



**A Gift in Your Will...** Your legacy, their future.







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## An Inspired Legacy

Bequests have played a critical role in the establishment and evolution of Saint Ignatius' College Riverview.

Father John Joseph Therry, considered to be one of the founders of the College, along with Archbishop Vaughan and Fr Joseph Dalton SJ, was a visionary who worked tirelessly to establish churches and schools throughout Sydney. It was his bequest in 1864 to the Society of Jesus that enabled the establishment of Saint Ignatius' College Riverview.

Described as “a man of large notions and considerable achievement... [who] firmly believed in a distant future for which he built” (*Australian Dictionary of Biography*), it is Fr Therry's belief in the future that made possible the campus that we see today.

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## The Future

Today, bequests are just as vital to the College.



### RIVERVIEW BURSARY PROGRAM

Bequests support the Jesuit mission to provide an education for all through the establishment of bursaries that make Riverview accessible to young men from necessitous circumstances.

Bursaries at the College are not awarded on academic, musical or sporting prowess. A Riverview Bursary extends the opportunity for a Jesuit education to students whose families would not otherwise be able to afford it. It plays an essential role in keeping the College vital, and lives out the Jesuit ethos of a faith that does justice.

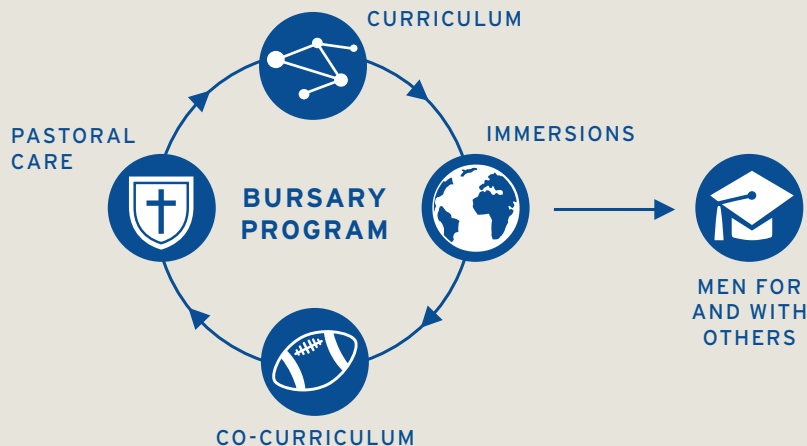


### CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

Bequests also help us improve our campus, to maintain and improve learning and teaching facilities, and remain at the forefront of educational technology. Our physical infrastructure supports our vision to deliver exceptional learning and teaching environments that will inspire our students to make a meaningful contribution to their community and our world.

**Whatever form they take, bequests to Saint Ignatius' College Riverview continue to have an important impact on learning and discovery that reaches far into the future.**





## An education for all

Many of our alumni and friends support students in necessitous circumstances by making a gift towards bursaries. These gifts provide crucial financial assistance to deserving students, giving them an education to help form them into men of competence, conscience, compassion and commitment, and to fulfil their true potential.

Saint Ignatius' College Riverview strives to create a diverse and inclusive community in which young men can thrive. We aim to develop leaders who can meaningfully serve our communities at every level. A bursary unlocks the transformative power of a unique experience through curriculum, pastoral care and service.

Contributions to the Riverview Bursary Program can enable motivated students to develop the skills to succeed, regardless of their background. Your gift can truly enhance the development of men with a strong sense of justice and equality who stand for and with others.



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## Building our vision

Positioned on the Lane Cove River on Cammeragal land, few schools can claim a sense of place as strong as Saint Ignatius' College Riverview. While the campus continues to evolve, it sustains a timeless connection to the river, local community and its own history.

Gifts to our campus environment support our vision for the future: to create a campus that meets the educational, spiritual, cultural and recreational needs of those who study and work at Riverview.

Our benefactors help us preserve and improve our buildings and facilities to create first class teaching, boarding and cultural facilities for the College and the surrounding community.

**Investing in infrastructure today enables us to deliver excellence in teaching far into the future.**





## Your legacy

By making a bequest to the Riverview College Foundation, no matter how large or small, you too can make an enduring contribution to the advancement of learning and teaching at the College. Your gift will impact not only the students and staff of Saint Ignatius' College Riverview today, but also those who will work and study here many, many years from now.

Such philanthropy towards the College is acknowledged as an act of service, conscience, and compassion, in keeping with *Ignis* – our spirit of giving.

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## Michael Andrew Smith (1953 – 2006)

### Benefactor of The Smithy Bursary

Michael was born in Sydney and started at Riverview in 1966, where he made important lifelong mates. At the College, Mike loved rowing, being part of the 1st XV rugby team and his hero was Coach Les Kirkpatrick. He went on to study law but soon forged a career as a talented mainframe programmer and systems analyst.

Shortly after turning fifty, Mike was unfortunately diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. The grave news forced him to consider how to spend his final days; his 'bucket list' included some travel, important reconnections with special people and places and the inevitable reflection on his life and legacy.

During his final chapter, he and his family received loyal and affectionate support from his Riverview mates. The Old Boys exemplified the Ignatian spirit and Michael was fondly farewelled at a Requiem Mass in the Dalton Chapel at the College.

Michael Smith bequeathed his estate to establish The Smithy Bursary so that others less fortunate might also share the spirit of Saint Ignatius. His sister Michele said, "We are proud that Michael chose to give something back to his other family, the community he so obviously valued and which supported him. This, his final act, was befitting of an Old Ignatian."

**We hope you will consider joining Michael and other benefactors who share a passion for supporting education and pastoral care at Saint Ignatius' College Riverview.**







## Bequest Wording

A Will is a very personal statement and as each individual's circumstances vary, we strongly recommend that you consult your legal adviser before drafting a new will or updating an existing one.

The following bequest wording is suggested to indicate your desire to make a bequest to the Riverview College Foundation.

*"Thereby bequeath to the Riverview College Foundation (ABN 61 002 802 164), Tambourine Bay Road Lane Cove NSW 2066, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, for the purpose of supporting Saint Ignatius' College Riverview."*

Should you require assistance with more specific language, please contact the **Riverview College Foundation on 9882 8380.**



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## Building the Future Together



“It is easy to give a boy a trophy for sporting success or an award for academic merit. But to give a gift to a young man with very little to his name? Now that - that’s hard. But you do it, and continue to do so. That alone is a testament to courage and to a belief in God that transcends the superficial. In a world saturated by self-centric attitudes and feigned morals, such an act is a seed. A seed that will flower in amidst the darkest borders of our future and provide a light where there is none. And we may hope that the garden and gardeners grow together. We may be separated by wealth, class and stereotypes, but despite that, we are one, unified human family. I realised this at my time at Riverview and I hope to never forget it.”

**ELVIS GLEESON (OR2016), BURSARY RECIPIENT**

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“The 21st century learning space is complex, incorporating ever more sophisticated technologies to improve engagement and deepen thinking through enquiry and inter-disciplinary approaches. The development of these new spaces which promote multiple learning modes is critical to enabling these new pedagogies to be employed effectively and authentically, because students need to be ready to face their future. We need to ensure that our approaches to learning provide the right skills for our young people to manage their world, and more for us, as Ignatian educators, we want our young people to be prepared to *change* the world.”

**MR RUSSELL NEWMAN, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL TEACHING & LEARNING**





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## Thank You

We are honoured that you are willing to consider a bequest to the Riverview College Foundation.

A bequest to Saint Ignatius' College Riverview is an important gift to the College, signifying a permanent commitment to *Ignis*, the spirit of giving, and to excellence in teaching and pastoral care for our students.

Should you wish to discuss a gift in your Will, please contact:

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*Quantum potes, tantum aude*