedrooms, bathroom, laundry, lounge and kitchenette, are allocated based on academic achievement and other criteria.



“Receiving the Cowan Grant has reduced the financial pressure on me and my family. The scholarship has enabled me to live at St Mark's also assist with the transition into university life through the social, sporting and academic benefits and experiences of College life. I have also become a member of the College Club Committee which has allowed me to contribute and give back to College”.

Carson, Bordertown SA



Car parking

Adjacent the Academic Centre is the College's secure and under cover car park, with space for 100 cars available for an additional fee.

Meals and dining

Dining is at the heart of our community, with many friendships formed over a meal. Three meals are served each day in the Grenfell-Price Dining Hall and are all inclusive within your fee package.

For students who are unable to return to College for lunch or dinner are able to prepare a packed lunch or have a meal kept aside for them.

Formal Hall is held Monday to Thursday nights during academic term with students maintaining the tradition of wearing academic gowns.

The quality and choice of food is excellent with our catering team able to accommodate a variety of dietary requirements.

Gymnasium and Sporting Facilities

The Allister McLeod gymnasium provides a first-class fitness facility for all St Mark's students.

Other sporting facilities include grass tennis courts, table tennis table, foosball and a full-sized billiard table. The Aquatic Centre is situated within walking distance of College, and provides swimming facilities at reasonable rates with a student discount. The University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia have established gym facilities on campus and the adjacent parklands areas allow for jogging and other sporting opportunities.

Information Technology

Wireless internet access and networked printing is available throughout the College. Assistance for students experiencing IT difficulties is available.

Music Facilities

There are several rooms available for music rehearsal around the College including the Ballroom with baby grand piano, band practice room and the Chapel with upright piano.

Grounds



St Mark's is proud of its grounds which are the most spacious of the Adelaide colleges. In addition to the tennis courts, there are a number of outdoor spaces at the College for all students to enjoy.



Enrichment

Academic Programs

A program of weekly tutorials is conducted by senior students, postgraduate students, university lecturers and tutors. The tutorials provide a small-group learning environment with a broad range of subjects and academic disciplines offered.

Guest Speaker Series

Student coordinators work to facilitate an interesting program of guest speakers each year. Affectionately known as "Port 'n Talks", these events are sometimes faculty-specific but most often are designed to meet particular interests of the students and address relevant events and experiences in the broader community and around the world.

Wellbeing and Resilience program

The College is committed to the health and wellbeing of all students. The Committee organises Wellbeing Week twice per year, with a program of physical and mental health activities. Regular yoga sessions

during the study period, and a focus on nutrition on Wellbeing Wednesdays complements our ongoing program.

Mentor Program

The Mentor Program, coordinated by the Chief Mentor and Director of Learning is an integral component of the College's commitment to developing the individual as a whole.

Mentors are senior members of the College appointed by the Master, committed to the education and personal development of each student in the St Mark's College community. Mentors have experience and understanding of the College and university and the program aims to assist new students with the transition to university and College life.

Personal and Professional Development

Members of the Senior Common Room have expertise in a number of academic disciplines and are ready to provide support to all students and help at any time. The SCR members conduct academic tutorials, mentor students and inspire students to set their academic and career goals.

St Mark's also offers workshops in workplace expectations, resume and CV writing and interview techniques to help students prepare for their post-university pathway.

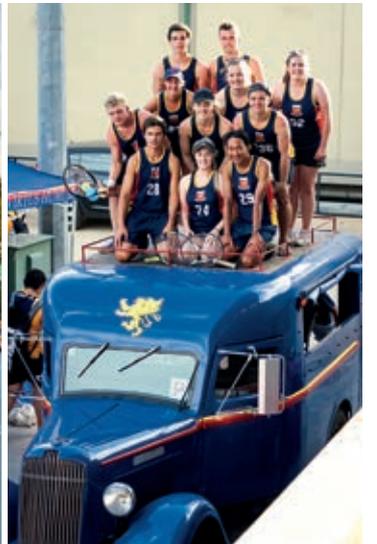
Student Leadership

There are a range of student leadership positions at the College. From the 17-member College Club Committee, to Mentors, Academic Tutors, Mentors, Residential Advisors, Academic Tutors, Student IT Officer and gym curator - there is something for everyone.



"It is a truly unique experience in an environment that promotes learning, personal responsibility, self-confidence, as well as creating and seizing opportunities. It enriches one's university life and is a great stepping stone into the wider world."





St Mark's Scholarships

St Mark's offers a range of scholarships, prizes and bursaries to support students with their living expenses while at College. Thanks to the generosity of benefactors of St Mark's College, assistance upwards of \$250,000 is provided annually to students, who, for reasons of financial need, would not otherwise be able to enter or remain in College.

St Mark's also recognises academic excellence and outstanding ability with a number of faculty-related scholarships and prizes awarded each year. Contribution to the College is also acknowledged through the presentation of a range of scholarships and prizes to students who demonstrate outstanding commitment to College life.

Further information on Scholarships, prizes and bursaries can be found on the College website www.stmarkscollege.com.au/application/scholarships

COWAN GRANTS: The Cowan Grants provide financial assistance to students from rural areas of Australia who would find difficulty in meeting both tuition and accommodation costs in Adelaide. The application should be submitted at the time of completion of a St Mark's application.

MARGARET AND HARRY SCOTT SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship is awarded to South Australian female entry students who were schooled not less than 100kms from the Adelaide CBD. It takes into consideration contribution to the community, academic success and extra-curricular activities. You will be notified during your interview if you are eligible for this generous scholarship.

HAWKER SCHOLARSHIP: Hawker Scholars who study in Adelaide reside at St Mark's College. More information can be obtained from the web site and applications for the academic year close in early January each year.

"I am so happy that my Entry Scholarship has given me the opportunity to start my university studies at St Mark's. Receiving this scholarship makes me even more keen and excited to contribute as much to College as possible."

Lucy, Hamilton VIC



Student Applications

St Mark's welcomes applications from students who are currently enrolled or intend to enrol at The University of Adelaide, The University of South Australia or Flinders University.

Application Process

Applications for new students open in July for commencement in February of the following year. Prospective students can apply online through the St Mark's College website www.stmarkscollege.com.au.

Step 1: Research the College and accommodation options, view the website, make a time to tour the college

Step 2: Submit an online application via the student portal. This is a simple 15-step process for you to provide your background

Step 3: Provide a character and academic reference. Templates can be found on our website or you can provide a school report. Attach a passport sized photograph to your application

Step 4: Pay the application fee online and confirm and submit your application

Step 5: Successful applicants will be contacted to make a time for a personal or phone interview

Step 6: Following the interview, you will receive notification that you have been placed on the waitlist, or given an offer of residency

Step 7: If you are successful in your offer of residency, you can choose to accept, decline or defer your place. If you accept a provisional offer, further information will be sent to you following university offers in January

Fees and Charges

The College sets its annual fees in December each year and the schedule of fees can be found on the St Mark's web site: www.stmarkscollege.com.au/application/fees

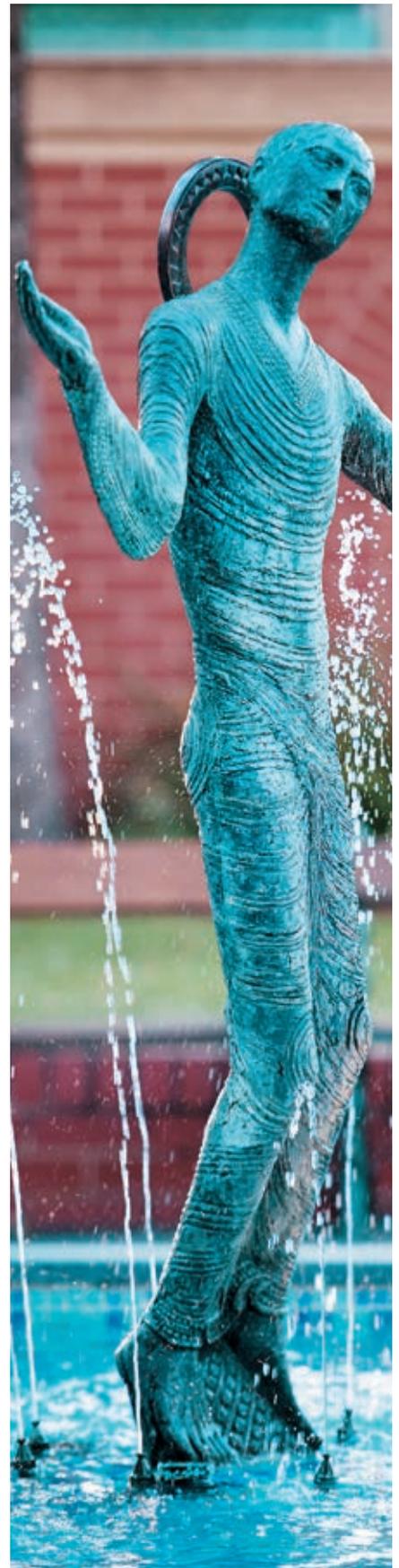
College fees cover living expenses including all meals (including weekends and holidays), weekly room cleaning, utilities, internet access, pastoral support and access to the College's extensive academic tutorial program, gymnasium, library and Chapel.

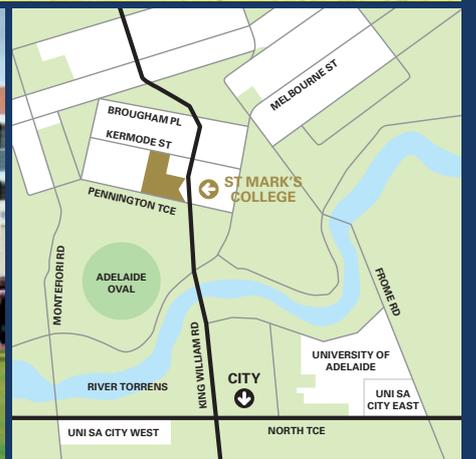
St Mark's follows the University of Adelaide academic calendar, however accommodates the schedules of students at UniSA and Flinders University. Our residential dates for students who are enrolled in a trimester program can also be flexible.

Our 40-week academic year allows students to stay in Adelaide during the vacation periods, without having to pack up your room. Meals are still provided during the holidays.

Additional Fees and Charges

There are additional charges for your application fee, entrance fee and College Club Membership. A refundable deposit is also payable on entry. A full list of these fees, including additional charges for parking and vacation residence, is available on the College website. Accommodation is also available during the summer vacation period at a set price.





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