Welcome to life at Wesley College
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We acknowledge and pay our respects to the elders past, present and emerging, of the Gadigal people of the EORA nation, on whose land this University and College is built.
We’d like you to consider joining our Wesley family.

We are a diverse, welcoming and accepting community that will make your college and university experience unforgettable.”

We are delighted that you are considering Wesley College as your home for the next few years and are confident you will find it very rewarding.

Wesley College is a community of 250 young men and women, attending the University of Sydney. We acknowledge our diversity, and have many current students who have joined us from country NSW, interstate and overseas.

At Wesley, we value inclusiveness. And pride ourselves in respecting and supporting each other in all our endeavours. We also encourage all our students to actively participate in College life.

Wesley College strives to provide a safe, vibrant community of learning and personal growth. This, we hope, will help our students develop good foundations and positive values that underpin their everyday lives.

We believe that each student shares a responsibility for the culture and accepted behaviours at our College. Therefore, we ask that if you become a Wesleyan and choose to be part of our community, you show us your best self at all times.

If you ever have concerns during your time at Wesley, we encourage you to raise them with us so that we can address them together to ensure a positive experience for all members of our community.

There is so much to learn and experience during your time at Wesley and hope to inspire you to make the most of every opportunity during your years with us.

We look forward to receiving your application in the near future and welcoming you into our Wesley family!

~ Lisa J Sutherland
Welcome

We are an academic residential college and welcome up to 250 young men and women from rural, regional and metropolitan Australia and abroad.

We are a diverse, close-knit and accepting community and encourage the development of all our students.

Being part of Wesley gives you the opportunity to learn and grow in a supportive environment. We assist in developing values you can apply to every aspect of your academic, work and personal life.

We are located on the University of Sydney’s Camperdown campus; only a few minutes walk from your lectures, tutorials, central Sydney, Newtown and Glebe.

**LIFE AT WESLEY**

Life at Wesley is a unique and invaluable experience - it’s a time for you to explore your interests, maximise learning, get involved in community activities, hone in on your talents, and grow as an individual.

We have on-site Community Leaders (CL's) and Pastoral Care staff that are available to provide guidance and advice as you need.

At Wesley, you will forge strong connections and build lifelong bonds with your peers and take advantage of networking with industry leaders at formal dinners.

**INTERCOLLEGIATE COMPETITIONS**

Whether you’re sporty, academic, musical, or love the arts - Wesley College has opportunities for you to explore.

Each year we compete in the intercollegiate competition; the Rosebowl (Women’s) and Rawson (Men’s) Sporting events and the Palladian Cup, the cultural competition.

These activities give you a chance to perfect your skills, get involved as a competitor and build friendships with other talented individuals.

Alternatively, get together and support your fellow Wesleyans!

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

Our Student Club is actively involved in our College. They are responsible for organising the student social calendar, coordinating sports merchandise and attire and celebratory events, Palladian and fundraising activities.

Other leadership opportunities such as CLs which are appointed and House Committee positions are elected each year, as well as individual sporting and cultural team captain positions.

We provide relevant training to all our leaders.

**ROOMS**

We have a combination of single rooms; traditional or modern with shared bathroom facilities or you can select an ensuite room if you prefer.
Why Choose Wesley College

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Wesley is more than just a room on campus and a place to sleep, Wesley is your home and family during some of the most important years of your life.

Wesley has a long tradition of fostering a vibrant community of well-rounded students and high achievers. You will feel inspired, challenged and enriched every day.

If you are moving out of home for the first time, Wesley is a great transition to independence and adulthood.

Walk down the same hallways that diplomats, academics, philanthropists, doctors and politicians have walked before you.

Grow, flourish and thrive as an individual and make lifelong bonds with the people you meet.

Living at Wesley gives you permission to grow, develop and take responsibility for your learning in a safe and inclusive community and make the most of the opportunities presented to you.

ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

As a resident, you will be encouraged to actively participate in college life; by respecting and supporting each other during good and bad times, contributing by cheering for your team from the sidelines, and honouring our heritage and traditions.

Communities work best when everyone understands what is expected and have common values and goals in mind.

Plus, aside from the beauty of our historical building - all our rooms are joined under one roof. This means that you can walk from one side of Wesley to the other, without actually leaving the building.

This re-enforces our ‘home-like’ feel which you will notice as soon as you enter our building.

WHAT’S INCLUDED

We offer breakfast, lunch and dinner every day, wifi, room cleaning and laundry facilities.

You also have access to a strong support network of alumni (Old Cols) and special guests at our formal and community dinners. These dinners are an important part of college life because they assist in fostering a nurturing environment in which everyone feels welcome and included.

You can also access a range of tutorials, pastoral care and counselling services which are supported by Community Leaders and a student-elected House Committee.

Finally, social events are organised by both the college and student-run committees, giving you the opportunity to gain experience in community leadership or network with like-minded adults.
Extra Curricular Activities

It’s hard not to get involved! College life offers so many activities and programs that will enrich your uni experience.

INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORT

The intercollegiate sporting competition is a highly contested and exciting series of events that runs throughout the year.

Semester 1 events include Cricket, Netball, Rowing, Swimming & Diving, Hockey and Rugby; whilst Soccer, Basketball, Tennis, and Athletics are held during Semester 2. The program is competitive and draws a large crowd of supporters.

While a win in a sport is enthusiastically celebrated with a themed Victory Dinner (VD), winning overall is the most coveted prize among the Colleges. Men compete for the ‘Rawson Cup’ trophy, first presented in 1906. Women compete for the ‘Rosebowl’ trophy.

PALLADIAN CUP

If the performing arts are more your style, then the Palladian cup for cultural performances is for you.

The Palladian Cup is the platform for talented students to compete in Solo Voice, Solo Instrumental, Ensemble Voice, Group Instrumental, Solo Drama, Ensemble Drama, plus Dance, Debating, Art, and Oration.

SOCIAL SPORT & CULTURE

If you’re not the competitive type, there are plenty of other activities you can get involved in for fun; such as lunch time sports, running groups, the Wesley Choir, the Wesley band and ensembles.

‘The Repertoire’ is another way to get involved, where students can perform at Formal Dinner.

Wesley students also host an in-house play for their peers and their families. There aren’t any points awarded but every year they get all the applause!

MENTORING & NETWORKING

Having opened our doors to students since 1917, means the depth of graduates (Old Cols) at your disposal for career advice and guidance is enormous!

Throughout the year we host a number of industry specific events where you can connect with Old Col mentors. Specifically, our annual mentoring dinner is set up so that you can nominate to meet (and learn from) a specific Old Col in our network.

GUEST SPEAKERS & SEMINARS

Throughout the year, high profile guest speakers are invited to present on thought-provoking, topical, challenging and inspiring subjects ranging from the environment, sociology, equality, physics, medical breakthroughs or entrepreneurial success.

Some recent panels have included ‘Wesley’s 50 years of Women’, featuring trailblazing Wesley Women from the 1960’s to now, and ‘The Humanitarian Edit’ featuring Wesley Old Cols now working for the UN in crisis contexts.
HEALTH, FITNESS & WELL-BEING

At Wesley, you will have access to the fantastic Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness (SUSF) facilities. These include the Arena Gym, Aquatic Centre Pool & Gym, Classes and Courts, plus ‘The Ledge’ Climbing Gym.

We also have a strong pastoral care team of live-in staff and an onsite counsellor to help support you as you move into this exciting transitional time in your life.

LEADERSHIP

Wesley has plenty of opportunities that help you build on leadership skills to equip you for the future. Some leadership roles include student elected positions as well as informal volunteer leadership roles.

At Wesley, our leadership roles include; Senior Student, House Committee, Community Leaders (CLs), sporting and cultural leaders, Welcome Week leaders and more.

Each year a Senior Student and ‘House Committee’ of 12 students are elected to lead the Student Club. The Senior Student and House Committee work closely with college staff and assist in the organisation of student social events and help build a supportive and inclusive culture.

In addition, we have seven student Community Leaders (CLs) who are appointed after an interview and selection process. CLs form an integral part of the student support team, working alongside residential staff to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all collegians. Welcome Week leaders play important part in the leadership team and are another place for young leaders to develop.

Finally, there are many other opportunities to get involved in informal leadership roles such as fundraising or charity events.

At the start of each year, all our leaders participate in a range of training activities to ensure that their leadership journey as a young adult is well supported.

Leadership training covers topics such as ethics, consent, active bystanding, anti-harassment, positive culture, alcohol harm minimisation, plus first aid and youth mental health first aid.
Scholarships

Our scholarship program ensures that high achievers in academic, sporting and cultural areas are not turned away because of their financial circumstances.

ABOUT OUR SCHOLARSHIPS

Wesley College offers a range of predominantly financial needs based scholarships for new and continuing students.

Our Old Collegians understand the advantages of a Wesley College experience. By donating to our scholarship program, our past residents can ensure future generations of Wesleyans can benefit from this unique opportunity.

Applications are encouraged from students who are applying from rural and regional areas, Indigenous students, or those who have attended a public school.

TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Our scholarships vary in support and requirements. Some questions in the application are designed specifically to answer requirements for certain scholarships, so it’s important to answer all the questions.

Scholarships are usually awarded as discounts against the residential College fees. Some fees cover the value of half fees, full fees or another monetary value.

Visit wesleycollege-usyd.edu.au/scholarships for the full list of scholarships and requirements.

WHEN APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Applications close in November each year.

Please ensure you fully understand the process so you do not miss out on receiving a scholarship.

Don’t forget to visit our website for the latest information on dates and other requirements.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Visit wesleycollege-usyd.edu.au/apply

2. Complete the application for residency. You MUST complete this step before you are able to apply for a scholarship

3. Once step 2 is complete, you will be notified to apply for a Scholarship

4. Complete your scholarship application, including a copy of your parents most recent tax assessment or other proof of income

5. Submit your scholarship application form.

TIPS!

- Ensure you have provided a personal email that you can access in December. Your school email will become invalid when you finish school.

- Advise us of your ATAR as soon as it’s available.

- Have your parents Tax Assessment ready as you need to submit it as part of your application.

“Wesley College has been the backbone of my tertiary experience - it has been so much more than a home and food to me, it has provided me with a truly enriching experience that I will never forget... There is no doubt in my mind that my time at Wesley College would not have been possible without your generous support, and for that I’m forever grateful.”

- Ben Devine (fr 17)

Letter of gratitude to his scholarship donor

WHEN YOU’LL HEAR FROM US

Applications will be reviewed in December. You will be notified via email prior to the Christmas break.
Overseas Study Experience

The Wesley OSE Scholarship covers air travel, visas, vaccinations, and transfer flights between Vietnam and Cambodia.

An experienced tour leader also travels with the group during the first component of the program.

BENEFITS

The Wesley OSE initiative enables students to acquire a deeper appreciation and understanding of the cultural, political and economic realities of South-East Asia.

The program enhances intellectual depth and facilitates an awareness of global issues.

Many students who have participated in OSE use their learnings as a basis to continue raising awareness to global issues in their own careers.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

All students are eligible to apply for OSE. Five to seven students will be selected each year.

We hope to resume this scholarship as soon as the effects of the pandemic are under control.

ABOUT OSE

The Overseas Study Experience (OSE) is an annual Wesley College Foundation scholarship that supports up to seven students to observe and assist with issues in developing nations; Vietnam and Cambodia.

Wesley was the first college in Australia to offer an experience of this nature to its students. This scholarship was established in 1993.

Wesley is proud to continue the program as it provides outstanding extra-curricular opportunities for personal development and enriched educational outcomes.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The first three weeks of the tour include a structured group program of site visits to aid organisations as well as cultural exploration in Cambodia and Vietnam.

A major component of OSE is the fundraising aspect in the lead up to the trip. The money raised by the OSE team is distributed to organisations who can demonstrate ethical and sustainable community based development, with the intention to alleviate acute and inter-generational crisis.

Two to three weeks after the students arrive in South-East Asia, the students will complete a placement or research component with an organisation of their choice.

Students who have participated in OSE have gone on to win New Colombo Plan Scholarships, gained further international work placements and accessed educational exchange programs to enrich their degree, studies and future careers.

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Take part in an immersive cultural and educational experience!
THE DINING HALL
The Dining Hall is the heart of our college!

It is a traditional space where breakfast, lunch and dinner is served every day, as well as where special functions are held.

Students with allergies or dietary requirements are also catered for.

Monday’s - Formal Dinner: Guest speaker and academic gowns are worn.

Wednesday’s - Community Dinner: Student-led evening of music or entertainment and a great opportunity for everyone to come together as a community.

ACADEMIC FACILITIES
Our academic facilities include a Library, Academic Study Centre, Tutorial rooms and the Crypt.

All our study facilities have Wi-Fi access, private and group desks and tutorial spaces.

There are kitchenettes in the main study areas which are available 24 hours a day with a fridge, microwave, and boiling water for tea and coffee.

COMMON ROOMS
Students have access to many common rooms such as the Junior Common Room (JCR), the Atrium, the Chapel, the Courtyard and Terrace.

The JCR has a pool table, ping-pong table, TV, drink and snack machines and a student-run shop. The Atrium is an open space with comfortable couches and study area. The Chapel is used for services throughout the year and as a music practice space. The Courtyard and Terrace are sunny outdoor areas that are used for studying or social gatherings.

Students can access washing machines, dryers and ironing stations in various locations within the building.

BIKE PARKING
Students are encouraged to commute around campus by bicycle.

There are many areas where students can secure their bikes; and they can also park in our dedicated bike locker.
Our fees cover full residency (40 weeks), paid in 4 instalments during the year.

Welcome Week has additional costs associated which is outlined in the 1st instalment invoice for new students.

A refundable bond** of $1500 is also payable at the time of enrolment, along with a $500 contribution to our Building Fund (tax deductible).

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RESIDENCY INCLUSIONS

40 weeks full residency comprising of room, meals, wi-fi, cleaning of rooms, access to College tutorials, mentoring, support, professional counselling plus access to a range of activities, including Rawson and Rosebowl sport and Palladian Cultural activities.

* Prices are for 2022 and are subject to change. Please note, these prices do not include the prices associated with Welcome Week. Welcome Week is not part of the 40 week residency cost and the additional costs will be outlined in the 1st instalment.

** Bond is only refundable at the completion of the 40 week contract, not if a student leaves mid-year.
A Brief History

The Latin motto on our crest “Ministrate in Fide Vestra Virtutem” can be translated to “Serve virtue in your faith”, elements of which are embedded in our values and beliefs today.

Wesley is the only College on campus with an Overseas Study Experience (OSE). Each year, up to six students are provided with a scholarship to complete philanthropic work and work experience related to their degree in South-East Asia. This program has been running since 1993.

Today, 250 students call Wesley home.

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1910

Wesley College was established as a college of the Methodist Church in Australia.

1917

We opened our doors to only nine students and the first Master was Rev Fletcher.

1969

We became the first co-ed college at the University of Sydney, accepting 40 females, with an existing cohort of 160 males.

1977

We became a college of the Uniting Church.

2017

We celebrated our Centenary year.

2019

We celebrated 50 years of women at college.

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