
Invest in
Ridley College
Graduates Making
Jesus Christ
Known

Equipping men
and women for
God's mission in
a rapidly changing
and increasingly
complex world.





For the last 107 years Ridley College has been in the ministry of tertiary theological education.

God has used Ridley College to provide **critical training for future leaders and workers** in today's churches, workplaces, schools and mission fields. With as many as **one quarter** of Ridley College students **studying online from interstate**, Ridley can now be described as a **national college**.

The new atheism, past church failures, materialism and complex ethical questions represent serious obstacles to faith in Christ.

Christian Leadership in a Post-Christian World

We thank God that Ridley College continues to make a significant contribution to the progress of the gospel in our world. The College brings evangelical scholarship to bear on the new questions faced by Christians in a post-Christendom context, promoting a discipleship that is missionally effective and biblically faithful.

The challenges to Christian faith are arguably more acute than at any other time in the last fifty years.

Ridley seeks to promote an orthodoxy in which the gospel is both defended and proclaimed, and God's people remain faithful in increasingly hostile environments. The world needs the hope and power of the gospel communicated and lived out with integrity and faithfulness.

Strategic Direction and Foci

Thought leadership and world-class scholarship. The College is the top-ranked college among the sixteen colleges in the Australian College of Theology Consortium in terms of faculty research and publications. In addition to teaching people studying for their first degrees in theology, Ridley has a vibrant postgraduate studies program.

First-class online delivery of theological education and formation. Ridley Online offers input from international teachers, engaging course design and an excellent suite of digital resources. This is leading to fruitful partnerships with dioceses, churches, campus groups and other organisations looking to train local workers and leaders.



Equip
students for
contemporary
mission & ministry
challenges



Adapt
the delivery of
training & formation
to a changing
environment



Extend
our reach across
Melbourne, throughout
Australia & beyond



Engage
internationally
as a thought leader

2017 Student Snapshot



202
Online



273
Campus

475 Students Total



By God's grace Ridley College has made a significant contribution to the work of the kingdom of God through its graduates over many decades.

Well-known graduates include:

Bishops **John Wilson**, **Barbara Darling**, **Richard Condie**, **Brad Billings** and **Paul Barker** in Australia, and Bishop **Jacob Kwashi** in Nigeria; Principals of theological colleges **Peter Adam**, **Peter Hastie**, **Judith Long** and **Tim Patrick** in Australia, and **Alf Stanway** in the USA; missionary leaders **Barbara Deutschmann**, **Michael Collie** and **Wei-Han Kuan**; church leaders **Lance Shilton**, **Peter Corney** and **Guy Mason**; and academics **Denise Cooper-Clark**, **Allan Day** and **Louise Messer**.

Manager, Renegade Fitness Centre

Jamie Murray Bachelor of Ministry

'People come to Renegade to reach their fitness goals and they are looking for community', says Jamie. 'Inside the Renegade circle, there are a bunch of Christians who love and serve Jesus, and who spend time with people.'

Jamie runs Renegade, a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and mixed martial arts fitness centre in Kensington, Melbourne. 'I have never considered going into full time ministry, rather I treat my life as a mission. What is important is that people in my life know the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.' Jamie has come to Ridley to learn how to 'bridge that gap', so he can take the fundamental truths of the Bible and present them in a format that is understandable, obtainable and reachable.





Chaplain, Overnewton Anglican Community College

Helen Dwyer Bachelor of Ministry

'I lead them, nudge them and nurture them. I reflect back to them what's going on around them, but through the lens of faith, with all the hope, love and grace that comes through faith in Jesus'.

Ridley College graduate, Helen Dwyer has a clear vision: 'I want people to think counter-culturally, just like Jesus did'. Helen is a chaplain at Overnewton Anglican Community College. 'I have the important job of helping the students and staff understand how the Bible is still relevant to them now', says Helen. Helen endeavours to be a living witness to God's love, mercy and compassion as she journeys with those she ministers to.

Lead Pastor, Inner West Anglican Church

Pete Greenwood Master of Divinity/ Graduate Diploma of Divinity

‘The future of gospel ministry is all the brighter because of the work of Ridley in training faithful ministers who love Jesus and his church’.

Pete Greenwood is the lead pastor of Inner West Anglican Church, which was planted in 2015 with a vision to see many lives transformed by the gospel. Pete says that his time at Ridley prepared him well to serve in church planting. ‘It was in classes on the Bible, theology and history that my understanding of who God is and what he has done was expanded. And it was in my preparation for ordination through the Anglican Institute that my desire to plant a church that makes fully-formed missionary disciples was nurtured.’

Pete also sees the impact of many others who have been trained at Ridley. ‘I’ve seen how God is using this College to build his kingdom in Melbourne. Churches are being planted, lives are being changed, and society is being impacted through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.’



Students today want more interaction with teaching staff and more individual feedback, as well as more integration with technology and mobile devices.

When properly harnessed, all of these things can lead to better education and formation for students. Ridley's leadership have researched trends in learning spaces for higher education. The upgraded libraries and learning centres of major universities look very different from Ridley's current library and campus.

The next move at Ridley College is to upgrade our campus facilities in order to offer the best experience for students in terms of teaching and formation. Ridley believes that it has the best message the world has ever known and wants to ensure that we teach that message in the most effective manner.

Major universities' facilities are designed to facilitate student-faculty interaction, small group work and use of technology in ways that are essential to learning and formation.





The success of Ridley College's future graduates will be enhanced by upgrading our facilities.

As the demand for quality graduates increases the facilities at 170 The Avenue, Parkville need upgrading. The last major upgrade of the campus in 1984 was designed to serve the College for 30 years. Now **33 years later** the student facilities are far behind current standards.

1. **The Library faces increasing space pressures for both students and resources.** The Library was built with a specific lifetime in mind. The Library building has served students well over the decades and is now in need of expansion and refurbishment.
2. **Students do not have an area on campus that gives them space to interact informally with teaching staff.** Communal morning teas and lunches are integral to the development of the community at Ridley. They provide key opportunities for students to interact with faculty and peers, but 21st century students need more opportunities for such interactions.
3. **A student's ability to learn is diminished without the opportunity to collaborate in small group environments.** Our facilities are dated. As information and communication technology progresses so do learning styles. Community style learning in tertiary institutions has increased dramatically in recent years resulting in need for smaller workshop style spaces equipped with the latest technology.
4. **No access for disabled students.** The Library currently has no access for students with disabilities.

Building Development Plans

Existing Buildings

- B Baker
- R Wade Lodge (Reception & Registry)
- D Dining Room
- K Kitchen
- P Carpark with Disabled Parking
- C Chapel

Upgrade Building

- New Building Addition
- Refurbish Existing

Ground Floor

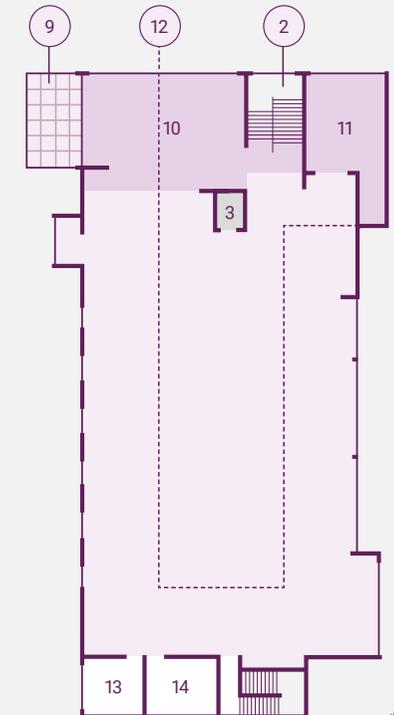
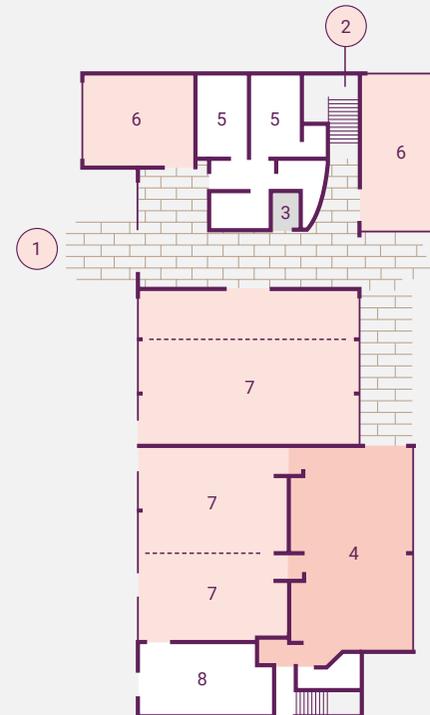
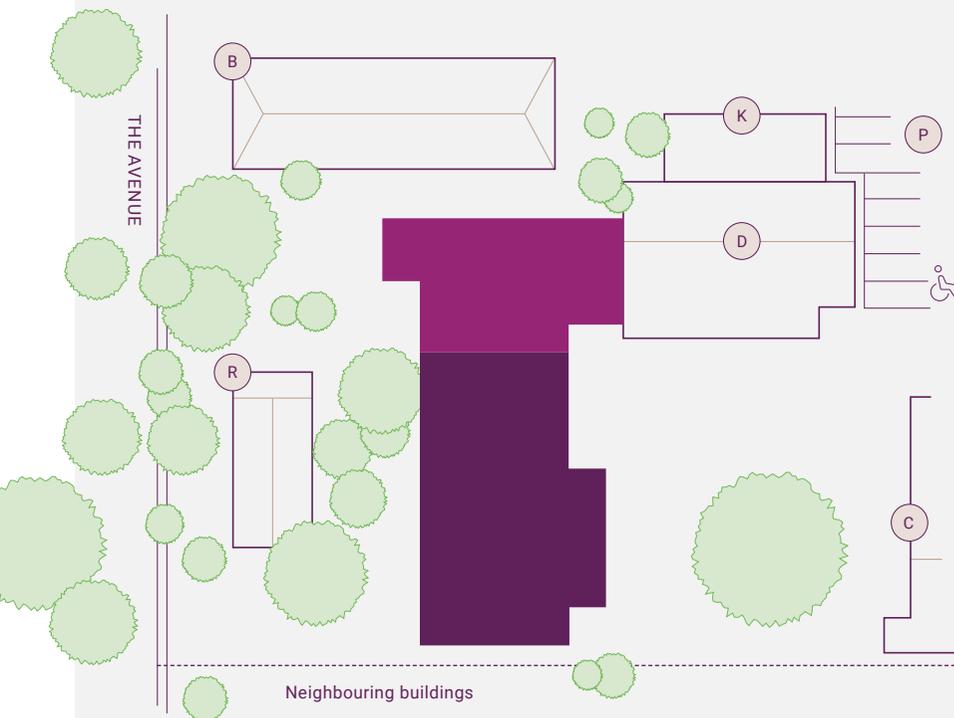
The ground floor development focuses on improving the way community happens on campus. It will help to create a cohesive community centred on best practice, and offer countless opportunities for student growth and formation.

1. New entry area to the campus
2. Main stair access to library
3. Disabled access to library
4. College lounge
5. Toilets
6. Additional meeting room/s
7. Flexible classrooms and learning spaces
8. Library storage

Level 1 with Mezzanine

The first floor and mezzanine development focuses on providing enlargement of the area available for students in a refurbished library. It also includes technology supported areas and disabled access.

2. Main stair access to library
3. Disabled access
9. Outdoor deck
10. Meeting and group study areas
11. Library office and storage
12. Mezzanine with meeting rooms and collaborative learning areas
13. Server room
14. Plant room





View from the 170 The Avenue entrance



Main entrance featuring stained glass from the previous Ridley Chapel

Over the past 15 years Ridley has taken significant steps to position itself for its mission.



Clear Vision

Renewed focus on theological education and formation with the closure of its Melbourne University Residential College.



Strategic Projects

Anglican Institute, building fund and online delivery development funded by the Centenary Appeal.



Financial Stability

Foundation Investment from sale of half the property to help fund training and formation of students.

The Ridley Property Development will cost \$4.4 million to complete.

Building Extension & Improvements	\$ 3.50 m
Plant & Lift	\$ 0.35 m
Groundworks	\$ 0.22 m
Fitout	\$ 0.17 m
Other costs	\$ 0.16 m
TOTAL	\$ 4.40 m

Ridley College Assets	\$ 3.00 m
Donations & Support Required	\$ 1.40 m
TOTAL	\$ 4.40 m

A pivotal investment for current and future students. Can Ridley College look to you to invest in training tomorrow's Christian workers and leaders?

Urgent action is required by people committed to the values of Ridley College and the training of tomorrow's Christian workers and leaders. Many have seen the impact of Ridley College's students in churches, schools, community and mission. Today you can invest in the current generation and the generations to come for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ and for the good of his people and his world.

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