





# A city school

Preparing students for life in a global community

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Sydney Square, Sydney





# Engaging with our city environment

St Andrew's Cathedral School (SACS) is Sydney's quintessential city school. Located in two high rise buildings in the heart of Australia's largest city, SACS is a coeducational, independent Anglican school with around 1200 students enrolled from Kindergarten through to Year 12.

Easily accessible from Town Hall train station, St Andrew's students come from all over Sydney and beyond, with international students increasingly drawn to our vibrant campus. We are a comprehensive school with strong student wellbeing programme that seeks to ensure all students feel valued and respected.

St Andrew's is committed to providing students with educational opportunities that enrich their lives, helping them develop into well-rounded global citizens. We strive for every learner to be engaged and growing every day. We have an innovative learning program and global curriculum which assists students to think critically and to develop a compassionate social conscience. We make full use of our city location, with classes frequently accessing museums, galleries, government offices and institutions.

With more than 40 music ensembles and 20 co-curricular groups, as well as a strong outdoor education program and a variety of sporting

teams, the spectrum of opportunities at St Andrew's reinforces that there is no 'typical' mould for our students.

Consistently more than 95 per cent of our Year 12 graduates receive offers to university in an enormous diversity of course preferences, with others preferring pathways into private business, music/ performing arts colleges, TAFE or international study options.

"Our vision is to inspire students to be passionate, creative learners who engage with the message of Christ and fully develop their gifts and abilities in order to serve in the world."

SACS VISION STATEMENT







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# Welcome to our unique high-rise school

Our Junior School, Gawura School, Middle School and Senior College each possess a distinctive identity, with campus structure and classes tailored to the learning needs of each age group. We embrace initiatives that improve academic outcomes and student wellbeing.





#### **Junior School**

### How our Junior School inspires true excellence:

- Small class sizes, with accelerated classes for gifted and talented students.
- Specialist teachers and professionals across music, drama, sport, outdoor education, service learning and languages (Mandarin Chinese is taught from Kindergarten to Year 6)
- Access to St Andrew's
   Enrichment and Learning staff
   and teachers trained in the
   learning needs of gifted and
   talented students
- Before and after school care and vacation care for busy parents.

Our Junior student area is also shared by Gawura, a K-6 'school within a school' for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Its highly-acclaimed academic model has a focus on developing literacy and numeracy.

#### Middle School

It is important during these early years of secondary school (Years 7-9) that students obtain effective study skills and form good learning habits. We make this area of their development a priority, along with programs to develop their emotional and academic resilience.

### Our distinctive Middle School includes:

- A supportive, expansive learning culture utilising the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme – an internationally accredited framework for learning which seeks to enrich the NSW syllabus and empower students.
- Newly renovated learning spaces with innovative classroom technology
- A far-reaching wellbeing program that underpins all aspects of the curriculum
- Language skills in Mandarin, Spanish or French through until Year 10 – this is a compulsory component of the Middle Years Programme

- A range of service activities both within and outside the classroom
- A comprehensive Outdoor Education program, offering with a wide range of challenging camps
- Team-building camp in Year 7 and a strong focus on integration with the broader school community
- An optional Middle School Study Centre programme for additional academic preparation.

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#### Senior College

The Senior College experience at SACS provides:

- A unique, pre-tertiary experience in the heart of the city
- Flexible learning, with both the International Baccalaureate
   Diploma Programme and the Higher School Certificate offered
- Student wellbeing program designed to assist students in addressing the stresses and distractions of the modern world.
- Greater freedoms with greater responsibility – students can visit select parts of the CBD at recess and lunchtime, encouraging responsible independence
- A well-resourced, state-of the-art Research Centre, where students can seek assistance from a dedicated Senior Research Librarian. Time-management and organisation strategies, as well as study and writing skills, are offered
- Further education and career development: a dynamic Careers Reference Centre including professional career assessment, individual consultations, presentations and seminars, ensuring students have every opportunity to consider their future direction after school.

### St Andrew's:

St Andrew's Cathedral School is a coeducational K-12 Anglican school, located in the heart of Sydney's CBD.

### Beyond school

Life at St Andrew's doesn't finish after graduation. We have a thriving post-school community of Old Andreans, with events and reunions run by a dedicated committee of volunteers. Many of our Old Andreans return regularly for visits and to mentor current students, and some eventually return to our community as teachers.

### How to get here

The main reception desk is located at St Andrew's House, Sydney Square opposite the Cathedral.



Junior School, Gawura School and Middle School campus

- St Andrew's House, 464 Kent Street, Sydney Square
- Train/Bus 1 min walk from Town Hall Train Station



## Senior College campus

- Bishop Barry Centre (BBC),
   51 Druitt Street, Sydney
- Train/Bus 3 min walk from Town Hall Train Station

#### **Parking**

• Wilson Parking – 464 Kent Street

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