

# SECURING CHRIST COLLEGE'S HOME FOR GOSPEL MINISTRY TRAINING



AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN THE SPACES WHERE CHRISTIAN LEADERS ARE FORMED



## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear friend,

I am struck by the vibrancy of our community here at Christ College. It is more than just a place of academic rigour (though that is, of course, important!).

It is a home where future leaders are shaped, not only in the classroom but in the shared spaces of life. Our vision of "Christ for all of life" is visible when students study, live, eat and pray together.

To continue providing this transformative environment, we must steward the physical foundations of our ministry.

This year, **we invite you to partner with us** in a significant way to ensure our campus remains a stronghold of gospel-centred training for generations to come. In these pages, you will discover more about the significance of the Christ College Building Fund.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our team - we'd love to chat!

In Christ,  
**Ian Smith**  
Principal, Christ College

## THE REALITY OF INFRASTRUCTURE

*To maintain our standard of excellence and safety, we face significant and necessary expenditures. Our property is a tool for ministry, and like any tool, it requires care and timely investment.*

*This page breaks down expected property costs in the coming year.*



## CLARENCE HOUSE STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

**\$100,000 IN  
2026  
INCLUDING...**

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*Roof Repairs*

*\$36,466*

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*Window Replacement*

*\$19,030*

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*Security Fence and Gate Installation*

*\$38,500*

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*Unit Front Door Replacements  
(Stretch Goal)*

*\$30,000 est.*

## CHRIST COLLEGE MAIN BUILDINGS

**\$160,000 IN  
2026  
INCLUDING...**

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*Heritage Office Block  
Roof Repairs*

*\$26,800*

## THE IMPACT OF COLLEGE HOUSING

Since 2017, we have welcomed 35 different families to live in our student accommodation (Clarence House). Many families end up having spouses study too. In total there have been 57 students supported by the accommodation in that time. Of those, 15 have gone on to serve as ministers in the Presbyterian Church of Australia, and two have gone back to New Zealand to serve as ministers.



### LACHLAN

Leaving behind rural Orange for the bustling streets of Sydney was a big step for Lachlan Armytage, but his heart was set on a deeper connection to his theological training. He was searching for a home where he could grow alongside others, sharing, *"I wanted to study in person, in community."* The warm welcome of on-campus housing made all the difference in his journey, providing a steady anchor that allowed him to focus on his calling. Lachlan reflects gratefully on how essential this support has been. Beyond the convenience of a short walk to class, living on-site has allowed him to flourish spiritually within a supportive family of fellow students.

To Lachlan, every brick of the college infrastructure represents an investment in the gospel. He says, *"While it's good to invest in a whole bunch of other things that happen at college, I think definitely investing in buildings is really important. To be able to have this available for us to come and study is a huge blessing."*



### CALEB AND JOSIE

Caleb moved to Sydney to attend Christ College and pursue ministry, driven by a desire to have *"good answers to questions about God and faith"*. The college community immediately made an impact, providing support and fellowship. Six months later, Caleb married Josie, using the college hall for their reception, where students were *"so willing to help out"*.

As newlyweds, they were provided subsidised housing in a college-owned flat, which made it possible for Josie to drop down to part-time work and start studying alongside Caleb. Caleb notes, *"I struggle to imagine a world where, if we were paying two to three times the rent plus commuting, we'd both get to study."* Josie adds that *"Training for ministry isn't just about downloading information but growing in character and godliness"* – growth made possible by the college's physical buildings offering space for the formation that happens in community.



## INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

This EOFY, we're asking you to consider a generous gift to our Building Fund.

When you give to Christ College's Building Fund, you are not just maintaining buildings - you are investing in the formation of men and women who will take the gospel into every corner of our world.

We are committed to the highest standards of financial integrity and transparency, ensuring that your gift is used effectively for its intended purpose.

## YOUR IMPACT IN 2026

Your generous gift this EOFY will help us close the gap on our planned building works and ensure that ministry formation can continue in fit-for-purpose facilities:

- **Elevation Partner:** A gift of \$10,000 to spearhead a major project
- **Stewardship Partner:** A gift of \$5,000 to support annual property maintenance
- **Community Partner:** A gift of \$1,000 to enhance student living spaces

Your tax-deductible contribution will ensure that every part of Christ College remains suitable, safe and stable for the students of today and the Christian leaders of tomorrow.

## NEXT STEPS

To discuss these projects in further detail or to arrange a private tour of the campus, please contact Allister Lum Mow, Director of Finance and Operations, at [alummow@christcollege.edu.au](mailto:alummow@christcollege.edu.au)

If you're ready now, you can give via direct debit:

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