



St Mark's College

Making a Bequest

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Making a bequest to the College

A bequest is often referred to as the “ultimate gift” – it is a gift given to a cause that is important to you.

Leaving a bequest is your opportunity to make a lasting gift to the St Mark's College community. A bequest that fosters educational excellence has the ability to make a real impact on the future of the community.

What is a bequest?

A bequest is a gift left to the College in an individual's Will. Naming the College in your Will gives you the opportunity to make an enduring contribution to the College community as a memorial to you, your family or someone close to you.

A bequest may include gifts of:

- a specific sum of money
- a percentage of an estate
- the residue of an estate where a donor bequeaths (gives) a portion of the donor's residuary estate (i.e. what remains after all other gifts and costs have been paid)
- real estate
- stocks and shares
- works of art, collections of jewellery, a book collection
- the proceeds of an insurance policy

Why leave a bequest?

A bequest will help to ensure that the College maintains its leading edge and provides its students with upgraded accommodation and state-of-the-art educational facilities. It will assist students to continue their studies in the supportive environment of St Mark's College. This will help our students of today become the leaders of tomorrow in their chosen professions, as exemplified by so many Old Collegians. A gift supporting education is priceless.

For many, leaving a bequest recognises a lifelong association with the College and provides an enduring legacy.



Every gift will make a difference

Leaving a bequest is not just something for wealthy people to consider. Every gift will help make a lasting difference to the College in some way.

Some examples of bequest amounts and how they could be used in the ongoing support of the College are as follows:

- **\$2,000** could provide a periodical/online subscription in the library costing \$100 a year
- **\$15,000** could support College Club activities (including the ongoing maintenance of the Gas Truck)
- **\$50,000** could provide a prize worth \$2,000 a year
- **\$100,000** could provide a scholarship worth \$4,000 a year
- **\$400,000** could provide a full scholarship worth \$16,000 a year

How will my bequest be used?

Donors may express a specific purpose for their bequests.

There are four different areas of the College needing support. The best choice for you depends on how you wish to contribute and be remembered. The more general the terms of your gift, the more flexible the College can be in applying your donation. A general or unspecified bequest is valuable to the College as this allows the gift to be allocated to the area of greatest need.

Support students



You may wish to leave a gift to fund a scholarship, award or prize.

You can then choose to support a student in an area that has the most meaning to you (e.g. financial hardship, academic achievement or a specific area of study).

Support the library/gym/chapel



A gift to either the library, gym or chapel may be in the form of a collection of books or a monetary amount to purchase books or to upgrade/maintain equipment or facilities.

Support buildings



You may wish to contribute to the maintenance of our heritage buildings or support the new projects in the 2025 Master Plan.

Support areas of current need

You may choose this if you would like to support the College generally, with areas of need determined by the Master at the time.

A message from the Master

I would like to invite you to consider leaving a bequest to St Mark's and becoming a member of the 1925 Bequest Society.

Leaving a bequest indicates that you wish to protect forever what you truly value. It provides an enduring legacy which acknowledges a lifelong association with the College. By its nature, the benefaction comes at a time when you will no longer be here to witness the difference that it will make. The compensation therefore must be in the knowledge that it will help to support the College and its future for generations to come.

The College's future depends on the steps we take today in planning for tomorrow. A gift in your Will can create wonderful opportunities and make a tangible difference for our students.

Becoming a member of the 1925 Bequest Society gives you the chance to be involved in the College at a level you are comfortable with.

Welcoming you as a member of the 1925 Bequest Society is our gift to you, to say thank you for your future gift to us.



R S Alwyn
Master



The 1925 Bequest Society

The 1925 Bequest Society has been formally established to acknowledge the generosity of donors who have named St Mark's College as a beneficiary in their Will. Through the Society your legacy will be cherished and remembered.

Everyone involved with St Mark's College knows the significance of 1925, as it was on Sunday 15 March 1925 when the College was opened by the Governor, Lieutenant-General Sir Tom Bridges and blessed by Bishop Nutter Thomas.

Membership of the 1925 Bequest Society is open to anyone who has made a bequest to the College.

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The purpose of the 1925 Bequest Society is to:

- acknowledge and honour those who have made bequests in their lifetime
- encourage and facilitate bequests
- highlight the importance of bequests in ensuring the continuing excellence of the College and assisting in securing its future
- promote the leadership of society members in encouraging others to make a similar commitment to the College

Members will be recognised in a way that allows the College to acknowledge their generosity.

- a lapel pin to commemorate the promise of a gift
- their name on the 1925 Bequest Society Honour Board
- an invitation to attend exclusive luncheons hosted by the Master
- invitations to attend other special College events
- with their consent, a special mention in appropriate College publications

Please note that we will always respect the wishes of those who prefer their legacy to remain confidential.





Suggested wording

If you are able to help St Mark's College through a bequest in your Will by way of a general gift, we have provided the following wording for your consideration:

Residue of your estate once all other distributions have been made

"I bequeath to St Mark's College Inc, 46 Pennington Terrace, North Adelaide, South Australia, for its general purposes, the residue of my estate, free of all duties, and the receipt of the secretary or other authorized officer for the time being shall be a complete and sufficient discharge for the executor(s)."

A percentage of your total estate

"I bequeath to St Mark's College Inc, 46 Pennington Terrace, North Adelaide, South Australia, for its general purposes, [X%] of my estate, free of all duties, and the receipt of the secretary or other authorized officer for the time being shall be a complete and sufficient discharge for the executor(s)."

A named item/real estate/amount

"I bequeath to St Mark's College Inc, 46 Pennington Terrace, North Adelaide, South Australia, for its general purposes, [\$x, real estate, items] free of all duties, and the receipt of the secretary or other authorized officer for the time being shall be a complete and sufficient discharge for the executor(s)."

How to ensure your bequest reflects your wishes

If you are considering leaving a bequest to St Mark's College, or have already done so, you should contact your solicitor for advice on preparing or updating your Will.

If you are considering a bequest for a specific purpose, please call the Master or the Development Manager to discuss the options.

Please be aware that this is general legal information only. We recommend that you seek independent legal advice for your particular circumstances.





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Information correct as of January 2012

St Mark's College

St Mark's College Bequest Form

Please complete this form to either:

1. Discuss options about making a bequest.
2. Inform us that you have already included St Mark's College in your Will.

Title: _____

Given Name: _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____

State _____ Postcode: _____

Phone (home): _____

Phone (work): _____

Email: _____

☐ I would like to discuss making a bequest to St Mark's College.

☐ I would like to confirm that I have made a bequest to St Mark's College in my Will.

Please return this form to Mrs Michelle Ward
- Development Manager:

In person St Mark's College
or post to: 46 Pennington Terrace, North Adelaide
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