



St Leonard's College

FOUNDATION

Supporting an education for life



Your Gift.
Their Future.


Thank you

For your Consideration of St Leonard's College

Thank you for your interest in leaving a bequest to St Leonard's College in your Will.

A gift in your Will is a lasting legacy towards the continued fulfilment of our College Mission:

“Through inspiring and caring professionals and in a physically, emotionally and spiritually safe coeducational environment, St Leonard's College provides an exemplary, innovative education for its students, enriched by the traditions of its heritage and the diversity of all humanity to develop global citizens who know and embrace all others as equals.”



“To place your name by gift or bequest in the keeping of an active educational institution is to... make a permanent contribution to the welfare of humanity.”

Calvin Coolidge



Peace of Mind

that Your Gift is in Good Hands

A bequest shows your willingness to invest in future generations of Leonardians, empowering them to change the world for the better.

Our Bequest Charter

When you entrust us with your bequest, you can rest assured it will be a lasting legacy.

Our Bequest Charter on the following page outlines how we will work together to give you peace of mind about your meaningful and generous contribution.

Our Bequest Charter

The Ways We Will Work Together

1. We understand that your family and loved ones will always come first.
2. We understand that making a Will is a personal decision.
3. We will treat your gift with the deepest respect and will seek to understand your gift intent.
4. We will ensure your bequest is used effectively and efficiently so that it has the most impact on our students' lives.
5. We will always respect your privacy.
6. If we are aware that you have included a bequest in your Will, we will provide opportunities for you to see the impact of bequests.
7. Should you wish us to, we will stay in touch with you about upcoming events and activities at St Leonard's College.
8. We will seek to acknowledge and recognise your generosity in a manner that is valued by you, including any wishes to remain anonymous.
9. At any time, you have the right to change your mind about a gift in your Will to the College.
10. St Leonard's College is deeply committed to sound financial management and careful oversight to ensure that your gift is managed and administered in accordance with your wishes.





Supporting the
Scientists of Tomorrow

Planning Your *Bequest*

St Leonard's College welcomes your bequest, of any size. Every bequest makes an enduring and meaningful difference, supporting the College's vision of an 'Education for Life'.

It is simple to add a provision for a bequest in your Will. You may choose to define your bequest as:

- A percentage of your estate
- A percentage of the residue of your estate
- A nominated fixed sum
- Specified assets

Your bequest can be directed to an area of your choice including:

- General unrestricted purposes
- General Foundation Fund
- Indigenous Scholarship Fund
- Global Citizen (Refugee) Scholarship Fund
- Leonardian (Socially Disadvantaged) Scholarship Fund

A Will provides you with an important opportunity to determine how your estate will provide for those people, organisations and causes that are nearest and dearest to you. We recommend that you share your intentions with your family when planning your bequest, and that you seek independent legal and financial advice when preparing or updating your Will.

Did you know that school fees and government grants cover only the essential running costs of the College including teacher salaries and classroom materials?

Recognising Your *Bequest*



The St Leonard's College Bequest Society recognises the kindness and generosity of those who have chosen to leave a gift to the College in their Will.

Membership of the St Leonard's College Bequest Society is open to anyone who confirms, in writing, their intention to leave a bequest to the College in their Will.

Members of the St Leonard's College Bequest Society are invited to maintain an enduring connection to the College through special invitations to attend events and activities.

Your generous gift will also be recognised in selected College publications unless you wish to remain anonymous.

While we encourage everyone who has left a bequest to St Leonard's College in their Will to notify us, we understand that some may not seek recognition. If you have chosen to kindly give to St Leonard's College in your Will and would like to join the St Leonard's College Bequest Society, please contact the Foundation Office on +61 3 9909 9569 or email foundation@stleonards.vic.edu.au





Giving the Gift of *An Education for Life*

“From childhood, my parents instilled the importance and value of education as a vehicle to uncover the latent talents and capacity of each individual. Because of this, the values of St Leonard’s College resonate strongly with me. St Leonard’s College has given me a rewarding professional experience and created long lasting connections that will continue on for years to come. Honouring that with a bequest is a small way in which I can make a difference for someone in the future and ensure that they have the blessing of an ‘Education For Life’.”

Susanne Haake, Director of Academic Development, St Leonard's College,
Member of the St Leonard's College Bequest Society





The Impact of Your
Bequest

Our graduates are incredibly grateful for their scholarship opportunities at St Leonard's College. Their lives have been changed immeasurably, thanks to the kindness of others.

Receiving the Gift of *An Education for Life*

"The Global Citizen Scholarship transformed my life for the better. St Leonard's College provided me with the opportunity to receive a good education and this assisted me in getting into a Bachelor of Arts at The University of Melbourne. The College community always supported me, making me feel accepted.

In the future, I want to be a leader to show the world that girls from Afghanistan are capable and we are not only victims of war. I want to see the world as a peaceful place for everyone since we all have the fundamental right to live in peace and with dignity."

Azada Hussaini (OC 2021)
Global Citizen Scholarship Recipient





Receiving the Gift of *An Education for Life*

Audrey Mardbinda, a proud Warruwi woman who completed year 12 at St Leonard's in 2019 is now a Mardbalk Ranger back in her home community of Warruwi. As part of her new role, Audrey spends some of her time helping educate students at the Warruwi School about many aspects of the environment including how to look after the flora and fauna and identifying bush foods.

Audrey has learnt many techniques that help to control and regenerate the bush including appropriate burning off techniques. She is very grateful for the opportunities she was given at St Leonard's and that she was able to develop lifelong skills as well as the confidence to try new experiences.

Audrey Mardbinda (OC 2019)
Mardbalk Ranger, Warruwi – Indigenous Scholarship Recipient



Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I leave a bequest to St Leonard's College?

Bequests are the most effective means of guaranteeing the future of St Leonard's College. We are dependent on the generosity of our community to provide scholarships, fund buildings and upgrade facilities. Your kindness ensures an exceptional education for our students.

I can't give much - is it still worth considering a bequest to St Leonard's College?

Absolutely! We are very grateful for gifts, large or small. Your generosity is invaluable and will have a lasting, positive impact regardless of the amount.

What is the quickest and easiest way to make a bequest, if I already have a Will?

If you already have a Will, adding a bequest to the College is simple. Your solicitor can prepare a codicil form or you can obtain one from the St Leonard's College Foundation. If you have not yet made your Will, your legal adviser can assist.

I would like to leave a bequest to help a specific group of students. Is this possible?

Yes, some bequests are targeted to support a specific group of students – for example, students in financial need. We recommend you speak with our Foundation Office about your wishes and to ensure your gift is as effective as possible in the long term.

Is there a minimum bequest for establishing a scholarship in perpetuity?

Yes, there is. Please contact our Foundation Office for a confidential discussion.

Do I need to notify St Leonard's College if I plan to leave a bequest?

It is not essential, but we do encourage you to notify us so that we can gratefully acknowledge your intentions and keep you up to date with regular communications. You will also have the opportunity to join the St Leonard's College Bequest Society.

Can I change my mind?

Yes, sharing with us your current intentions is not legally binding in any way. Once you have made the decision, you can make amendments to your Will accordingly. Your Will can also be changed by you at any stage in the future.

How does St Leonard's College manage bequests?

The College adheres to best financial management and governance practices. The College Council is accountable for oversight of the College's finances and the responsible investment of funds. The College, together with the Foundation, is committed to careful management to ensure your gift is administered in accordance with your wishes.

Should I consult my lawyer or my family?

For any important decisions regarding your Will, we recommend you seek legal advice along with the input of those nearest and dearest to you.



Preparing the Wording *In Your Will*

Your solicitor may find it useful to refer to suggested wording when completing your Will. Please ask your solicitor to insert the appropriate clause from the wording below:

'I GIVE free of all duties and taxes...(Please insert here the appropriate statement selected from the options below):

1. the whole of my estate
2. <insert percentage> of my estate
3. the residue of my estate
4. <insert number> percentage of the residue of my estate
5. the sum of \$ <insert value of gift>
6. <insert number> of my <insert name of shares> shares

...to the St Leonard's College Foundation (ABN 99756572783) of 163 South Road, Brighton East, Victoria 3187 for its general purposes. I declare the receipt of the St Leonard's College Foundation will be sufficient discharge for my Trustees.'

My gift is for the use and benefit of St Leonard's College at its absolute discretion. I declare that the receipt of a director or authorised officer of the College will be an absolute discharge to my executor.'

** If the testator wishes to specify a purpose to which the bequest is to be applied, revise any of the above three examples accordingly. For example, 'to be applied by the College for the purposes of (insert the testator's specific area of interest).'*

We recommend you seek advice from a solicitor when making your Will.
The information presented here is not legal advice.



Supporting the
Stars of Tomorrow

Leaving a *Bequest*

We would be delighted to have a confidential discussion with you about how your gift will benefit the College. The Foundation Office can provide information and assistance to ensure that making your bequest is a simple and rewarding experience.

When you include a gift in your Will please let us know so that we can acknowledge your generosity. We also respect that you may prefer for your gift to remain anonymous. The St Leonard's College Bequest Society has been formed to thank and acknowledge those who make a bequest to the College and all bequestors are invited to join.

To discuss your interest in becoming a bequestor, please contact the Foundation Office on +61 3 9909 9569 or email foundation@stleonards.vic.edu.au





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