

UWS Hawkesbury Campus Tour Guide and Map.



Campus location, access and parking.

Monday to Friday the main Campus entry point is College Drive, an extension of Bourke Street Richmond. The Drive leads to a visitor parking area. On weekends and public holidays College Drive is closed and entry to the Campus is via Vines Drive, off Londonderry Road. At the time of writing a parking fee system is being developed and visitors may in the future, be required to purchase a parking ticket from the dispensers located at Campus entry points. The parking fee will be \$4 and this provides full day parking.

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For more information on how to find the
Hawkesbury Campus and to download a
larger version of the directional maps



Brief Campus History.

Hawkesbury Agricultural College was founded in 1891.

Its early role was to provide agricultural education and research services to support the then growing Colony of N.S.W.

The State Government allocated 1500 ha of crown land, known as Ham Common, located between the historic towns of Windsor and Richmond, as the site for the College.

The allocated land was actually quite poor and was covered with tea tree scrub and swamp areas. The Government optimists of the day indicated “this is an ideal environment for educating farmers”, presumably on the basis that if they could successfully farm this land they could farm anywhere.

At the time of formation there were two potential sites being considered for the first Agricultural College in the colony. The other site included the land area we now know as Rookwood cemetery. Ham Common was finally preferred as it was connected to Sydney by rail.

Hawkesbury Agricultural College started its life in two historic buildings located in downtown Richmond. The initial students did their academic work at either Toxana House or what is now known as the Snooty Fox (also known as Andrew Towns House) both located in Windsor Street Richmond.

Construction of the initial buildings on campus commenced in 1895. The initial construction was focused on what is known as the Quadrangle, located at the top of College Drive. The Drive ends in a circle known as Fairy Circle in front of the Quadrangle buildings. Fairy Circle contains a rose garden and the Drive, Circle and Quadrangle are all listed in the National Estate Register of historic facilities.

The other initial building constructed in the 1890's was Stable Square, building K4 on the Tour Map. The Square is a timber construction, which housed the College draft horses, the agricultural machinery and was the base for all student practical work.

Stable Square was completed in 1895 but suffered serious damage in a major fire that occurred in 1896. Over two thirds of the Square was destroyed by the fire. The summer of 1896 was one of the hottest ever recorded in the Hawkesbury district. The temperature reached 112 °F on “Black Monday” in April 1896, the day the Square was damaged. The Square was rebuilt by the then College Forman carpenter, Mr. A. Brooks, largely using student labour. Today the Square serves as the main student recreation and support centre and includes the Campus bar, a popular place during summer and well worth a visit.

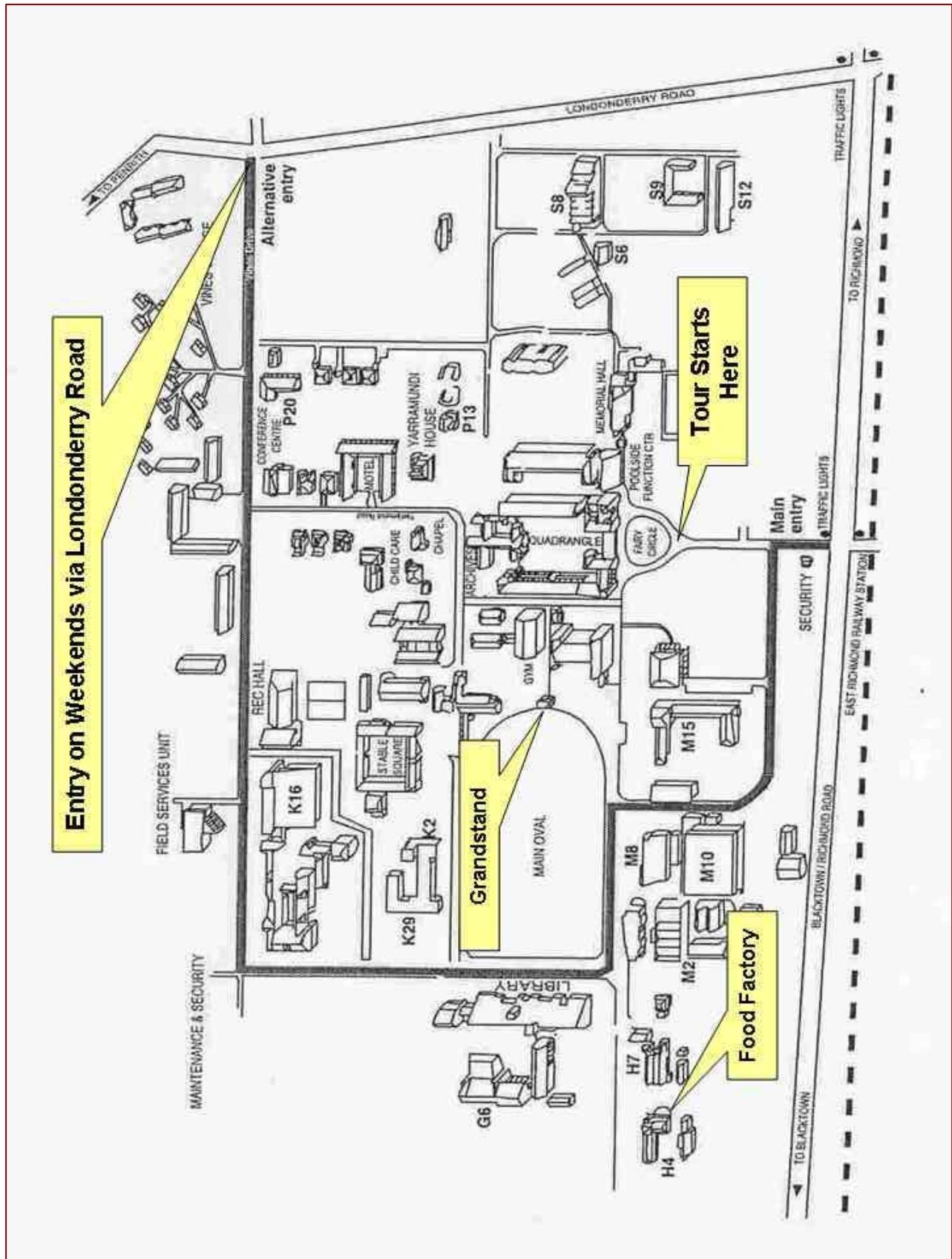
The initial 1891 student enrolment was 26 male students. The College remained an all-male and residential College up until as late as 1971 when the first female students were admitted. The College had remained as a small, specialised Agricultural College and student numbers had only grown to 285 over the College's 80 years of existence. The College courses had expanded from agriculture to include dairy technology and food sciences. With the coming of the girls the College relaxed the requirement for students to be resident on campus.

The Campus today has a student enrolment of over 3000 students. The current academic profile of the Campus includes tourism, agriculture and horticulture, animal sciences, food technology, general sciences, nursing, forensic science, medical science, nanotechnology, with courses offered at both undergraduate and post graduate levels.

Self-Guided Tour

The Campus entrances have distinctive blue freestanding directories and information kiosks. Access to the campus during the week is either of the two main entrances, College Drive off Bourke Street, Richmond, and Vines Drive off Londonderry Road. On weekends access to the campus is only via the Londonderry Road entrance.

The Hawkesbury Campus is divided into location zones, which are signified via alphabetical letters. Each building within a zone has a number. For example K4 is Stable Square. The tour map and guide indicates the location details and provides very brief details of the historic buildings. The tour guide contains a suggested route, which directs visitors to many of the historic buildings and some of the newer facilities. The tour requires a minimum of 1 hour 30 minutes to complete. Cafeteria facilities are located in Building L2 near the oval and there is also a small food and coffee outlet open around lunchtime in Building G1. Public toilets are located in Building K4 and in the G1 Quadrangle. Most areas of the campus have good disabled access.



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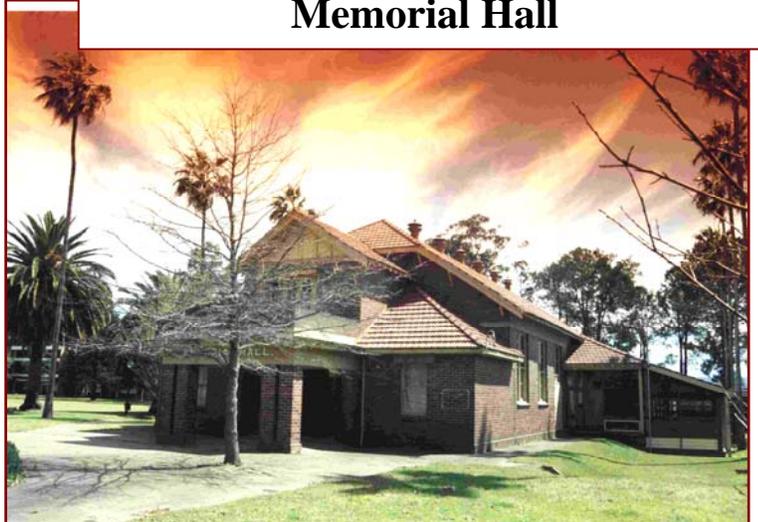
+ Tour starts at top of College Drive.

College Drive, Fairy Circle and
Quadrangle (R Zone)

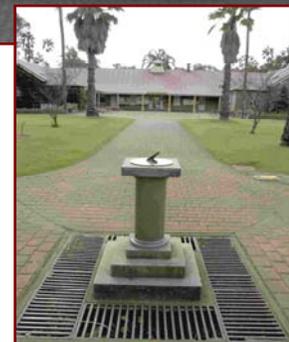
The Quadrangle Buildings were
constructed between 1895 and 1907
and provided accommodation for:
Principal and senior college staff (R4)
Lecture theatre and laboratory (R2
and R5)
A small library (R4)
Student residences (R2 and 3)
Student dining room and the kitchens
(R1).

This was the main teaching area of the
College in the early 1900's. The student residences are still in use today as are the two
small lecture theatres. The Campus archives are now located in the area which was the
kitchen. To the right of the entrance to the Quadrangle visitors can see the campus
swimming pool and Memorial Hall. The Hall was used as a lecture space for many
years and was restored in the late 1990s.

Memorial Hall



Quadrangle Buildings



+ Proceed to Yarramundi Road (P Zone).

On the corner is Yarramundi House, which was built as the residence of the College principal. Today it serves as a function centre facility. The building and gardens are heritage listed and are excellent examples of early 1900's design and landscaping.



The old cottages in Yarramundi Road were originally the homes of staff required to reside on Campus. They have been recycled and today are a mixture of office accommodation and facilities such as the campus child care facility.

The Zone also contains the Owen Carter Memorial Chapel and the Campus conference centre and associated motel built in the 1980/early 1990's period.



+ Proceed to Stable Square (K Zone)

Constructed in 1895 and rebuilt a year later after being seriously damaged by fire this building was the heart of the College in terms of practical agriculture. It housed the working draft horses and all of the farm machinery. Today it's the student facility area, including the bar and student shop plus meeting rooms etc.

The adjacent buildings are also heritage listed. They include the blacksmiths shop (K5) and the wool classing building (K3). Building K13 was also part of the wool facilities and is now used by the Hawkesbury Community workshop for arts and crafts teaching. If open please feel free to visit and inspect



+ Proceed to Campus Library (G Zone)

The library quadrangle contains several of the newer buildings on Campus dating from the late 1970's .The new library G1 was completed in the late 1970s. The College had moved from being part of the Department of Agriculture to a freestanding College of Advanced Education in the 1970's. In 1989 the College then became part of the new University of Western Sydney. From the 1970's onwards the academic profile of the campus broadened with disciplines such as tourism and hospitality, nursing and general and applied sciences being progressively introduced throughout the period. The College grew from 285 students in 1972, the first year as a College of Advanced Education, to over 2500 students in the early 1990's. Student numbers now are in excess of 3000.



To cope with this growth Building G6 (computer centre and a 300 seat tiered lecture theatre) was constructed in the early 1990's, as was the Applied Science building (K12) and the Nursing office building (G5).

+ Proceed to the Food Factory Zone (M Zone).

The M Zone contains the main food science and technology teaching and practical experience facilities. Originally the College factory facilities included a commercial dairy factory, a cheese factory, a food pilot plant, a steam generation plant as well as laboratories and other specialist facilities. Building M 2 was originally the dairy factory but it has been recycled in recent years into the Campus winery. The food pilot plant still exists in M 10 but this now also accommodates the new forensic science laboratories.

To the left in the M Zone is the Campus oval. Rugby has been an important part of the Campus history since the late 1890's and is still played today on the main oval. Note the historic grandstand and the scoreboard, both painted in the Hawkesbury colours of blood and mustard.



+This completes the self-guided tour of the Campus. We hope you have enjoyed the visit.

Guided tours and inspections of our specialist facilities (such as the horticulture zone, the winery, including taste tasting, the forensic crime scene house, etc can be arranged for groups with notice. These tours do however involve a charge and can only be by prior arrangement. Enquiries can be made to b.Lindsay@uws.edu.au