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## *A Gift* To the Future

In 2025 St Mark's College celebrates a century of providing an exceptional learning and living environment for students to achieve their academic and personal potential.

This has been made possible through the vision and endeavour of the Founders and the generous support of generations of Old Collegians, staff, families and friends of the College.

**All contributions to the life and future of the College are cherished.**

One of the ways in which you can contribute to the future vision of St Mark's College is through a bequest. This is a most thoughtful way to benefit the community through a gift for the future, and provide an enduring legacy, either in your name or of a family member.

Celebrate our past; create our future.

*"Blessed are those who plant trees under whose shade they will never sit."*

St Mark's was founded in 1925 by selfless visionaries who worked tirelessly and gave generously to create opportunities for others—for the young people of future generations who would benefit from collegiate education at St Mark's.

Since 1925, successive generations of students have been given life-changing opportunities through the vision and generosity of earlier generations. Every building we have bought or built, and almost all our scholarships, have depended on philanthropy – and in many cases, on gifts left as bequests, beginning with the first bequests in the 1920s which we honour and deeply value to this day.

As we seek to provide the best opportunities for students in the College's second century, we know that these too will depend on those who are willing to leave a legacy from which future generations will benefit.

Each generation should play its part to hand on the College, and the opportunity to be at St Mark's, even better to those who come after, earning the gratitude of future generations.

Your bequest may create a named scholarship that enables a student to be at St Mark's who otherwise could not. It may contribute to the future building projects that will enable the College to have the facilities we need. It may enhance the Library, or our art collection. Perhaps you will help future generations in other ways.

On behalf of those who will benefit from your selfless generosity, heartfelt and enduring thanks.

I look forward to welcoming you and your family to the 1925 Bequest Society, and to thanking you in person for your future gift.



**Professor Don Markwell AM**  
Head of College

# Your Legacy

A bequest is a gift that you determine to leave to St Mark's in your Will. The most common bequests are:

- a residue of an estate
- a percentage of an estate
- a specific sum of money
- real estate
- stocks and shares
- art works, book collections
- specific items of cultural or historical significance
- proceeds of insurance policy.

**Your bequest, no matter the type or amount, strengthens the future of the College.**

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

If you have made your Will, a Codicil can be added to include a bequest to the College.

We encourage you to discuss your Will with family members, ensuring that they support your wishes.

## Every Gift Makes a Difference

Every gift will help make a lasting difference to the College and our students in some way. A general or unspecified bequest is valuable to the College as this allows the gift to be allocated to the area of greatest need at that time.

Donors may also express a specific purpose for their bequest. You may wish to leave a gift to fund a scholarship, award or prize. Gifts to the Library or to the maintenance of our heritage buildings and new projects for the benefit of the students may also be of interest and are of lasting value to the College.

*Give generously for  
the benefit of tomorrow.*



## Excellence *Reaches for the Stars*

Scholarships create life-changing opportunities and with an increase in funding we can open up this opportunity to more students. One of the main aims of the Strategic Plan, *Towards our second century: a strategy for St Mark's College*, is a major expansion of the scholarship program. It is our intention to make the best university experience available to students of potential, regardless of their means.

Our history is rich in student achievements, and the tutorial and wellbeing programs enhance the students' outcomes. Sir Archibald Grenfell Price, our founding Master, referred to college life as "the second educator" as students are inspired by each other's academic progress and personal growth.

**A bequest to fund a scholarship made in the name of an Old Collegian keeps the connection with the College alive.**

*Spernit Virtus Humum.*

# Become a Member

St Mark's College was officially opened on Sunday 15 March in 1925 by the Governor, Lieutenant-General Sir Tom Bridges, and blessed by Bishop Arthur Nutter Thomas. It was a memorable day as this followed several years of planning and fundraising to purchase Downer House and surrounding properties. Much is owed in gratitude to the determined efforts and vision of Reverend Julian Bickersteth and to the stalwarts who generously donated funding to the founding of St Mark's, the first university college in South Australia.

In acknowledgement of the founders' unwavering efforts, the 1925 Bequest Society was established to recognise those who continue this commitment to education by naming St Mark's College as a beneficiary in their Wills.

Membership of the 1925 Society is open to anyone who has pledged a bequest to the College. By making your gift known the College is able then to express gratitude and to honour members with their names on the 1925 Honour Board. This will encourage and facilitate further bequests, ensuring the continuing excellence of the College. At College special events, members will be able to enjoy the company of like-minded supporters along with the Head of the College.

A gift to future generations of students will have an enduring impact and will bring joy and pride to the bequestor and their families, friends and colleagues – just as we remember today with much admiration the founding donors and those who have continued to contribute to the growth of the College and its reputation.

*“If there are good deeds to be done, one of these is surely doing something, be it large or small, which may help someone else, in a later generation, to enjoy those same manifold privileges of collegiate life.”*

JN McEwin, 1966

# Make a Bequest

We would be pleased to discuss if you would like to make a bequest to St Mark's College or confirm that you have already made a bequest to St Mark's College in your Will. Your enquiry will be treated confidentially.

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We hope you will enjoy your membership of the 1925 Bequest Society.



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