

About the Anglican Institute

The **Anglican Institute** is a specialised learning community at Ridley College which seeks to **train and equip future** ordained leaders for the Anglican Church of Australia.

The Anglican Institute has three areas of focus:

1. Missional Leadership Training and Formation – teaching the core competencies required to be effective, as well as helping students grow in godly character
2. Research and Publications – providing opportunities for research into Anglican identity and practice, both its history and its contemporary expression and mission
3. Public Lectures and Conferences – assisting churches and leaders be better equipped for future gospel ministry in the world

What do we want our Ridley Ordinands to be like?

- Mission minded – able to create an evangelistic culture in both traditional Anglican contexts as well as in fresh expressions of church and church plants.
- Skilled in teaching the Bible and preaching the gospel
- Effective in leadership and able to build teams and set a creative vision
- Gifted in leading public worship
- Spiritually disciplined – living a life of holiness forged through daily prayer and Bible study
- Strong in interpersonal skills – being self aware and able to develop healthy relationships
- Theologically rigorous – having a mature theological understanding demonstrated in preaching and a commitment to continued reading and study.

How will we achieve this?

- A comprehensive programme of teaching in Bible, Theology, and Practical Ministry units leading to a Master of Divinity, Master of Ministry, Bachelor of Theology, or Bachelor of Ministry.

- A Monday Anglican formation program including participation in Monday chapel services, plenary sessions and enrolment in units such as Anglican Identity; Anglican Prayer Book; Introduction to Reflective Practice.
- Field placements which include both traditional and missional churches
- Encouraging mentoring opportunities.

How do I become part of the Anglican Institute?

Participation in the Monday Anglican Institute program requires completion of the application form on page 4 & 5, along with the safe ministry clearance declaration on page 6. Those who have been accepted as ordination candidates will participate as full members of Anglican Institute. Those who are considering ordination through the Year of Discernment program will become associate members of the Anglican Institute.

Fees are outlined below.

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Expectations for Ordination Candidates

It is both a privilege and challenge to become a leader among God's people. Ridley devotes significant resources to training those who have been accepted as candidates for ordination in the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, as well as for those preparing for ministry in the Australian Defence Force or in the Diocese of Tasmania, for example.

Monday Anglican Formation Program

Our Monday formation program in the Anglican Institute provides opportunity to learn liturgical, preaching and pastoral skills, to grow in our understanding of the national church, as well as to build relationships with a cohort of men and women who will become lifelong ministry peers.

We expect that candidates will be participants in the Monday Anglican formation program over two years.

Ridley Support

Outside of the Monday program, the Dean and the Associate Dean provide support, encouragement and advice as candidates navigate questions of discernment and pursue ministry opportunities as ordained clergy.

Anglican Camp or Retreat Day

Every other year, before second semester, students in the ordination stream attend a short camp or retreat. Families of ordination candidates are also invited to attend. This is a great opportunity for us to get to know the families of candidates, and for them to grow in support of each other. We encourage students to approach their church to ask for support to attend the camp or retreat day, which is subsidised by the College.

Ministry Placements

Ordination candidates are encouraged to undertake a supervised field placement each year of their Anglican formation. The Institute staff will help you arrange a placement. This is to be negotiated with the parish, either every Sunday of the academic year, or fewer hours per week over the calendar year. Those investigating ordination but not yet candidates are encouraged to consider such a placement too. The unit PC078: Introduction to Reflective Practice should be completed alongside a ministry placement.

In addition, students are encouraged to undertake a 40 hour placement in the middle of the year in a setting different from their regular parish placement.

Theological Study

The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne expects its ministers to undertake theological study before their ordination. Normally, this means completing a three or four year (full-time equivalent) theological course. The Anglican tradition values a learned clergy, who provide leadership in both church and the community. In our complex pastoral and cultural settings, the skills and reflection required of an ordained person are more and more demanding. We can be thankful that the Anglican Church of Australia recognises the responsibilities of ministry and the value of training that is both academically rigorous and pastorally applied.

Alongside Ridley course requirements ordination candidates should **include the following units:**

CH (or PC)	Anglican Identity (6cps) and
PC (or CH)	Anglican Prayer Book (6cps)
PC	Christian Worship
PC	two Reflective Practice units
	(with) <i>Supervised Theological Field Education</i>
TH	Theology units
	(with) The Church and its Ministry
CH	a Reformation unit
PC	a Pastoral Care unit
PC	a Preaching unit
PC	a Leadership and Management unit
PE	a Theological Ethics unit
EM	a Cross-cultural Ministry unit
PE	Christian Apologetics
LA	a Biblical Language

Note: not all units are offered at Ridley every year, some units will have pre-requisites, and some exceptions of the units (above) may be approved in conversation with the Dean of the Anglican Institute.

Other requirements include:

PC	<i>Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)</i> <i>Indigenous Theology and Awareness.</i>
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Students are encouraged to make an appointment with the Academic Counsellor for help with course planning. Email studentsupport@ridley.edu.au to arrange an appointment.

Costs of Membership

Anglican Institute Fees

These amounts are payable directly to Ridley College and cannot be allocated to FEE-Help.

Full Membership of the Anglican Institute is available to candidates for Ordination.

- The Anglican Institute program for members comprises: Monday Chapel; Lunch; Vocational Mentoring Group; Preparation for Anglican Ministry (exiting ordination candidates only); Ordination Candidates Camp.
- Candidates for Ordination are required to pay \$550 (plus GST) per semester for the AI Training Fee in 2026. Students will be invoiced for these amounts in Week 6 of each semester.

Associate Membership of the Anglican Institute is available to students in the Year of Discernment.

- Students who are accepted into Associate Membership are required to pay \$275 (plus GST) for Monday Chapel, Monday Lunch, and Vocational Mentoring Group. Students will be invoiced for these amounts in Week 6 of each semester.

Fee discounts and subsidies (applicable to tuition fees only)

- Hunter Scott Scholarships: Available for training of ordinands or ordained ministers.
- Ellen Margaret Taylor Bursary: Available for women studying theology, with preference given to women from country Victoria.

Anglican Institute Application Form

- Please return this form and the safe ministry clearance declaration (p6) to the Ridley Registrar's Office:
registrar@ridley.edu.au cc t.johnson@ridley.edu.au and k.beer@ridley.edu.au
- *If you have not previously studied with Ridley College, we will be in contact with you about completing the online application process at <https://www.ridley.edu.au/about-ridley/applying/> in addition to having completed this form.*

Personal Details

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Mobile: _____

Date of Birth: _____

ACT student number (if known/or have one): _____

Emergency contact (name, number & relationship) _____

Church you attend: _____

Study Plans

Please indicate the course you are currently enrolled in:

- Master of Divinity
- Master of Ministry
- Graduate Diploma of Divinity
- Bachelor of Theology
- Bachelor of Ministry
- other: _____

Expected year of completion of studies _____

additional information:

- Audit
 - to audit any units please complete and return the '[Ridley Enrolment Form](#)' to the Registrar's Office registrar@ridley.edu.au noting your intention to audit on the form
 - upfront audit fees apply, see [Ridley website](#)
- currently studying elsewhere at: _____
- previous complete or incomplete theological study including course and year(s):

Ministry Plans

Please include as appropriate:

- Ordination Candidate for Diocese of: _____
Expected year of ordination (if known) _____
- Enrolled in/ Currently undertaking Year of Discernment
- Completed Year of Discernment: year _____
- Spoken with the Bishop; *name of Bishop* _____
- Met with Examining Chaplains; *who/when* _____
- Attended a Selection Conference; *when* _____
- Interested in Parish Ministry
- Interested in Chaplaincy – School, Hospital, Prison, Other _____
- Interested in Church Planting
- Interested in Missionary Service/Overseas Ministry
- Other/exploring _____
- Are you baptised? *If yes, place and date.* _____
- Are you confirmed? *If yes, place and date.* _____
- Are you received into the Anglican church? (*only if baptised in another denomination*) _____

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Additional notes

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Safe ministry clearance declaration

I _____ (student's name)

hereby declare that I hold a current safe ministry clearance as required by the ministries I undertake, AND I have fully disclosed to relevant personnel at Ridley college the details of limitations or restrictions on my clearance for ministry service.

Further, I authorise Kooyoora Ltd, (or the relevant safe ministry authority of the Diocese in which I am seeking ordination), to confirm my clearance status and discuss matters related to my clearance with the Registrar and Anglican Institute faculty. This may include details of any limitations of my clearance for service and advice regarding the implications this may have for ministry placement opportunities as a Ridley student.

Signed: _____ (student)

Date: _____