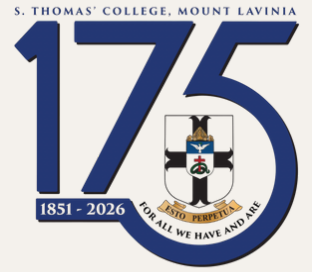


# A LEGACY ETCHED IN STONE



Artists sketch of the proposed Senior Quadrangle

CONFIDENTIAL PROSPECTUS

**THE SENIOR QUADRANGLE PROJECT**

JUNE 2025



*In building for God, in working, in spending for God, we run no venture, we hazard no loss, we cherish no vague or uncertain hopes. Though unseen, when grounded on true faith, hope is never unreal. Enduring works are often of humble beginning.*

- The Right Reverend James Champan D. D  
(Our Founder)

## **Celebrating 175 Years – Built on Visionaries Like You**

Dear Fellow Thomian,

As S. Thomas' College marks its 175th year, we reflect on the legacy of those whose foresight and generosity have transformed generations.

We now stand at a pivotal moment, preparing to open a bold, future-focused chapter in our academic journey. One that reimagines how Thomians will learn, collaborate, and lead in a world shaped by rapid technological change.

This is more than evolution, it is a defining leap, a project that unites tradition with innovation to build an enduring educational legacy.

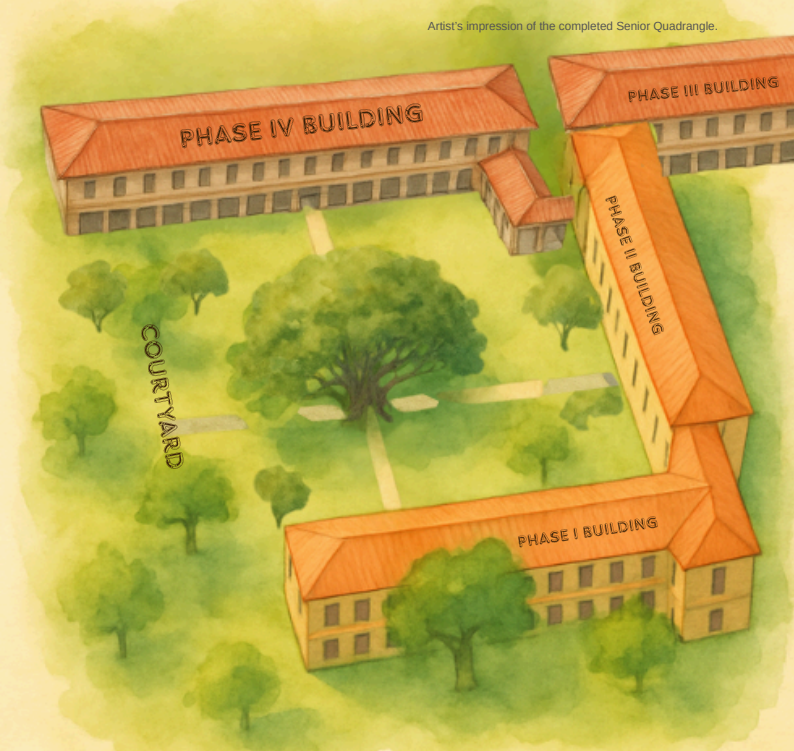
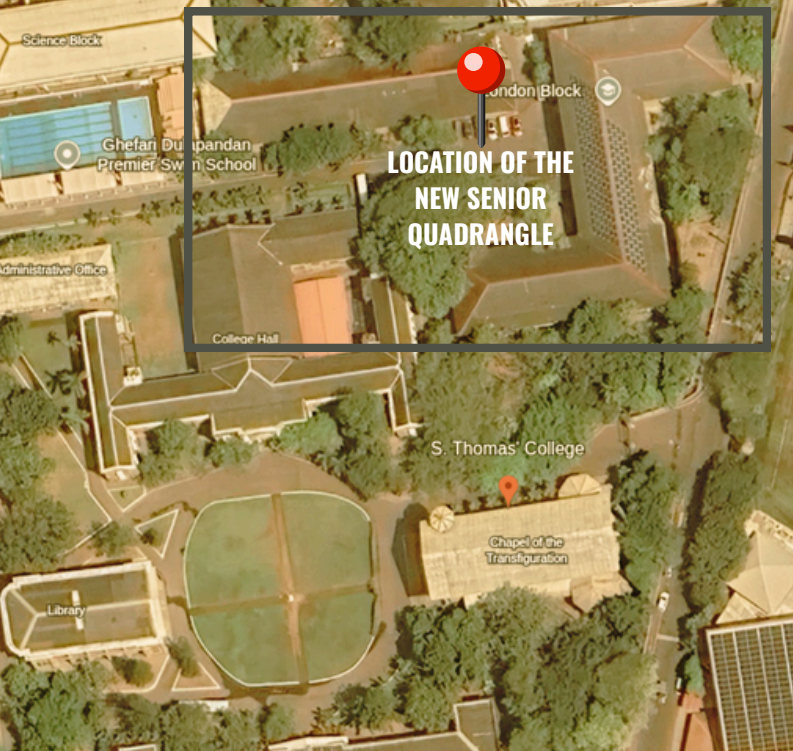
At its core is a belief: what we build today must serve not only this generation, but those that follow. The Senior Quadrangle Project is that belief made real, a future-ready, purpose-built learning environment for students at the cusp of university and career.

We invite you to join us in completing this transformative chapter, one that reflects the values we were shaped by, and the future we hope to shape for the next generation of Thomians.

Together, we can ensure that the legacy we inherited continues to endure, evolve, and inspire.

With heartfelt appreciation and warm regards,

**MR. ASANKA S. PERERA,**  
Acting Warden, S. Thomas' College Mount Lavinia



**Left:** Aerial view of part of the College Campus, denoting the location of the New Senior Quadrangle. The completed Phase I, II and III buildings in view. Also in view is the historic Quadrangle, long cherished by generations of Thomians.

**Right:** Artist impression of the new Senior Quadrangle, including the new Phase IV Building and landscaped courtyard.

## PHASE IV OF THE SENIOR QUADRANGLE PROJECT: A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

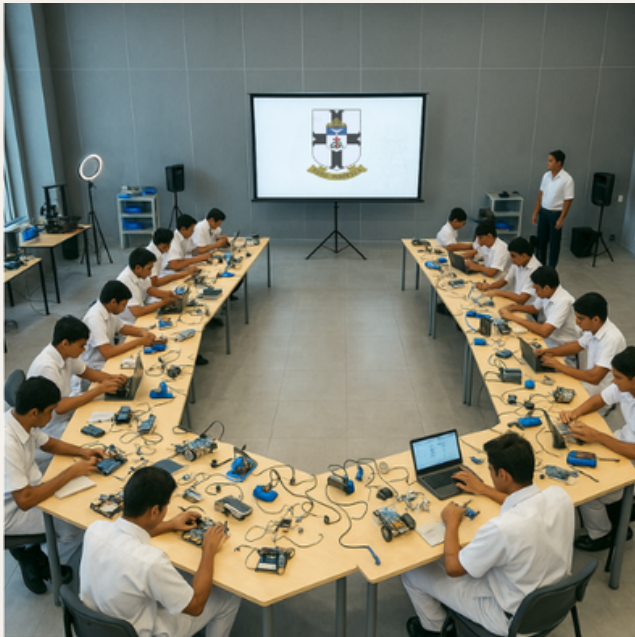
S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia has long stood as a beacon of education, tradition, and leadership. Its awe-inspiring Chapel of the Transfiguration, expansive seaside setting, and English public school-inspired campus contribute to its reputation as one of Sri Lanka's most beautiful and historic educational environments.

Mirroring the historic Quadrangle, the new 'Senior Quadrangle' was envisioned as a bold step forward, evolving the College into a university-style campus where all A-Level streams, local and international, converge in a single, collaborative space. With classrooms connected by a central access spine, reconfigurable learning areas, and a landscaped courtyard at its heart, the design fosters cross-disciplinary learning and daily interaction.

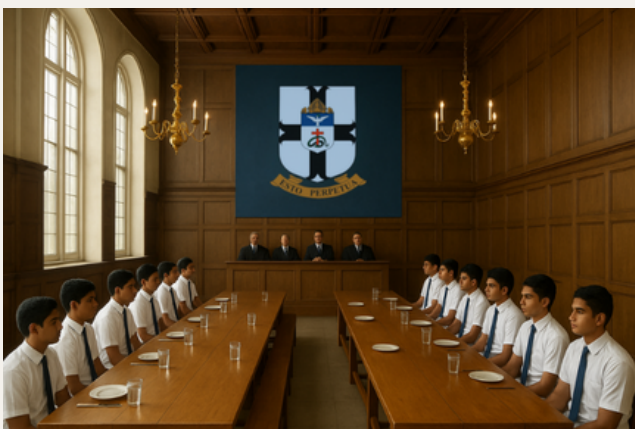
The buildings completed under Phases I to III of the Senior Quadrangle Project, located near the old dining hall, are now fully operational and actively used for daily academic activities.

As the College approaches its 175th Anniversary in 2026, Phase IV is envisioned as the capstone of this academic transformation, uniting tradition with innovation in a purpose-built space designed to serve generations of Thomians to come. This final phase comprises three transformational elements.

# PHASE IV: THREE TRANSFORMATIONAL ELEMENTS



**1. Academic Core** – Two upper floors (Levels 2 and 3) of the Phase IV building, will house purpose-built classrooms and laboratories for Technology, Vocational, Foundation, and Tertiary streams. Facilities include three AI- and robotics-ready labs, IT suites and flexible, open-plan spaces with acoustic workstations designed to support hands-on, interdisciplinary learning for the innovation economy.



**2. Dining Hall** – The ground floor of the Phase IV building, will feature a double-height dining hall with a modern kitchen and a shared service yard, providing elegant, efficient infrastructure for students and staff.

**3. Student Life Hub** – At the heart of the Senior Quadrangle, the fully landscaped courtyard anchored by a Banyan tree (a nostalgic reminder of the iconic Banyan tree in Mutuwal) will offer a vibrant space for student interaction, community gatherings, and special events.

Phase IV will complete the original vision of the Senior Quadrangle Project, transforming a historic footprint into a launchpad for the next few decades of Thomian education.

# 1 | WHY THIS PROJECT IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER

## *Phase IV: A Rare Convergence of Heritage and Innovation*

Designed by Deshamanya Ashley de Vos, Phase IV embodies a university-style learning environment with the soul of a historic school.

It will house one of Sri Lanka's first fully integrated AI and robotics lab suites, developed specifically for pre-university students.

The building unifies all academic streams, both local and international, within a space purpose-built for interdisciplinary interaction, collaboration, and real-world problem-solving, a model few schools in the region have adopted.

## *Addressing a National Education Gap*

Unlike typical classroom expansions, Phase IV is a strategic leap, a direct response to Sri Lanka's growing need for technology-enabled, project-based learning at the school level. Few institutions offer technology, AI, robotics, and life sciences in a unified academic environment tailored for A/L students.

# 2 | WHY THIS MATTERS TO YOU

*Every Thomian carries within him something shaped by College, its discipline, its friendships, its values, and its enduring traditions.*

As one former Warden reminded us, "A Thomian's debt to College is not paid at admission, but across a lifetime, a nurture fee owed in gratitude, honour, and stewardship."

Phase IV is an opportunity to honour that debt, not out of obligation, but out of vision. It is a chance to strengthen the institution that shaped us, so it may continue to shape future generations with even greater relevance and resilience.

The 175th anniversary of S. Thomas' College marks more than a milestone, it is a rare inflection point. A moment to look back with pride, and forward with purpose.

By supporting this final phase, you are investing in more than bricks and mortar. You are helping to build a legacy that is forward-thinking, quietly transformative, and enduring, much like the Thomian spirit itself.

### 3 | TRANSFORMATIONAL IMPACT – AT A GLANCE

Facility	Today	After Phase IV	Impact
Technology-stream enrolment	None	100 students / yr	Builds capacity, strengthens national tech education
AI & Robotics labs	None	3 AI-ready labs	One of the first comprehensive AI & robotics lab suites in SL
Dining Hall	Old	New	Enhances the overall dining experience
Courtyard & Community Space	None	Landscaped courtyard	Encourages cross-disciplinary interaction and collaboration

**Every rupee compounds across generations:** This facility will deliver over 14,000 student-hours of STEM learning each year, totaling more than 420,000 hours over the next three decades.

### 4 | PROVEN TRACK RECORD – PHASES I–III

Phase	Year	Sqft	Key Facility	Lead Benefactor
I	2014	19k	Local A/L Commerce & Arts Block. 12 Classrooms (30x30). Serves 450 students daily	Donated by the three <b>Gnanam brothers</b> in memory of <b>A.Y.S. Gnanam</b>
II	2016	24k	International A/L Block. 3 Classrooms (30x30). 6 Classrooms (15x30). 200-seat Auditorium	Donated by the <b>Old Boys' Association</b> and the Thomian <b>Class of '79</b>
III	2022	15k	Physics, Biology, Chemistry & IT Laboratories. 1 Classroom (30x30). 4 Classrooms (15x30). Vinodh Senadeera Performance Studio	Supported by alumni and well-wishers

All three phases were fully funded, delivered on schedule, and are in daily academic use. Each phase was executed under a strict governance framework with oversight from the Board of Governors, transparent procurement processes, and independently audited financial accounts, ensuring accountability at every stage.

## 5 | MILESTONES – TRANSPARENT & TIMELY DELIVERY

- Jun 2025 – Final design & tender
- Aug 2025 – Ground-breaking (foundation milestone)
- Nov 2026 – Laboratory block hand-over
- Feb 2027 – Official opening & plaque unveiling

## 6 | SAFEGUARDING YOUR DONATION

Every contribution to the Senior Quadrangle Project is protected by a governance structure as enduring as the College itself, rooted in accountability, independence, and excellence.

The project is overseen by the Board of Governors of S. Thomas' College, an independent and highly accomplished body of professionals drawn from Sri Lanka's top institutions in finance, law, education, and industry. The Board is chaired by the Bishop of Colombo and includes current and former leaders from John Keells Holdings, HNB Investment Bank, South Asia Gateway Terminals, and top academic institutions.

### *What This Means for You:*

- Your funds are never handled by intermediaries or informal entities; they are disbursed through College-managed bank accounts, governed by official resolutions.
- Procurement follows competitive tender processes overseen by a dedicated Finance Committee with deep industry expertise.
- All accounts are subject to annual independent audits, reviewed and signed off by the Board's Finance Committee.
- Progress is milestone-linked, disbursements are tied to verified stages of construction, not arbitrary timelines.

By partnering on Phase IV, you are not just funding construction, you are entrusting your name to an institution that has demonstrated 170+ years of fiduciary discipline and principled stewardship. It is an investment not just in education, but in trust itself.

## 7 | YOUR INVESTMENT & RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES

Investment Level	Impact	Recognition
LKR 450 million	Completes structure, finishes and fittings, of 37k sqft, by Nov 2026	Naming rights to the building
LKR 125 million	Guarantees project commencement. Funds completion of foundation and ground floor works.	Naming rights to a major section / floor
Multi-period pledges	Can be structured over time to suit your preference	To be discussed

A minimum donation or pledge of LKR 125 million is required to commence Phase IV of the Senior Quadrangle Project. The full construction cost (structure, MEP, finishes and fittings) of the Phase IV building, comprising 3 floors, is estimated at LKR 450 million.

## 8 | YOUR NEXT STEP

We invite you to visit the Senior Quadrangle, where you can experience Phases I–III in daily use and stand on the footprint reserved for Phase IV. If the vision resonates with you, we’d be pleased to follow up with a tailored proposal and schedule of recognition options that reflect your family’s legacy.

Please let us know a convenient date, and we’ll make all necessary arrangements.

Thank you for considering this once-in-a-generation opportunity, to turn bricks and mortar into a lasting legacy. A legacy not only of buildings, but of belief. Not just in what College was to us, but in what it must become for those who follow.

*Esto Perpetua*

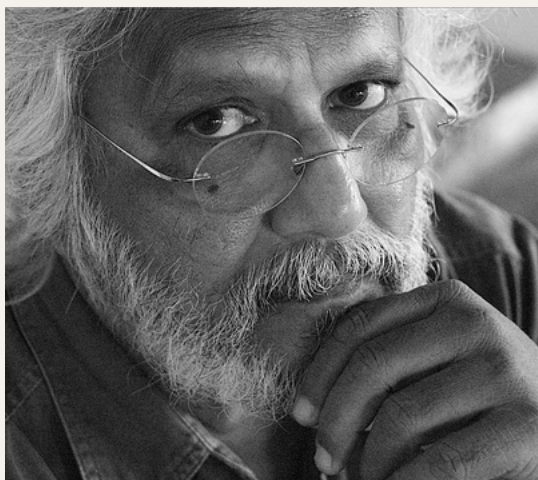
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# ASHLEY DE VOS

*Architect of the Senior Quadrangle Project*

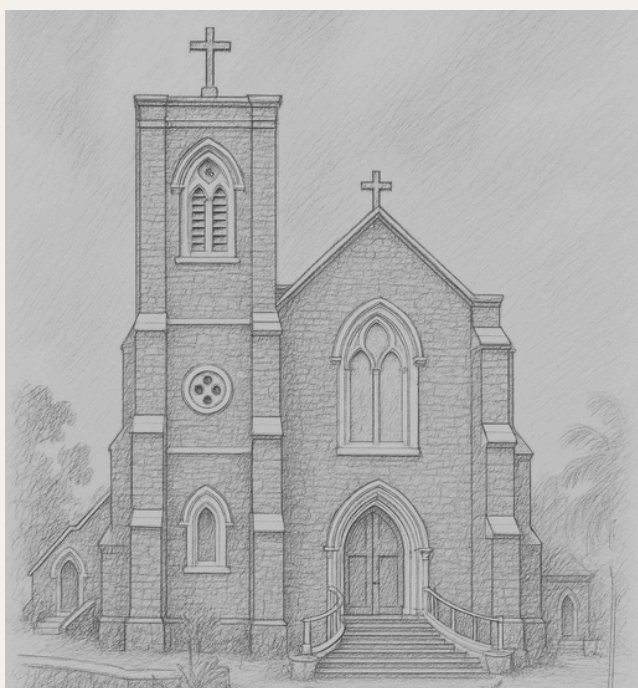


Deshamanya Vidya Jyothi Ashley de Vos is one of Sri Lanka's most distinguished architects and heritage conservationists. A proud alumnus of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, he has served as the College's Honorary Consultant Architect for decades, guiding the preservation of its historic buildings, including the Chapel of the Transfiguration and leading the design of the transformative Senior Quadrangle Project.

His lifelong association with the College reflects both a deep sense of heritage and a forward-thinking design philosophy. Ashley's vision for the Senior Quadrangle reflects his belief that educational spaces should honour tradition, empower the future, and inspire transformation.

## LEGACY IN ARCHITECTURE

For generations, Thomian generosity has turned vision into legacy. The Chapel, the Hall, and the Quadrangle stand as lasting monuments to those who gave with foresight and faith. The Senior Quadrangle Project is the next chapter, a call to build not just for today, but for generations to come.



## CHRIST CHURCH MUTWAL CONSECRATED IN 1854

Bishop James Chapman, directed his own funds and generous donations from friends and clergy in England. Notably, the clergy of Essex had presented him with a purse of 300 guineas and the students of Eton had raised £100 as a farewell gift.

... **THE ANGLICAN CHURCH'S FIRST  
CATHEDRAL IN CEYLON. HELD THE  
FIRST HUMBLE CLASSROOMS OF STC**



## **THE CHAPEL OF THE TRANSFIGURATION**

A generous, undisclosed donation was made by Bishop Ernest Arthur Copleston. Students are said to have raised approximately Rs. 25,000. The foundation stone was laid in 1923, and it was consecrated in 1927.

... **THE CENTRAL SPIRITUAL AND ARCHITECTURAL LANDMARK OF THE COLLEGE** ...



## **THE MAIN CLASSROOM BLOCK**

Bishop Ernest Arthur Copleston and Mr. C. E. A. Dias, among others, provided resources and support for the construction of the Main Classroom Block in Mount Lavinia, following the relocation of the school from Mutwal in 1918.

... **SERVES AS A CENTRAL ACADEMIC FACILITY, HOUSING CLASSROOMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES** ...



## **THE MAIN HALL**

Funded in large part by Mrs. Nancy Charlotte Peiris, in memory of her late husband Mr. Henry Joseph Peiris. Their gift helped create one of the College's most enduring structures.

... **REMAINS A CENTRAL VENUE FOR ASSEMBLIES, CEREMONIES, AND KEY SCHOOL EVENTS** ...

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