

St Aloysius' College

Milsons Point, Sydney, NSW, Australia



In the shadow of the Harbour Bridge, this Jesuit boys' day school pairs Ignatian tradition with a top-15 HSC record.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	74/100
Academic outcomes	78/100
University placement	75/100
Prestige & heritage	76/100
Alumni network	75/100
Facilities	73/100
Transparency	72/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Few schools in Sydney trade on place as effectively as St Aloysius’ College: Milsons Point, under the Harbour Bridge, gives it a **distinctly urban** setting, and the school’s ***1879*** foundation gives it old-school Catholic ballast. This is a Jesuit boys’ day school for ages 4 to 18, taught in English and running an Australian curriculum from the earliest years through to the HSC. The combination matters. Parents are not buying a generic private school education here; they are buying a long-established, single-sex, explicitly Catholic formation with the discipline and expectations that follow from that model.

Its market position is clear. At an average annual day fee of ***A\$28,960*** across the full age range, St

Aloysius' sits in the expensive end of the Sydney day-school market, but not in boarding-school territory. That places it in the frame for families who want a traditional independent education without paying for a campus estate on the city fringe. AHISA accreditation reinforces that independent-school standing. The editorial tagline points to the real draw: an *academically serious* school with a top-15 HSC record. That gives St Aloysius' its edge. This is not a school for parents chasing progressive experimentation or a broad church of educational styles; it is for families who value structure, Catholic identity and strong public exam performance.

The boy who thrives here is bright, organised and comfortable in a *high-expectation* culture. He does not need co-education, sprawling grounds or a loose pastoral atmosphere to flourish. He will value tradition, respond to clear standards and cope well with a school that has a defined moral and intellectual frame. For the right family, that clarity is the point. St Aloysius' belongs on a shortlist because it offers something *specific and unapologetic*: Jesuit formation, a central Sydney location, and a proven academic reputation in a boys' day-school format that still has strong appeal for a certain kind of parent and pupil.

STRENGTHS

- As an academically selective Jesuit Catholic day school for boys, it recorded its highest-ever result in the 2022 HSC: The College ranked 15th on the list of the top 150 schools. This is the College's highest ever ranking.
- It is one of Sydney's oldest Catholic schools, tracing its roots to 1879: Founded in 1879 by Joseph Dalton SJ at St Kilda House, Woolloomooloo, St Aloysius' is the oldest independent Catholic boys day school in New South Wales.
- The campus occupies a distinctive inner-harbour position: St Aloysius' College is a Catholic independent day school, for boys from Year 3 to Year 12, situated in the shadow of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.
- The College runs a Bursary Program that is independently funded: What makes the St Aloysius' Bursary Program even more special is that it relies solely on the generosity of the Aloysian family and is neither in receipt of any government funding nor subsidised from school fees.
- It has a long-standing place in NSW's independent-school network: St Aloysius' is affiliated with the Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia (AHISA), the Junior School Heads Association of Australia (JSHAA), and is the oldest of the six schools which make up the Combined Associated Schools (CAS).

TRADE-OFFS

- The school enrolls boys only, across the entire age range: St Aloysius' College is a Catholic independent day school, for boys from Year 3 to Year 12, situated in Milsons Point.
- It is not set up for overseas student-visa enrolments: As St Aloysius' College is not a 'full-fee paying overseas students school', only applicants who are permanent residents of Australia, or whose families have a current Australian working visa (certified copy of passport must be submitted) are eligible to apply for admission to the College.
- Fees sit at the premium end of the market and several costs are billed separately from tuition: Parents of students in Years 3 to 6 will be invoiced a technology fee of \$100 per term and Year 7 \$210 per term (four each year) to cover costs of enhanced digital learning and ICT infrastructure. The above tuition fees do not include uniforms and textbooks. Nor does it include optional programs such as external courses, private music tuition, the Duke of Edinburgh Program, immersions, local and overseas tours.
- Its Catholic-Jesuit formation is central rather than incidental, and the College itself is candid that this can create friction for less religious households: It aims to complement the Christian values and Church attendance practised by the home. If the home does not rate these values highly, the student will be at best confused, and sometimes resentful, at this dissonance between home and school.

ADMISSIONS

Entry is mainly at Year 3 and Year 7, via a competitive entrance examination; the school states plainly that the entrance examinations are designed to select boys who are capable of attaining this level, and the College curriculum is styled to suit boys with such scholastic ability. Final decisions sit with the Rector and are not negotiated: the acceptance of an application and enrolment decisions are at the discretion of the Rector, and the College will not normally enter into negotiations with respect to admission. Crucially, only applicants who are permanent residents of Australia, or whose families have a current Australian working visa, are eligible to apply.

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