



SYDNEY BIBLE
BAPTIST COLLEGE

**STUDENT
COLLEGE
PROSPECTUS**

**ENTER TO LEARN
GO FORTH TO SERVE**



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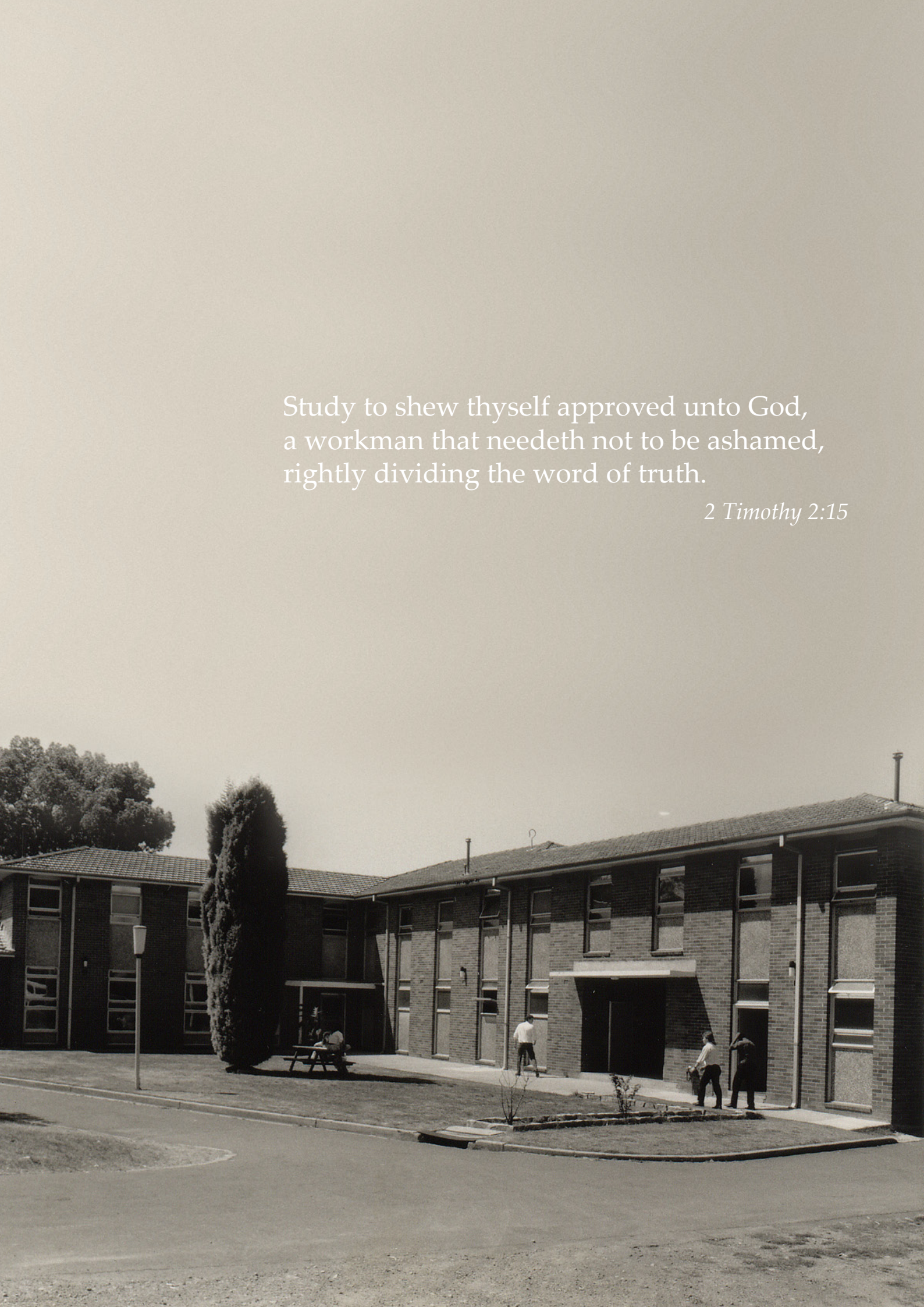
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OVER 300 YEARS
OF MINISTRY
EXPERIENCE
FROM OUR
LECTURERS



Study to shew thyself approved unto God,
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

WELCOME TO SBBC

Colleges have come and gone but Sydney Bible Baptist College (SBBC) has stood firm. Pastor Marvin Matthews founded the college ministry in 1974, the same year he founded Metropolitan Baptist Church.

Thank you for your interest in SBBC. On behalf of our faculty and church family, we are excited about helping to train Christian leaders in the 21st century.

SBBC is a "local church" based ministry and is very grateful for the help and support of churches of like faith. We are thankful that God has allowed our church to expand its ministry and open its doors to you. The question is often asked, "Are we able to effectively train people for the ministry in Australia?" The answer is a resounding "Yes!" You don't need to go overseas to receive training for the ministry; SBBC is ready to serve you to this end.

I had the privilege of being saved, baptized and grounded through the ministry of Metropolitan Baptist Church and then went on to be trained for the ministry at Sydney Bible Baptist College. It granted me, and many, many others like me, a balanced, exciting and complete preparation for the ministry.

Over 30 years have passed since my graduation, and our college remains true to the "old paths" of fundamental baptist doctrine and practice. The college features an unparalleled team of lecturers and staff, fine academic resources and years of experience in training Aussie men and women for the ministry. Yes, SBBC is ready and able to serve you!

Whether your goal is to acquire a foundation of Bible knowledge for use within your local church or to graduate and go on to full-time service, our program has you in mind. We are also committed to equipping our students with a working knowledge of the ministry for today's generation.

With God's help and proper training, we believe our graduates will "make a mark in history" as they go into all the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

— **Pastor Mario Schiavone**
*Metropolitan Baptist Church
Lane Cove West, NSW*

FAITHFUL MEN

HEROES OF THE BAPTIST FAITH



John Bunyan 1628-1688

John Bunyan was a self-educated English Baptist preacher who wrote in a prison cell at Bedford, the delightful and immortal allegory, "The Pilgrim's Progress". To this day it is the most widely read piece of Christian literature, second only to the Bible.

Men, woman and children would come to his prison cell to hear him preach the Word of God through the cell window. When Bunyan was released from prison, he served as Pastor at Bedford for sixteen years.

Adoniram Judson 1788-1850

The son of a Congregational minister, Judson taught himself to read at the age of three, and by his tenth year he was a serious student of theology.

At Andover Theological Seminary he could not get away from the words of a missionary appeal, "Go ye into all the world." In 1810 he helped form the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and, two years later, he and his new wife, Ann, sailed for India.

When the Indian government refused to allow them to enter, they went to Burma, where they worked for six years before winning a convert. During those years Judson was imprisoned for nearly two years. Soon after his release, Ann and their baby daughter, Maria, died.

Judson spent his time translating the whole Bible into Burmese. In 1845 he returned for a visit to America, but the burning desire to win the Burmese people sent him back to the Orient, where he soon died.

Thirty years after his death, Burma had 63 Christian churches, 163 missionaries, and over 7,000 baptized converts.



C. H. Spurgeon 1834-1892

"We believe that the Baptists are the original Christians. We did not commence our existence at the reformation; we never came from the Church of Rome, for we were never in it, but we have an unbroken line up to the apostles themselves.

We have always existed from the very days of Christ, and our principles, sometimes veiled and forgotten, like a river, which may travel underground for a little season, have always had honest and holy adherents.

Persecuted alike by Romanists and Protestants of almost every sect, yet there has never existed a Government holding Baptist principles, which persecuted others; nor I believe any body of Baptists ever held it to be right to put the consciences of others under the control of man.

We have ever been ready to suffer, as our martyrologies will prove, but we are not ready to accept any help from the State, to prostitute the purity of the Bride of Christ to any alliance with the government, and we will never make the Church, although the Queen, the despot over the consciences of men".

(extract From The New Park Street Pulpit, Vol.VII, Page 225)



B. H. Carroll 1843-1914

Benajah Harvey Carroll was a Baptist minister and educator. In 1865, at the age of 22, he was converted to Christ by a Methodist evangelist, and was ordained to the ministry in 1866.

After pastoring several Baptist churches, he became secretary of the Education Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in 1899. In 1901 he became head of the Bible department at Baylor University, Texas.

In 1905 he was made dean of the Baylor Theological Seminary, later known as South-western Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Carroll served as president of South-western until his death in 1914.

He believed in the Baptist interpretation of the teachings of the New Testament, and was devoted to spreading those teachings to the uttermost parts of the earth.

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL EMERITUS

Sydney Bible Baptist College is dedicated to training spiritual leaders for the 21st century. The training at SBBC will be undertaken with the following facts in full view:

1. We believe the Word of God can never be improved upon. We humbly desire that our directions and methods should be biblical, and that our associations should be fundamental and separatist.
2. We will gratefully honour the rich heritage handed us by past generations as we face the daunting challenges for the future.
3. We will do all in our power to offer each student the opportunity for a tremendous increase of knowledge. This will be realized through a searching study of the Scriptures and related sound resources.
4. We are committed to place a special emphasis upon character-building in order to develop a ruggedness of faith in the lives of dedicated, tenacious and determined leaders for the future. We reject the "normality of the age" and will seek the "abnormality" of biblical faith, practice and conduct.
5. Our job could be summed up in this expression: we will teach you how to load the "Gospel gun" and how to shoot it.
6. We will seek to develop rounded, balanced servants for the ministry who will preach and live the "whole counsel of God."

Nehemiah instructed the people of God to build, and so they held the trowel in one hand and began to build. But he also instructed them to hold the sword in the other hand in order to protect what they were building. The "trowel and the sword" are both necessary in the ministry, and SBBC will give each its rightful emphasis.

All of us at Sydney Bible Baptist College look forward to being of service to you. We count it a God-given privilege to invest ourselves in the spiritual future of God's servants who come to SBBC for training.

— **H Richard Hester**
Sydney Bible Baptist College

ACADEMIC DEAN'S WELCOME

After yielding to God's service, the Lord led me to study at SBBC for three years, and then a further three years in seminary.

My formal training allowed me to get to know the Bible through subjects that I didn't know even existed. I was able to search out reasons for the faith once delivered to the saints.

I had opportunity to question established belief to be certain that it was founded upon the Word of God. I was introduced to the experiences and faith of men and women of God who had walked with God before me.

I was forced to trust God to fulfill the arduous responsibilities of study, employment, family and ministry. I was blessed and challenged by my fellow students who had forsaken all, and endured all, to serve Christ.

Finally, I gained a sense of spiritual maturity and a renewed vision for ministry both in Australia and abroad.

My formal training had prepared me to serve the Lord for the past 30 years, and has enabled me to likewise train others who have been called to prepare for the ministry.

— **Pastor Sam Joukhadar**
*Faith Baptist Church
Seven Hills, NSW*

SOME OF OUR LECTURERS

Sydney Bible Baptist College is committed from its beginning to a vision of serving other local, churches of like faith and practise.

That vision has continued to this day and is reflected in the list of lecturers from churches in the area. Sydney Bible Baptist College appreciates these men and women of God who capably give of themselves and their time to sacrificially serve in this rich ministry of preparing labourers for the Lord's great harvest field.



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Seven Hills*



**Pastor Bobby
Buhren**
*Crossroads
Baptist Church*



Pastor Jon Hall
*Living Hope
Baptist Church*



**Pastor Brad
Williamson**
*Crossroads
Baptist Church*



**Pastor
Marco De Leon**
*Southside Baptist
Church*



**Pastor Trevor
Ringwaldt**
*Grace Bible
Baptist Church*



**Pastor Keith
Piper**
*Liberty Baptist
Church*



**Pastor James
O'Sullivan**
*Metropolitan
Baptist Church*



**Pastor Ross
Oliver**
*Victory Baptist
Church*

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Lecturers at Sydney Bible Baptist College are required to subscribe to the Confession of Faith of the college. SBBC holds and teaches the essential doctrines of the Christian faith as embraced by the historic biblical Baptist position.

We believe in...

The Bible

As the revealed Word of God, fully and verbally inspired of God. We believe the Scriptures to be the inerrant, infallible Word of God, as found in the 66 books from Genesis to Revelation. We believe God not only inspired every word, but has preserved them through the ages. At SBBC we use only the King James Version which we honour as a faithful, accurate and unsurpassed English translation of the inspired and preserved text.

(Psalm 12: 6-7; II Timothy 3: 15-17; I Peter 1: 23-25; II Peter 1: 19-21).

God

We believe in one God, who is eternal, self-existent, infinite, and immutable. We believe He has one nature, one essence, and one substance, yet manifests Himself to man in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

(Deuteronomy 6:4; I Timothy 1: 17; James 1: 17; I John 4: 4).

Jesus Christ

We believe Jesus Christ to be the one and only Saviour of mankind. We believe Jesus Christ to be eternally God and to possess all the attributes of Deity. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was virgin born, that He was God incarnate, and that the purposes of the incarnation were to reveal God, to redeem men, and to rule over God's kingdom. We believe Jesus Christ never relinquished any attributes of His Deity, but merely veiled them. We believe He lived a perfect, sinless life, at the end of which He was offered for all mankind as a substitutionary sacrifice for man's sin. This sacrifice was a just payment to God for the forgiveness of sin. It was activated by His death through the shedding of His blood on the cross and was accepted by God upon His resurrection. We believe He ascended into Heaven after His resurrection to be seated at the right hand of the Father, waiting for the time of receiving His church at the rapture, and returning seven years later to earth to rule and reign as King for 1000 years.

(Psalm 2: 7-9; Isaiah 7: 14, 9: 6; 43: 11; Micah 5: 2; Matthew 1: 25; Luke 1: 26-35; John 1: 1, 1: 13, 14, 18, 29; Romans 3: 19-25; Romans 5: 6-15; Philippians 2: 5-11; I Thessalonians 4: 13-18; I Timothy 2: 5; I Timothy 3: 16; Titus 2: 10-15; Hebrews 7: 26, 9: 24-28; I Peter 1: 19, 2: 2; I John 1: 3; Revelation 20: 1-6).

Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit of God is a person who has personality and all the attributes of Deity. We believe the Holy Spirit has always been involved in the affairs of mankind. However, we believe He has a special ministry which began at Pentecost and will continue until the rapture. The ministry includes convicting the world of sin, righteousness and judgment. The Holy Spirit was also sent to regenerate, sanctify, seal and fill all who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ.

(John 3: 5-6; John 14: 16; Acts 1: 5; Acts 11: 15; I Corinthians 3: 16; I Corinthians 6: 19-20; I Corinthians 12: 13).

Creation

We believe in the literal interpretation of the book of Genesis. God spoke the world into existence in six literal days and that there was a universal worldwide flood.

(Genesis 1-11; Exodus 20:14; Psalm 19:1-5, John 1:1-3).

Sin and Salvation

We believe all men are born with an inherited sinful nature received from our common ancestor, Adam. We believe that because of his nature, man is a sinner by choice, and he is totally incapable of reforming himself or ceasing from sin by his own power. We believe the only hope of deliverance for man is a total change of mind concerning his sinful condition and inability to change it, and a turning to Jesus Christ as the only Saviour. We believe that only through the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ on the cross can a man be delivered from sin. We believe that all those who reject Jesus Christ as their Saviour are already condemned to an eternity in the lake of fire.

(Genesis 5: 1-5; Acts 4: 19; Acts 16: 31; Romans 3: 10-23; Romans 5: 6-12; Romans 6:23; Romans 10: 9-10; Ephesians 2: 8-9; Titus 3: 5-6; Revelation 20: 11-14).

The New Testament Church

We believe the church was conceived with the calling out of the 12 apostles by Jesus Christ. We believe the local church is God's only institution to carry out His work today. We believe the local church is composed of members who have been saved and baptized according to the command of Christ, and have voluntarily united together for the purposes of worship, fellowship, service, and observance of the ordinances of baptism and communion. We believe all true believers will be taken up at the rapture, just prior to the tribulation.

(Matthew 16: 16-18; Acts 1: 15; Acts 2: 41-43; Acts 11: 15; Acts 20: 28; I Corinthians 15: 51-58; Ephesians 1: 12-14; Ephesians 5: 25-30; I Thessalonians 4: 13-18; I Timothy 3: 4-15).

The Last Days

We believe in the literal interpretation of the Scriptures in their grammatical and historical context. We believe in the pre-tribulation rapture of the church saints, followed by the seven-year tribulation. We believe in the pre-millennial return of Christ to earth and His literal rule of 1000 years. Following this 1000 years is the Great White Throne judgment and then the new heaven and new earth.

(I Corinthians 15: 51-58; I Thessalonians 4: 13-18; I Thessalonians 5: 1-9; Revelation 19: 22).

MISSION OBJECTIVES

The purpose of Sydney Bible Baptist College is to provide a balanced Christian education, which will fully equip born-again people with Bible doctrine that is distinctively Baptist.

1. To give each student a working knowledge of the Bible.
2. To give each student tools for his/her continued study of the Bible after he or she leaves SBBC.
3. To provide a balance of teaching absolute truth and showing how to apply it to our present day.
4. To enrich each student with our Baptist heritage and to apply its history to the present so we do not repeat its mistakes, but do repeat its successes in the future.
5. To impart knowledge of Bible doctrine, so that each student can build convictions and develop Christian character.
6. To increase each student's desire to walk with God and apply God's wisdom to his life.



THE IMPACT OF SBBC

In partnership with local churches

1. To send graduates into full-time Christian service in local Independent Baptist churches.
2. To prepare a harvest of pastors, missionaries, teachers, church ministers, and evangelists.
3. To plant New Testament Baptist churches throughout Australia.
4. To send forth missionaries to foreign fields to pioneer new works.
5. To send out servants whose hearts are stirred to win souls for Christ and disciple their converts.
6. To impact whole regions in Australia and abroad.
7. To preserve the work of the New Testament church for the next generation.

Biblical preparation

Sydney Bible Baptist College aims to teach each student how to apply their training to life situations, enabling them to resort to the Word of God and practical experience for help.

Our aim is to teach each student to take the truth he or she learns in the classroom and to apply it through service in the local church.

SBBC seeks to help each student develop a servant's heart and a willingness to do whatever the Lord or those in leadership require and desire.

We encourage each student to internalise Christian values so the outcome is a life of faith, prayer, sound character, judgment, and a spirit-controlled life seeking to be conformed to the image of Christ.

SBBC provides an environment which will develop a balanced life intellectually, socially and spiritually.

Excellence is our standard

In an effort to maintain the educational integrity of this institution, it has been deemed necessary to include the following policy:

It is the responsibility of the student to maintain satisfactory progress toward graduation in accordance with the regularly prescribed standards of this college.

NOTE: The semester credit system appears on Page 21.



ADMISSION TO SBBC

General requirements for full-time study

- The prospective student is assessed according to academic background, physical and moral character, and personal testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Prospective students must be 18 years or completed H.S.C. or equivalent, and have the full consent of their Pastor to be considered.
- The prospective student must be able to fulfill the scriptural qualifications for spiritual leadership as set out in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1 in order to enter into SBBC for full-time study.
- He or she should exhibit an earnest desire to serve Christ and be able to present acceptable evidence that his or her calling or purpose is genuine.
- Candidates should be congenial, cooperative and willing to submit to the rules and regulations of the College.
- Students who are admitted must agree in writing to abide by the standards of this institution as found in the Student Handbook.
- The college reserves the right to refuse admission or re-admission to any student or prospective student.
- Students must be a member of an Independent Baptist Church that is doctrinally and philosophically in agreement with the college ministry. The church must also be approved by the college and in fellowship with the college ministry.
- Students must faithfully attend all the main services and be actively involved within the church ministry.



HOW DO I APPLY?

Each applicant for admission to the College must submit the following to the Principal:

- **Application form:** This can be obtained by contacting SBBC or on our website. This is a form concerning general information, academic background, financial standing, and personal data.
- **Achievements:** A copy of all educational certificates evidencing a candidate's academic achievements. This would include a school certificate, diplomas or degrees.
- **Proof of identity:** Each applicant is expected to include a passport-sized photograph (approx 5cm x 5cm) with his or her application for admission.
- **Pastor's recommendation form:** This form is included with the registration forms but is to be mailed directly to the college by the applicant's pastor.
- **Referees:** Two further personal character references must be supplied.

Notification

Students must submit all the required application forms before being officially accepted as regular students. Once the forms have been received and evaluated, the applicant will be notified concerning his/her acceptance.

Registration

On Registration Day textbooks are purchased, fees are paid and general instructions are given.

Part-time day students

Students, with permission from their pastor, may enrol on a part-time basis. These students are required to meet the same standards for admission as full-time students.

Will foreign students be accepted?

Unfortunately, SBBC is unable to accept overseas students due to government regulations concerning government accreditation. Only Australian residents can be considered.

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

The semester credit system

Sydney Bible Baptist College operates on a semester system. The unit for counting credit is the semester hour. A semester hour of credit consists of one 50-minute period of class work a week pursued for one semester.

Grading system

All work is graded by letters which may be interpreted as follows:

Grade	Meaning	Numerical Equivalent
A	Excellent	94-100
B	Good	87-93
C	Average	79-86
D	Poor	70-78
E	Failure	0-69
I	Incomplete	0

The grade of "I" shall be assigned only if the student has been unable to complete the course on time because of unavoidable conditions. A grade of "I" must be made complete within one month unless special permission is granted by the lecturer and Principal.



And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:2

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduate of Theology

Terms and Conditions

To be recommended for a Graduate of Theology, students must have completed a minimum of 96 semester hours of academic study.

Satisfactory Christian service in their local church is also a requirement. It should be noted that only those students who have satisfactorily completed all the required classes in this course will be eligible to graduate.

This is normally a three year study program for full-time Bible College students. SBBC is a ministry of Metropolitan Baptist Church and is not accredited by a government body.



What the Bible says:

"This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil."

- I Timothy 3:1-7

LIFE AT SBBC

Can I live on campus?

The college campus provides practical mens' and ladies' dormitories. A student lounge is available for social interaction amongst the students. There is also a kitchen on the ground floor for the preparation of meals.



Why balance is important at SBBC

The Christian life is enjoyed most when there is a proper balance. Students come to SBBC to receive an education and to be trained in a local church setting, with continuous opportunities to serve the Lord. However, college life is not only about study and ministry. Life-long memories and friendships are made in college. SBBC recognizes that the college experience depends on the spiritual condition of the heart.

"My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways."
- Proverbs 23:26.

SBBC does not exist only to train the mind or the body, but to touch the heart. Chapel services are held daily and attendance is required. Every class begins with prayer. Our students are taught not only to study the ministry during the week but also to be involved in the ministry during the weekend.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Every possible effort is made by the college to keep the cost of tuition and accommodation at an affordable level.

However, from time to time, the administration does assess each cost and changes are made where appropriate.

Estimated costs

\$700.00.....	Full tuition per semester
\$100.00.....	Per two-hour credit course for part-time students
\$35.00.....	Comprehensive fee for full-time students
\$15.00.....	Comprehensive fee for part-time students
\$110.00.....	Rent per week for live-in single students

Note

- The college reserves the right to apply penalty rates for late payments or to request the student to drop out of college because of his / her inability to make the payments.
- Books and materials normally represent an average of \$300 each semester. NB: This figure is only an approximation for information.
- Accommodation costs are due two weeks in advance, payable by each Tuesday. A 10% late fee may be levied for payments made after Tuesday. Any student falling more than four weeks behind may be asked to withdraw from college.
- First year live-in students are encouraged to have half a semester's rent paid in advance.
- No refunds of monies paid for withdrawals or dismissals from college classes.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Guide to the course and credit hours



GRADUATE OF THEOLOGY

Courses* for study and credit hours**

Acts	2 hrs	7 Laws of the Learner	2 hrs
Apologetics	2 hrs	Leadership I & II	4 hrs
Bible Manners & Customs	2 hrs	Life of Christ	2 hrs
Biblical Counselling	6 hrs	Major Prophets I & II	4 hrs
Biographies	2 hrs	Minor Prophets	2 hrs
Child Studies	2 hrs	Missions	2 hrs
Christian Womanhood	2 hrs	Music	2 hrs
Church History I & II	4 hrs	New Testament Bible History	4 hrs
Church Planting	2 hrs	Old Testament Bible History	4 hrs
Contemporary Theology	2 hrs	Pastoral Theology	2 hrs
1 Corinthians	2 hrs	Pentateuch I & II	4 hrs
Cults	2 hrs	Personal Evangelism	2 hrs
Doctrine	2 hrs	Prophecy I & II	4 hrs
English I-IV	8 hrs	Romans	2 hrs
English Composition & Thesis I-II	4 hrs	Speech for Ladies	2 hrs
General Epistles	2 hrs	Spiritual Growth	2 hrs
Genesis	2 hrs	Systematic Theology I & II	4 hrs
Greek I-IV	8 hrs	Teaching Techniques	2 hrs
Hebrews	2 hrs	Women in Ministry	2 hrs
Hermeneutics I & II	4 hrs	Youth Ministry	2 hrs
Homiletics	2 hrs		

* The above list of courses may be altered at any time due to demand and availability.
** Further credits are obtained via special classes offered from time to time.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Bible

ACTS
This course presents expositional and historical study of the life of Paul with reference to his missionary journeys, noting his methods and accomplishments in establishing churches.
2 hours

I CORINTHIANS
An expository study of Paul's corrective epistle to the church at Corinth, with due consideration given to the need for church unity; a proper understanding of Christian liberty and the nature, purpose and exercise of spiritual gifts.
2 hours

GENESIS
A thorough exposition of the first 12 chapters of Genesis is conducted in this course. A literal interpretation of the days of creation is adhered to.
2 hours

GENERAL EPISTLES
The books of James, I and II Peter, I, II and III John, and Jude are studied on a verse by verse basis.
2 hours

HERMENEUTICS I & II
This course presents the student with the history, principles and methods of Biblical interpretation. Practical principles and methods are presented with the interpretation of some problem passages by the application of the proper hermeneutical techniques.
4 hours

LIFE OF CHRIST
In this course Christ's life on earth is studied with reference to His geographical travels. Emphasis is placed upon the development of a proper chronology of the life of Christ. The basis for these studies is a harmony of the Gospels.
2 hours

MAJOR PROPHETS
A verse by verse coverage of the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel and Daniel; presenting the prophesies and events relating to Israel's history, through to the coming of Israel's Messiah, and of Israel's entrance into Messiah's kingdom through the door of the Great Tribulation.
4 hours

HEBREWS
This will be an expository study of the book highlighting that Jesus Christ is greater than all, and the fulness of all in all.
2 hours

MINOR PROPHETS

A survey of each book is offered with emphasis placed upon the prophecies as they relate to Israel. Special attention is given to the past and future judgments upon Israel and the Messianic hope offered by the prophets.

2 hours

LEADERSHIP I & II

An analytical and expository study of I and II Timothy, and Titus looking especially at the motivation, principles, characteristics and attributes of these two spiritual leaders, Timothy and Titus, whom Paul was endeavouring to develop. Biblical principles for leadership and their applications are looked at in depth. We also study the books of Nehemiah and Ezra in this same light.

4 hours

THE PENTATEUCH

A detailed study of the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, with a purpose of presenting the literal events of Israel's history, from its slavery in Egypt to its arrival at the Promised Land, with an emphasis on the spiritual significance, principles, typology and application for the believer.

4 hours

ROMANS

Paul's greatest book, Romans, is presented in an interpretive, expository manner. Justification by faith, God's plan for Israel, victorious Christian living and practical Christian conduct are some of the main themes of this book.

2 hours

Language

ENGLISH I - II

This course presents the fundamentals of English grammar. The parts of speech are studied in detail so that they can be recognised and used properly. Diagramming of sentences is also a vital part of the study.

4 hours

ENGLISH III - IV

This course builds upon the foundations of English I and II, building sentences with verbs, nouns, pronouns, modifiers, prepositions, conjunctions, and dependent clauses.

4 hours

ENGLISH COMPOSITION AND THESIS

This course provides a practical application of the foundational principles, majoring on composition and thesis preparation.

4 hours

GREEK I - II

This course is foundational and includes grammar, vocabulary building, and memorization of Greek conjugations and declensions.

4 hours

GREEK III-IV

This course applies the foundational grammar to the translating of 1 John and portions from the Gospel of Mark, Romans, 1 Corinthians and Ephesians. The exegeting of various passages are assigned, and special consideration will be shown to the evidences in support of the Greek Textus Receptus which underlies the KJV Bible.

4 hours

History

OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE HISTORY

A study of the history of God's earthly people, Israel. The student will acquire an overall view of the Old Testament with many practical truths and spiritual applications drawn from each Old Testament book.

4 hours

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE HISTORY

A study of the history of God's New Covenant people as given in the Gospels and epistles. The student will acquire an overall view of the New Testament with many practical truths and spiritual applications drawn from each New Testament book.

4 hours

BIBLE MANNERS AND CUSTOMS

A fascinating study that acquaints the student with special social, political and family customs as well as geographical nuances which, together, give the student a greater appreciation of life in Bible times.

2 hours

CHURCH HISTORY I & II (& HISTORY OF MISSIONS)

A survey of the growth and development of Christian churches, beginning in the first century and continuing into the modern period. The course gives particular emphasis to the growth of Baptist churches and doctrine. In the last term the concluding study is on the development of Independent Baptist Churches in the USA and Australia.

4 hours

BIOGRAPHIES (OF GREAT SERVANTS OF GOD)

A beneficial study that looks at different people whom God has used through history, seeking to understand the elements of their greatness, and the elements of their weaknesses.

2 hours

Practical courses

MISSIONS

This course endeavours to give the student a biblically based philosophy of missions. This will include an introduction to the study of missions, dealing particularly with the call, motives, qualifications, training, and preparation of the missionary as an individual.

2 hours

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

This course is designed to help the student understand principles of spiritual growth and lasting change.

2 hours

BIBLICAL COUNSELLING

Six modules are covered in this three semester course, which include:

- An Introduction to Biblical Counselling: Who, what, when and how?
- Counselling Issues Examined - Anxiety and stress issues, Depression issues, Biblical communication issues, Sleep disorders, Role case studies.
- Crisis Counselling I - Dealing with the sensitive areas of Suicide and Sexual abuse.
- Crisis Counselling II - Addictions and Life-dominating sins, Eating disorders, Drugs and alcohol, Immorality issues such as pornography, homosexuality and adultery.

6 hours

MUSIC

A course designed to teach the fundamentals of song leading and to give the student the necessary information and philosophy to determine acceptable standards for Christian music.

2 hours

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

The student learns how to use the Scriptures in leading people to Christ. The worker learns how to deal with the concerned, unconcerned, back-sliders, skeptics, infidels, procrastinators, the deluded, and many other classes of people with spiritual problems. Finally, methods of follow-up are explored in detail so that converts can become disciples.

2 hours

CULTS

The major world religions and cults are examined with reference to their origin, development, doctrine and practice. Their effect on the nation's religious culture is also emphasized. Scriptural arguments are presented to answer the cults and their errors.

2 hours

YOUTH MINISTRY

This course deals with the need for youth ministry within the local church. The student will learn a biblical philosophy of youth ministry. Also the student will be given practical helps in developing a youth ministry that is reaching and discipling the next generation.

2 hours

CHURCH PLANTING

This course deals with the ingredients necessary in starting and establishing a New Testament church. Also, the student will be given practical information concerning the administration of a New Testament Church.

2 hours

Teaching

TEACHING TECHNIQUES

This course is designed to give the student a basic understanding of the philosophy of Christian education. The relationship of the teacher's character and the content of the material covered are evaluated. This course takes an in-depth look on how to use visuals which will benefit the Christian educator. Much practical work will be done. Additional emphasis will be given to special areas of the Sunday School such as reaching the handicapped.

2 hours

SEVEN LAWS OF THE LEARNER

This course helps the teacher to understand the student and his/her needs and how to meet those needs. Class participation is emphasized with presentations of the subject material.

2 hours

HERMENEUTICS I & II

This course presents the student with the history, principles and methods of Biblical interpretation. Practical principles and methods are presented with the interpretation of some problem passages by the application of the proper hermeneutical techniques.

4 hours

Theology

DOCTRINE

An introduction to basic Bible doctrines that will form a foundation for later theology courses.

2 hours

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I & II

A detailed study of Bible doctrines with emphasis upon the historical perspectives that help define true Bible doctrine as opposed to heretical twists and re-definitions of false doctrine. Subjects include the Bible, God, Christ, Holy Spirit, Angels, Sin, Man, Salvation and Church.

4 hours

CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGY

This course examines the current trends in theology which are traced through various systems such as the Enlightenment Era, Liberalism, Neo-Orthodoxy, Existentialism, Secular Theology, Theology of Hope, Liberation Theology and the changing face of Roman Catholic Theology, with their resulting influences upon Fundamentalism, Neo-Evangelicalism, Post-Modern Evangelicalism, and the Emergent Church.

2 hours

APOLOGETICS

This course presents the indisputable facts of the Christian faith, so that the student may be ready to give an answer (defence) to every man. (I Peter 3:15).

2 hours

PROPHECY-ESCHATOLOGY

An in-depth study of "things to come" is the subject matter of this course. Differing views concerning prophecy will be discussed, but the pre-tribulation and premillennial position will be emphasized as the scriptural position to which we unashamedly hold.

4 hours

Church ministries

HOMILETICS

This course is designed to teach the student the principles of construction and delivery of the sermon. A thorough study of the various types of sermons and their preparation is made. Valuable opportunities to preach during the course is a beneficial part of this course.

2 hours

PASTORAL THEOLOGY

Eight modules including: The pastor and his personal life; The pastor and his church; The pastor and his public ministry; The pastor and church outreaches; The pastor and his colleagues; The pastor, his problems, perils and pitfalls; The pastor and his ethics; The pastor and his philosophy of ministry.

2 hours

Ladies' courses

CHRISTIAN WOMANHOOD

A study of the philosophy of Christian Womanhood and the spiritual life of the Joyful Woman from the perspective of teaching this to others.

2 hours

CHILD STUDIES

This course will give a comprehension of development patterns to assist the Christian worker in guiding students through difficult roads to maturity. It will teach some parenting skills and will give some insights into working with children.

2 hours

WOMEN IN MINISTRY

A study in the role of women in Baptist churches and the life and labours of a woman in ministry. It covers the personal, family, church and ministry life of a woman of God.

2 hours

SPEECH FOR WOMEN

This course is designed to give the student the skills needed to properly prepare and deliver an effective speech. It will cover every kind of speech a Christian woman might need to make.

2 hours

CHANGES WITHOUT NOTICE

The College reserves the right to make necessary changes without notice. The regulations, courses, personnel, and costs listed herein are subject to change after date of publication. In such cases, the College will attempt to communicate such changes to all students and lecturers. It is important that each student familiarize themselves with the regulations set forth in this prospectus and to assume their proper responsibilities concerning them.

SBBC SCHOOL OF EXTENSION STUDIES

Taking Bible College studies to Independent Baptist Churches

Accessibility

- Co-operating with the churches.
- Bringing selected theological studies within the reach of dedicated church workers.
- Increasing the potential effectiveness of church ministry.

Goals

To strengthen and widen the ministries of local churches by co-operating with select churches in making possible, on a limited basis, proper theological study for applied credit in SBBC.

To strengthen the base potential of SBBC, to increase its present outreach in ministry, and to provide a greater source for the growth in prospective workers to be trained and prepared for full-time ministry.

Available curriculum

2 credit hours

- Apologetics
- Bible Manners & Customs
- Contemporary Theology
- Spiritual Growth
- 7 Laws of the Learner

4 credit hours

- Christ in the Pentateuch
- Major Prophets
- Old Testament Bible History
- New Testament Bible History

Please contact the administration for specific details for each course.

EXTENSION GUIDELINES

1. The enrolment of students, the place and time of meeting, the course to be presented, will all be agreed upon between SBBC and the pastor for both of their mutual interests.
2. All steps must be taken to guard the reputation interests and academic requirements of SBBC. All can appreciate that SBBC cannot simply act as a passive umbrella for a church Bible study. However, SBBC is actively and sincerely interested in the welfare of the churches. As a result SBBC will be sensitive and sympathetic to their needs for theological training subject to accepted guidelines.
3. Lecturing will be conducted primarily by means of pre-recorded DVDs, VHS video tapes of actual classroom lectures with set programs of assignments and tests.
4. In limited cases, a SBBC lecturer may be available to personally lecture in the satellite centre. The course offered will be approved by SBBC and will thus qualify for SBBC applied credit.

The value of extension courses to the student

SBBC extension courses are an ideal way to balance Bible College studies with work and life. They are also a perfect avenue for a student to commence or "top up" on Bible knowledge.

Requirements for the participating church

1. The provision of a facility assuring absolute privacy for students to listen and work for approximately two hours each week without interruption.
2. The provision on a permanent basis in the appointed place of meeting of a DVD or video player and monitor of appropriate size for students to view.
3. It is preferable that the pastor be present to begin the weekly session with the administration of the prepared test. If this is not practical, the pastor may appoint, to both his and SBBC's satisfaction, an appropriate supervisor over the study sessions.



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