



## St Mark's College

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

Applications for 2019 are now open via our online portal. Demand for places is high so you should apply early. Offers are made between July and December, and if there are no further vacancies your application will be placed on a wait list and notified when and if a place becomes available.

### 2. WHEN DO APPLICATIONS CLOSE?

There is no set closing date for applications and the online applications portal will stay open until March 2019 to accept late applications once SATAC offers have been made. Places occasionally become vacant after the first round of university offers and we then refer to our waiting list to make offers.

### 3. WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

The applications process is a simple process that can be completed on-line via our website.

- Visit: [www.stmarkscollege.com.au](http://www.stmarkscollege.com.au) and click 'Apply'
- Register on the application portal
- Complete all questions in the order listed below, including a personal statement
- Attach an academic and character reference. Templates are available on our website, otherwise your referees may complete this information in the form of a letter or personal statement
- Attach a passport sized photo
- Pay the application fee using a VISA or Mastercard
- Complete the declaration and you will receive an email advising that your application is complete
- Your application will now be reviewed by the Selection Panel



### 4. HOW MUCH IS THE APPLICATION FEE?

At section 13 you will be asked to pay the application fee of AUD\$60.00. This can be paid by credit card via a secure payment gateway. If you do not have access to a credit card and wish to pay this fee via another method, please contact the College on 08 8334 5600 for alternate methods.

### 5. I HAVE APPLIED, WHAT'S NEXT?

Once you have completed the declaration at step 15, your application will be reviewed by a Selection Panel who will advise whether or not you have been invited for an interview. Successful interviews will result in an offer of a place, otherwise you will be placed on our waiting list.

### 6. ARE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED IN PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE?

If you live more than five hours from Adelaide, or are living or travelling overseas, we are more than happy to conduct the interview via phone or Skype at a suitable time for you. Please ensure you advise the College whether you require a telephone or personal interview.

## **7. WHEN CAN I COME AND SEE THE COLLEGE?**

St Mark's holds its Open Day at the same time as all three universities in Adelaide, usually in mid-August. Open Day is the best way for you to see first-hand what College life is all about in addition to having a comprehensive tour of the College from current students and see their rooms. Let us know if you are travelling from another state or territory that weekend as we may be able to interview you over the weekend.

If you are unable to attend Open Day, please contact the College to arrange a tour at any time or view our [virtual tour](#).

## **8. WHAT IF I AM TAKING A GAP YEAR NEXT YEAR BUT WANT TO COME TO COLLEGE THE YEAR AFTER?**

A number of students do not attend university directly from school, many taking a GAP year or a year off to work or travel. We recommend that you apply to College regardless because you can defer your application to the following year. If you apply before you go, then you know that you have a place to call home when you start university in 2020, and will only have to submit one application.

## **9. WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE FEES?**

College fees are all inclusive, allowing students to focus on their studies, rather than on having to pay bills. The fees are based on a 40 week academic year, allowing residents to come and go as they wish during the university vacation periods.

The weekly fee includes all meals, room cleaning, access to the academic tutorial program, access to the sports pavilion and library resources. There are some additional costs throughout the year for selected student events or merchandise, however these are optional.

For further details, please view our [fee schedule](#) with the fees for the subsequent year updated in July each year.

Of course, St Mark's is more than just a place to live so you are also welcomed into a diverse College community where you will find friends for life and have access to a strong alumni network.

## **10. WHAT SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE TO ST MARK'S STUDENTS?**

St Mark's College offers a number of very generous scholarships throughout the year with over 50% of students receiving some form of financial assistance from the College. Scholarships and Prizes are available for application to enrolled students, and some are available to first year students. Please let us know in your personal statement whether you would like to apply for a scholarship and further information will be made available during the interview.

Cowan Grants ([www.cowangrant.org](http://www.cowangrant.org)) are available to students from a rural area with demonstrated financial need.

Applications are submitted at the same time as your College application.

We recommend that you also check the university websites for scholarships which begin to open in July of each year.

## **11. WHAT ARE COLLEGE ROOMS LIKE?**

All College rooms are different, particularly when you add your own personality and personal touch. On average, a first year room is 12m<sup>2</sup> and includes a king single bed, a desk, a wardrobe, a bookshelf and a desk chair. Students may bring their own bar fridge or television, but additional furniture is not allowed. All rooms have access to a shared bathroom and laundry facilities. Our [virtual tour](#) allows you to have a look for yourself from anywhere in the world!

## **12. DO I HAVE TO COOK FOR MYSELF?**

The College provides three cooked meals per day for all students, catering also for late meals if you have other commitments. All first year students have access to shared basic kitchen facilities and some of our accommodation areas provide fully-equipped kitchens.

Some would consider the Dining Hall to be at the heart of College as communal dining is an important part of personal development and forming lifelong friendships.

## **13. WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?**

There are a number of ways that you can ask further questions about College life or the application process. Please contact the College on +61 8 8334 5600 or via email at [stmarks@stmarkscollege.com.au](mailto:stmarks@stmarkscollege.com.au).

The College website contains a lot of information about the facilities, fee structure and various College events and you may also join our page.

