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SANCTA
SOPHIA COLLEGE
WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY
Walk in Wisdom

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1926-2026

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS





Bujari Gamarruwa
(which means 'good day' in the language of the Gadigal)

Sancta Sophia College acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we reside, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present. We also acknowledge the traditional owners of country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.



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WELCOME

Welcome to Sancta Sophia College and a lifelong connection with a remarkable community.



You are part of a story that has been a century in the making. You walk in the footsteps of the 30 young women who wrote the first chapter in 1926.

Sancta is a place of apparent contradictions: our students are both ambitious and generous; determined and kind; competitive and helpful.

Our students achieve at the highest levels academically, while seeking the richest possible university experience. Community, friendship, cultural pursuits, sport, social gatherings and the spiritual life take their place at Sancta against a backdrop of serious academic endeavour.

Sancta is proudly a Catholic college. While the founding Sisters of the Sacred Heart haven't lived here since the 1990s, their influence permeates Sancta in the values that define us: respect and dignity for all, academic curiosity, warmth of welcome, personal growth, wise freedom, friendship, community and the sense that Sancta is a home away from home.

Sancta is a partnership of students, staff, alumni, friends, Council members and the University of Sydney. The Council, led by the Chair, Beth Boustead, safeguards the College's finances, infrastructure, health and safety, employment matters, governance and the overall student experience. Together, we are a strong team.

As a member of the Sancta community, you will be challenged to expand your world view and develop your capacity to speak up for yourself and others. The world needs smart, ambitious, values-based leaders and you will be one of them.

Whether you are an undergraduate or postgraduate student, whether directly from school, continuing your studies or a mature-age student, whether from near or from afar, you are very welcome.

We look forward to seeing what chapter you will write at Sancta and walking in wisdom with you.

FIONA HASTINGS
PRINCIPAL

100 YEARS OF SANCTA

Young voices have echoed through Sancta's halls for 100 years, as full of joy and promise today as they were in 1926.

It was in that year that the Society of the Sacred Heart founded Sancta as a Hall of Residence for Catholic women studying at The University of Sydney. The Hall opened under the first Principal, Mother Margaret MacRory, with 30 young women pursuing degrees or diplomas in Arts, Law, Medicine, Science and Education.

In 1929, by an Act of Parliament in NSW, the Hall was raised to the status of a College within The University of Sydney.

The name Sancta Sophia is derived from Latin and Greek and means 'holy wisdom'. It is also a nod to the founder of the Religious of the Society of the Sacred Heart, St Madeleine Sophie Barat, who was canonised in 1925.

Our College motto, 'In Sapientia Ambulate', means 'walk in wisdom' and has remained the mission of each generation of Sancta leaders throughout our storied history.

The College buildings were erected in several stages over almost 90 years, with the southern end of Heritage Building the first to rise.

Graduate House building was opened in 2014 to further grow and diversify our community.

Sancta owes much to the extraordinary generosity of the Sheldon family. Lady Sheldon, a foundation member of the College Council, gifted the three-storey wing facing Missenden Road, as well as the Sheldon Dining Hall.

The student body has grown tenfold over the past century. Today, Sancta is home to over 300 students. The College's reputation for combining high academic achievement with strong engagement in social, cultural, spiritual, sporting and intellectual activities has not dimmed. We enjoy a harmonious mix of local, regional, interstate, international, undergraduate and postgraduate students. Everyone is welcome at Sancta.


In this, our centenary year, there is much of which we can be proud. The Once in a Century Reunion (Sancta Quadrangle, March 21) and the Centenary Gala Dinner (Sydney Town Hall, August 22) will draw alumni from across generations and across Australia and the world. They will gather with you, the newest generation of Sancta students, to celebrate a remarkable story that has been a century in the making.



OUR PEOPLE

Different staff look after different aspects of life at Sancta but all of them are here to help you. It doesn't matter who you choose to approach in the first instance.

Principal

 Fiona Hastings

 principal@sancta.edu.au


 Foyer

- Your wellbeing and that of your peers and community
- Permissions as required
- Confidential issues
- Ideas and initiatives affecting the College community
- Help with complaints and concerns
- To listen, talk things over, and provide advice if needed

Vice Principal

 Brigid Carrigan

 viceprincipal@sancta.edu.au


 Octagon

- Your wellbeing and that of your peers and community
- Ideas and queries related to leadership and student life
- Event planning and permissions as required
- Confidential issues
- Advice regarding academic life, financial concerns, and specific dietary requirements
- Help with complaints and concerns
- To listen, talk things over, and provide advice if needed

Front Desk Coordinator

 Madeleine Ingham

 reception@sancta.edu.au

 Foyer, Reception

- Issues with your room key (during business hours)
- Enquiries relating to parking, printing, laundry and mail
- Make an appointment with the Principal or Vice Principal


Business Office

 Narsha Seet-Choi, Head of Finance

 finance@sancta.edu.au

 Tracy Zhang, Accountant

 accountant@sancta.edu.au

 Quad, near Octagon

- Matters concerning your student fee account
- Reimbursement requests for Resident Assistants
- Matters pertaining to House Committee and Senior Common Room budgets

Dean of Admissions



Mia Trinidad



registrar@sancta.edu.au



Octagon

- Your residential contract at Sancta
- Referral of friends or family for future enrolment at Sancta
- Matters related to scholarships and bursaries

Dean of Students



Pippa Fitzgerald



deanofstudents@sancta.edu.au



Octagon

- All aspects of academic life including academic events and university enrolment
- Support around university policies and procedures, including disability supports and special considerations
- Coordination of the tutorial program and academic team
- Support for future aspirations including graduate opportunities, prestigious scholarships, and further study
- Concerns or advice regarding academic life, study strategies, or degree planning and transfer

Office of Community Engagement



Hayden Edwards, Director of Community Engagement



development@sancta.edu.au



Lucin Sarkissian, Marketing and Development Officer



marketing@sancta.edu.au



Octagon

- Issues and ideas pertaining to alumni and donors
- Opportunities to volunteer at Sancta's Open Days and other promotional events and trips
- Administers all Sancta-related social media
- Good news stories from the Sancta community
- Feedback relating to your experience at Sancta: food, service, general comfort, facilities and IT

Facilities, Maintenance & Housekeeping



Patrick Skagerfalt, Facilities Manager



facilities@sancta.edu.au



Robert Cameron, Maintenance Manager



maintenancemanager@sancta.edu.au



Marinka Krivograd, Head Housekeeper



housekeeping@sancta.edu.au



Octagon

- Repairs and maintenance
- Matters pertaining to cleaning and bathroom supplies



Something needs repairing?

Submit a maintenance request via the 'Maintenance' menu in the [Student Portal](#)



Fiona Hastings
Principal



Brigid Carrigan
Vice Principal



Hayden Edwards
Director of Community
Engagement



Narsha Seet-Choi
Head of Finance



Patrick Skagerfalt
Facilities Manager



Mia Trinidad
Dean of Admissions



Pippa Fitzgerald
Dean of Students



Madeleine Ingham
Front Desk Coordinator



Lucin Sarkissian
Marketing and
Development Officer



Tracy Zhang
Accountant



Robert Cameron
Maintenance Manager



John Phillips
Senior Maintenance
Technician



Jack Krivograd
Maintenance Technician



Marinka Krivograd
Head Housekeeper



Maryanne Artemis
Housekeeper



Maria Benitez
Housekeeper



Isabel Coelho
Housekeeper



Sabitri Lamsal
Housekeeper



Suchitra Kundu
Housekeeper



Marcela Ruiz
Housekeeper

PASTORAL CARE

The safety and wellbeing of our students is the priority for every member of Sancta staff (pictured on the page opposite). They are here to help you. You can approach any one of them, at any time, if you need advice or support. Sancta's Pastoral Care team has an extra role in helping you. This team includes the Principal, Vice Principal, Dean of Students and our Resident Assistants.

RESIDENT ASSISTANTS (RAS)

RAs are current students who are employed by the College to provide support and assistance to other students. They are a key point of contact for each student, helping to promote a warm and supportive environment, and by providing pastoral care.

Each student is assigned an RA every year and becomes part of an RA group. RAs organise events for their group and meet with individual members each semester. The events are an informal and fun way to get to know your RA and the other students in your RA group.

One-on-one meetings enable RAs to become familiar with individuals and any specific issues or concerns they might have. RAs and staff treat all information with a great deal of sensitivity, mindful of your privacy.

Every RA (and live-in staff member) is trained in:

-  Physical first aid
-  Mental health first aid
-  Emergency evacuations
-  After-hours support and safety
-  Pastoral support
-  Creating opportunities to build community

The RA team works with and reports to Brigid, the Vice Principal. Students are also welcome to meet with Brigid at any time.

If you are having a rough time at Sancta, feeling like you do not fit in or are unsure of how you can get involved, simply chat to your RA. They are here to help you and all conversations will be conducted with respect and sensitivity.

2026 RA TEAM

Heritage Building

Hannah Garvin
Ellie Davies
Gabrielle Peters
Sophia-Rose Markham
Mackenzie Gray
Lucy Hall
Caitlin Power (Snr RA)
Mia Timbs
Arabella Raetze

Graduate House

Laylah Bowd
Dylan Theron
Jack Barrow
Olivia Winlaw
Ariana Riyazi

RA for Associates

Meika Sedran

AFTER HOURS

Outside of regular business hours, RAs help look after the safety and security of the College, residents and guests. There is an RA rostered for RA duty every night, each weekend and every public holiday. The RA on duty is available to assist you with any issues and help with emergencies outside of business hours. Simply call them on:

 **0419 479 832**

ACADEMIC LIFE AT SANCTA

Sancta recognises the transformative power of a university education, not just for individuals but for society as a whole. We are committed to providing an environment that will enable you to thrive, achieve your academic goals and cultivate the skills and attributes needed in life long after you leave the university gates.

While at Sancta, you are encouraged to engage deeply with your studies and take advantage of the opportunities provided here - and at university - to enhance and extend your learning. While recognising the individual nature of university study, we are here to support you along the way.

Tutorials

Sancta provides tutorial support for some courses. Tutorials can assist by providing a space for exploration, questions and discussion and to allow you to connect with peers in the same subject. The tutor will provide general advice and clarify and enhance your understanding of the course content.

Tutorials do not replace your classes at university, and tutors won't do the work for you. Tutorials are for everyone, regardless of your academic achievements.

Study spaces

Outside your own bedroom, Sancta has a variety of spaces that may suit your individual study style. The Library, Octagon tutorial rooms, Rooftop (Level 4 Graduate House) each have their own character and level of (quiet) sociability.

Sancta's academic portal

Students have access to a wealth of academic resources through Sancta's online Student Portal. The academic resources in the Student Portal provide essential tools for success, including referrals to university support and resources on topics such as time management, referencing and academic writing.

Community study nights

The Dining Hall becomes a study hall on Tuesday and Thursday evenings during semester (between 8.00 pm and 10.00 pm). These evenings allow you to study among a large group of people doing the same thing.

One-on-one support

Sancta's Dean of Students, Pippa Fitzgerald, is available for one-on-one consultations. Whether it is for help understanding how to structure an essay, how to navigate an administrative problem, degree planning or what to do when you feel like you are in the wrong course altogether, Pippa can help. Simply book an appointment with her via email or drop into ground-floor Octa to see her.

Professional mentoring

This program is available for students in the final phases of study who are serious about their career development and want to grow their network of professional contacts. We regularly share the profiles of interested students with our global alumni network, who may find that they are able to support individuals or groups in their career journeys. To learn more, contact Sancta's Director of Community Engagement, Hayden Edwards, in ground-floor Octa or via email.

SANCTA'S ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Sancta requires all students to be enrolled at university on a full-time basis, which we define as four regularly-weighted subjects or equivalent. In some circumstances, the Principal will allow students to remain at Sancta with a reduced study load. To inquire about a reduced study load, make an appointment with Brigid, the Vice Principal.

Very deliberately, Sancta does not impose a level of academic achievement that must be maintained to continue to reside in the College (or as an Associate). Instead, we focus on overall progression. Should a student fail one or more subjects in a semester, they will be invited to meet with a member of Sancta's academic team to discuss what may have gone wrong and, if needed, to develop a plan for improvement in the ensuing semester. If, after that semester, there is no indication of academic improvement, the Vice Principal or Principal will seek a meeting with you to discuss your continued enrolment at Sancta, on the basis that you are not progressing in your course and may need to take time out of university.

ACADEMIC SUPPORTS AND ADJUSTMENTS

Academic supports and adjustments (e.g. special considerations, disability supports etc.) are readily available at your university. Sancta staff as well as the Student Portal have information about accessing these supports should you need them.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Sancta acknowledges outstanding academic achievement at two significant annual academic dinners, presided over by senior leaders at the University of Sydney. Awards are presented to students achieving High Distinction and Distinction averages, as well as the Dux of each undergraduate year group and the Dux of the new and returning postgraduate cohorts.



THE SANCTA EXPERIENCE



Eating together in the Dining Hall



Attending Formal Dinner and getting involved in College activities



Treating all members of our community with respect and dignity



Keeping our College safe and secure



Academic curiosity



Always making sustainable choices



Celebrating individual and collective achievements



Following the Sancta's policies and guidelines



Talking to your RA when you're having a rough time or feeling like you do not fit in



Expressing your views honestly and in good faith



Asking for help from any staff member, RA or student leader



Being accountable for your own actions

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

All students are members of either the Sancta Sophia College Undergraduate Students' Association or the Sancta Sophia College Postgraduate Students' Association. These groups exist to ensure students are represented in the organisation of the College and to provide opportunities for leadership, academic, social, social justice, sport, liturgical and cultural activities.

House Committee

The House Committee leads the Undergraduate Students' Association and is elected by the students themselves. Members of the House Committee take on specific roles and handle general matters and the running of undergraduate student events held at Sancta.



Senior Common Room

The Senior Common Room (SCR) is the representative body for graduate residents. Members of the SCR take on specific roles and handle general matters and the running of postgraduate student events held at Sancta.



2026 Undergraduate Leaders

Senior Student	Lily Betland
Honorary Secretary	Carly Oh
Honorary Treasurer	Anneliese Rivett-Carnac
Social Secretary	Olivia Ord
Sports Secretary	Madison Webster
Cultural Secretary	Adriana Field
Liturgical Secretary	Sophie McQuie
Social Justice & Sponsorship Secretary	Abbey Peters
Intercol Representative	Alexandra Jones
Senior Representative	Taite Richards
Sophomore Rep.	Alessandra Doyle
Fresher Representative	Elected in 2026

2026 Postgraduate Leaders

President	Isaac Gill
Secretary	Ruicheng Su
Treasurer	Jennifer Ikeda
Sports Representative	Spartan Nandal
Cultural Representative	Elected in 2026
Social Justice Rep.	Elected in 2026
Social Representative	Isabel Toohey
Academic Representative	Abhinav Sood

All students are encouraged to approach House Committee and Senior Common Room members regarding any areas requiring discussion and may make a request to attend a meeting to present issues, ideas or concerns.

STUDENT COMMUNICATION



EMAIL

Emails are the official form of communication at Sancta. Should a staff member wish to communicate with you directly regarding any matter, they will most likely contact you via email in the first instance. Whole-of-college communications will be sent via email to all residents.



SMS TEXT MESSAGE

We use our SMS text messaging system to deliver messages of an urgent or time-sensitive nature. If there is an impromptu event, onsite emergency or an issue with a particular service, you will receive a text message in the first instance.



FACEBOOK GROUPS

Facebook Groups are used as a means of informal communication among students and staff of the College. Groups are effective for students and student leaders to post reminders, invitations and community messages.

All students should request to join:

- Sancta Noticeboard 2026

Postgraduate students should request to join:

- Sancta Postgrads

Other groups you should join based on your year level or participation:

- Sancta Ambassadors
- Sancta Freshers 2026
- Silly Geese (for undergraduate students)



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Each week, you will receive an e-newsletter by email. It contains important news and information about upcoming College events, notices from the Principal and other staff and a range of opportunities pertaining to College, academic and professional life.



Remember to keep your contact details up to date!

Update your email address and mobile phone number through the [Student Portal](#). If you're an international student, please update your contact number when you receive your Australian sim card and mobile number.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

The College calendar can be synced to the calendar app on your smartphone or computer. It contains the dates for most College events to which you are either invited or required to attend. Subscribe to the calendar via the QR code on the right or the link in the Student Portal.



FOOD & DINING

Having meals together in the Sheldon Dining Hall is an important part of our community. It's not just a place to enjoy nourishing food but an opportunity to connect and build relationships with others.

MEALTIMES

	Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Breakfast	6:30 am - 9:30 am	6:30 am - 8:30 am	6:30 am - 8:30 am
Brunch	---	8:30 am - 11:30 am	8:30 am - 11:30 am
Lunch	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Dinner	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	6:15 pm - 7:30 pm

OUR FOOD PRINCIPLES

All meals are catered in the Dining Hall by our onsite caterers. We ask them to uphold our food principles of safety, inclusivity and sustainability in their daily meals and event services.

LATE DINNERS

The late dinner ordering service is available on weeknights, except Formal Dinner nights (most Mondays) and other whole-of-college special events. Use the form link in the Student Portal or the QR code displayed in the Servery and Dining Hall to request a late meal. Cut-off times apply.

FORMAL DINNERS

Formal Dinners are whole-of-college events that occur on most Monday evenings during semester. Business attire (good pants and tops, dinner dresses, heeled shoes, shirt and tie, hair neat and groomed) and academic gowns are required.

If you are unable to attend any Formal Dinner, you must email an apology in advance to the relevant secretary:

- Postgrads: sanctascr@gmail.com
- Undergrads: honsecretary.sancta.hc@gmail.com

In each case, you should copy (CC) the Vice Principal: viceprincipal@sancta.edu.au.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options are available at every meal. If your specific dietary needs cannot be met by the regular offering, please provide medical advice to the Vice Principal, who will then talk to the caterers to ensure your needs are met.

MENU

View the current menu via at sancta.edu.au/menu or on the electronic display in the Servery.

FOOD FEEDBACK

There is both an Undergraduate and Postgraduate 'Food Secretary' elected each year. Their role is to represent the student voice on food at Sancta. You can reach out to your student representative should you have feedback or suggestions. You can also provide our caterers with feedback and suggestions directly by utilising the communication channels on display in the Dining Hall and Servery.

If you have raised a concern or request with our caterers and you are not satisfied with their response, please contact the Vice Principal to raise a complaint.

YOUR GUESTS

- ✓ Your guests are welcome at Sancta
- ✓ Your guests are expected to follow all guidelines while at Sancta

- ✓ You are responsible for your guests and their behaviour
- ✓ For security reasons, only allow your own guests onto our grounds

OVERNIGHT GUESTS

You are permitted to have guests stay with you in the College for a maximum of three nights per fortnight. Please discuss with the Vice Principal if you wish for a guest to stay longer. Roll-away beds and linen can be ordered via the 'Maintenance' menu in the Student Portal at a cost of \$20 per night (advance notice is required).

MEALS FOR GUESTS

When a guest joins you for a meal, you must sign the visitor register located near the Dining Hall entrance to ensure you pay for your guest's meal. Staff regularly check the register and will contact you if they believe you have not signed your guest in. Your student account will be charged accordingly: Breakfast \$8, Lunch \$12, Dinner \$15.

SPIRITUALITY

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Our community supports students of all faith backgrounds and aims to support the spiritual needs and religious practices of all students wherever possible.

Please do not hesitate to speak with the Vice Principal or Principal if you need special arrangements to be made to enable you to honour your faith traditions.

CATHOLIC MASS

Mass is celebrated in the Chapel every Sunday evening during semester at 5:30 pm. Students of all denominations and faiths are welcome to attend.

There are three Masses per year that we ask all students to attend: Commencement, Archbishop's Mass and Vale. More information about these masses is provided to students closer to the date.

The Catholic Parish of St Joseph's is next door to Sancta. Mass and confession times can be found at stjosephscamperdown.org.au.



HEALTH & WELLBEING

Sancta is committed to ensuring accessibility and to supporting all students. If you need additional support or adjustments to help make your college and university experience easier, reach out to the Vice Principal to start a discussion.

HEALTH SERVICES

For general health services, including General Practitioner (GP), you will find a variety of services in the local community. Most universities provide bulk-billed services for their students (Medicare or Overseas Student Health Cover Scheme). However, these may be in high demand and thus have a waiting period. To find another health service provider, visit healthdirect.gov.au.

If you are injured, unwell, or need help, make sure you let your RA or the Vice Principal know.

COUNSELLING SERVICES

There are a range of counselling, physical, sexual and mental health services available to students in the local community, including the services of your university. Your RA and Sancta staff have information about how to access these services. There is also a section within the Student Portal that provides more information about trusted local support services.

In addition, Grace Versace offers counselling services at Sancta from time to time. To arrange an appointment, you can call Grace directly on 0425 756 966.

GYM MEMBERSHIP

As part of your residency, you receive an annual membership to Sydney Uni Sport (SUS) and the following entitlements through to the end of the Semester 2 exam period:



- Access to both the Sports and Aquatic Centre (SUSAC) and Arena Sports Centre. Visit susf.com.au for centre locations.
- Group fitness classes at SUSAC held in the Group Fitness Room, RPM Studio and Boxing Gym (excludes UNLEASH program). Check class timetables online at susf.com.au.
- Casual swimming and casual basketball at SUSAC. Check lap lane and court availability at susf.com.au.
- Access to the Ledge Climbing Centre for indoor rock climbing and bouldering.
- Join any SUS club (fees apply, refer to individual clubs) and to hire courts for individual use.

To access the gym facilities, simply present at either centre quoting your name and showing your USyd Student Card. SUS staff will upload your Student Card to their system if you are a USyd student, or provide you with a membership card if you are not a USyd student. If you have previously been a SUS member, your existing membership card will continue to work. You must bring a full-sized towel or hire one from either centre for gym use (this is highly recommended for Group Fitness classes). If you have any questions, ask any SUS staff member.



TO BACK CAR PARK, AND GENERAL WASTE AND RECYCLING BINS

MRD GATE

TO MISSENDEN ROAD

MUSIC ROOM

LAUNDRY

MRD DOOR

SHANAHAN DINING ROOM

EPIPEN SERVERY

SHELDON DINING HALL

COLLECT YOUR LETTERS HERE

LIBRARY

PRINT/COPY HERE

THE QUAD

SHELDON TERRACE

CHAPEL (LEVEL 1)

TO USYD

LOWER COMMON ROOM

COUNCIL ROOM

PRINCIPAL

MCDONALD ROOM

STAY (LOCKDOWN)

- Gather people together out of sight
- Close and lock windows & doors
- Close blinds & turn off lights
- Switch mobile phones to silent
- Switch off mobile phone vibrate function
- KEEP CALM & REMAIN QUIET
- Barricade door with furniture if necessary
- Await instructions of lockdown completion
- In a life threatening emergency call 000

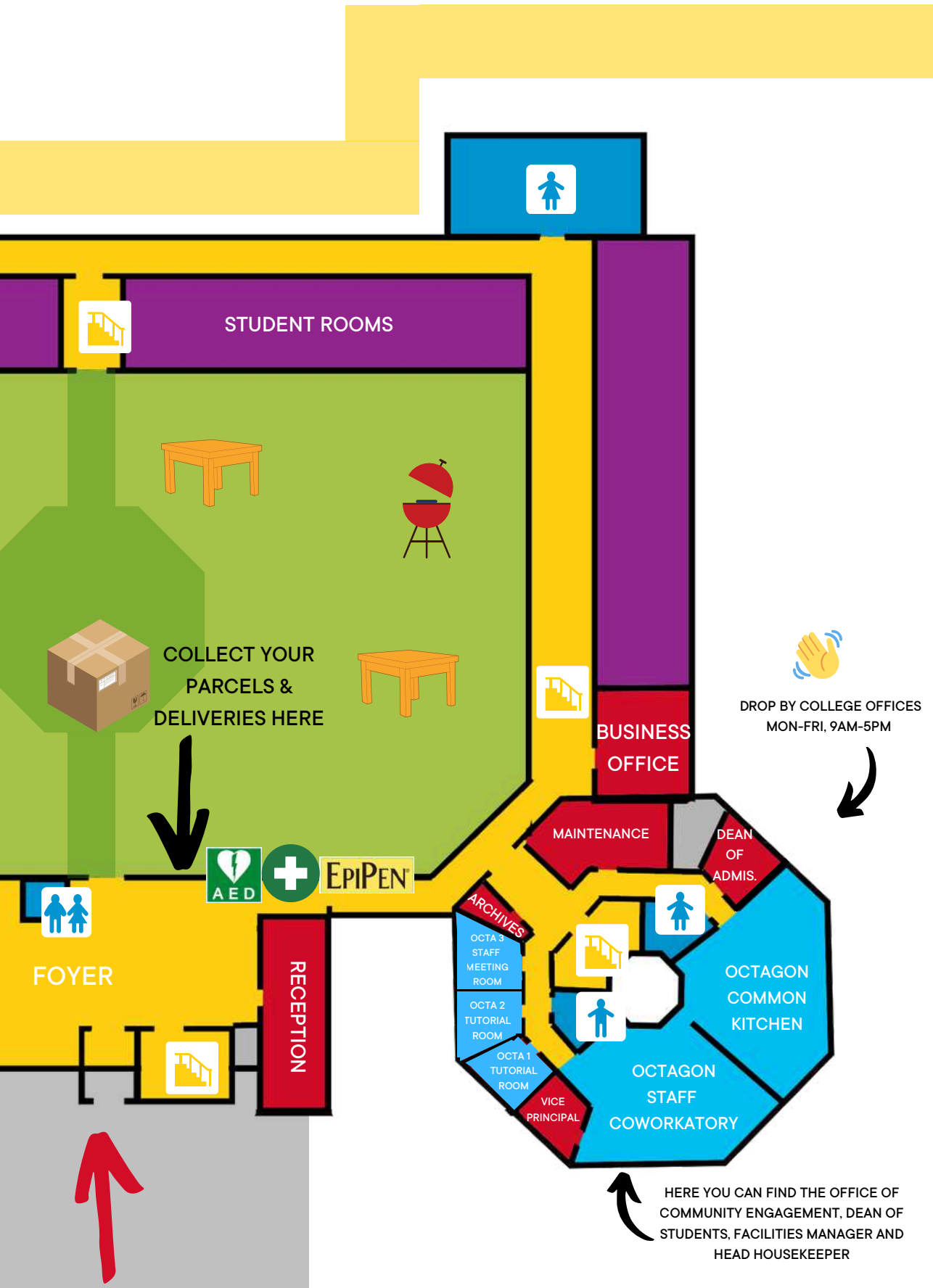
GO (EVACUATION)

- Commence evacuation when directed
- Switch off plant & equipment
- Assist mobility impaired persons
- DO NOT RUN
- Go to designated assembly area
- DO NOT re-enter building until instructed
- In a life threatening emergency call 000

ADDRESS:
 SANCTA SOPHIA COLLEGE
 8 MISSENDEN ROAD
 CAMPERDOWN, NSW, 2050
 AUSTRALIA



MAIN DRIVEWAY AND PEDESTRIAN GATE TO MISSENDEN ROAD



DROP BY COLLEGE OFFICES MON-FRI, 9AM-5PM

HERE YOU CAN FIND THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, DEAN OF STUDENTS, FACILITIES MANAGER AND HEAD HOUSEKEEPER

MAIN ENTRANCE



GRADUATE HOUSE

Ground Floor	First Floor	Fourth Floor
Figtree Terrace, laundry, bike storage, common kitchen and lounge	Printer/copier	Rooftop Terrace, BBQ, common kitchen and lounge, W/C



TO ST JOHN'S OVAL & USYD



GATE TO PARRAMATTA ROAD



FACILITIES

INTERNET

Wi-Fi is available throughout the College. To connect, join the 'SSC-CONNECT' network from your device and enter the password provided during check-in. If you are having trouble connecting to Wi-Fi, please contact CompNow by telephone, Monday-Friday:

- 8:00 am to 5:30 pm: call 1300 366 557 (option 2).
- 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm: call 1300 366 778.

Please note that CompNow is only able to provide technical support in relation to Wi-Fi connectivity.

PRINTING & COPYING

You can print and copy at the printers located in the Library and on Level 1 of Graduate House. Add credit to your account via the Student Portal ('Accounts' menu tab).

To photocopy, present your access fob to the printer. Enter your 6-digit PIN (same as laundry PIN) and press 'Next'. Press the 'Use copier' button.

To print, the WebPrint link is available in the Student Portal or at <https://monitor.sanctasophiacollege.edu.au/WebPrint>). Enter your Student Number and upload the documents you wish to print. Once uploaded, head to a printer to release your print job. Tap your access fob at the printer and enter your 6-digit PIN.

CAR PARKING

Parking spaces are very limited within the College and allocated to students on the basis of the need for a car in Sydney. If you wish to apply for a parking space, please request an application form from Reception. Please note that the waitlist for spaces is long.

LAUNDRY

There are laundries with washing machines and dryers situated next to Missenden Road Door and on the ground floor of Graduate House. Operating instructions are located inside each laundry.

To use the machines, you will need your access fob and 6-digit PIN and you must have credit on your Student Portal account. Load funds onto your account via the Student Portal ('Accounts' menu tab).

Washing = \$3 per load, Drying = \$3 per load.

Irons and ironing boards are located on each floor in Heritage Building and in the laundry in Graduate House. Washing powder is supplied free of charge (you only need a teaspoon's worth of powder for an average load). Students must not hang items out windows, in corridors or in common areas.

MAIL & PARCELS

Mail is delivered to the College during business hours and distributed to the appropriate collection areas:

- Letters can be collected from the pigeonholes in the Sheldon Dining Hall.
- Parcels can be collected from the shelving unit in the Foyer.

Australia Post offers alternative delivery addresses for your convenience, including the ability to have parcels sent to a nearby Post Office (there is one 300m from Sancta) or a 24/7 free and secure Parcel Locker (there is one at Newtown train station).

Visit auspost.com.au for more information. Whilst all care is taken, the College does not assume any responsibility for your mail or parcels.



MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS

If you come across something that is faulty, or needs repairing, submit a maintenance request via the 'Maintenance' tab in the [Student Portal](#).

E-MOBILITY & LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY

Sancta supports the use of e-bikes and other e-mobility devices but notes that their lithium-ion batteries pose unusual fire risks. While battery-related fires are not common, their consequences can be catastrophic. Lithium-ion battery fires are unlike other fires and are impossible to extinguish using regular methods.

Charging e-mobility devices in bedrooms is strictly prohibited at Sancta. Instead, Sancta requires all e-mobility devices to be stored and charged in the Bike Room, which is located on ground floor of Graduate House. The room is fire-rated and will contain the fire until the fire brigade can respond.

We strongly encourage all e-mobility device owners and users to review NSW Fire and Rescue guidelines for safe use. Key safety tips include:

- Charge batteries on hard, non-flammable surfaces and never while sleeping or absent.
- Use only approved chargers and unplug once fully charged.
- Do not charge batteries that are damaged or overheating.
- Dispose of undamaged batteries at designated recycling points - never in household waste.
- Store damaged batteries outside in a ventilated area, away from flammable materials.

For more information, visit the NSW Government's website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/housing-and-construction/safety-home/electrical-safety/lithium-ion-battery-safety>

EVENTS & USING SHARED SPACES

All events at Sancta must give consideration to the impact on the whole Sancta community. No event should disrupt or exclude other members of the College. Organisers must have a plan for returning the shared space to normal (including removal of all rubbish into the appropriate skip bins) after the event. There must also be a plan for the safe management of alcohol. This plan must be agreed with the Vice Principal before the event can go ahead. Requesting the use of a shared space starts by submitting a Student Event Request Form to the Vice Principal (link is in the Student Portal). Using shared spaces for private parties is not permitted.

DECORATIONS

We understand that students may wish to decorate their rooms and common areas; however, sticky tape and Blu Tack must not be used on exposed brick, and items must not be hung from pipes or sprinkler fixtures. Please do not install any nails, screws or fixed hooks to hang posters or decorations. Instead, use small amounts of Blu Tack on painted surfaces only, or opt for removable hooks (for example, the 'Command' brand). For everyone's safety, ensure all personal electrical items like chargers, power boards, fairy lights and fridges are in good working order.

ADDITIONAL FEES & PENALTIES

- Room change request: \$250
- Falsely, wilfully, or carelessly causing emergency evacuation: up to \$2,200
- College access fob lost or not returned: \$50
- Parking access fob lost or not returned: \$50
- Linen packs: basic set \$50, deluxe set \$95

IF THINGS GO WRONG

It is an unfortunate part of life that things do not always go as planned. Sometimes things go wrong and we may have experiences that we would wish away if we could.

At Sancta there are many people to talk to when things go wrong - your RA (or the RA on Duty), a student leader or a member of staff. We are all committed to helping you through difficulties should they arise, whether it be a mental health issue, a family issue, a problem with another member of the community, an academic issue, or another kind of problem. We are here to help.

Living in a community with many other people is not always easy and sometimes the behaviour of another student can cause you concern. It might help to discuss this with someone and together work out an appropriate response. No two situations are alike, so talking things over is a good place to start.

When serious problems occur, we strongly urge you to seek help, whether from the team here at Sancta, your university, family or a professional service. We owe it to ourselves to not suffer in silence. At Sancta we will listen and work with you to help you through, whatever the issue is. We will talk through options and together figure out what should happen next.

In times of need, reach out to any of the people listed here in this guide. We are here for you, whenever you need us.



IN AN EMERGENCY, ALWAYS CALL 000

When you call 000, you will be asked which emergency service you want (Police, Fire or Ambulance). You will then be asked for the address of where the emergency is. Sancta's address is 8 Missenden Road, Camperdown, and we are in the city of Sydney and the state of New South Wales.

You will then be asked for your 'nearest cross street'. Sancta's nearest cross street is Parramatta Road.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

In case of an emergency evacuation, a loud alarm will sound. Please evacuate the building immediately and follow instructions from staff and fire wardens. All alarms and evacuations are real unless an announcement immediately prior to the alarm states that it is a test or drill. Our emergency assembly point is at the gates between Sancta and St John's Oval.

OUR CODE OF CONDUCT AND POLICIES

Our Code of Conduct and suite of policies help keep Sancta as a safe and supportive community for all. They reflect the standards expected of every one of us. It is important to read and understand them as you are required to abide by them.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Sancta Sophia College is an academic community founded in values of respect, integrity, ethical decision-making and care for others.

Sancta Sophia College recognises that everyone in our community has the right to live, study and work in a safe and supportive environment. All members of the College community have a role in creating and maintaining a safe and respectful environment.

The Sancta Sophia Code of Conduct requires familiarity with and adherence to College Policies and Procedures. While most issues are dealt with pastorally, students need to be aware that serious breaches of this Code of Conduct and with associated Policies can result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or expulsion from the College.

Required conduct:

Sancta requires all members of our community (students, staff, Council members and guests) to:

- Act honestly and with integrity
- Treat all people with dignity and respect
- Be respectful of property
- Uphold the academic purpose of the College
- Abide by Sancta Policies and Procedures
- Act in accordance with the requirements of the University and the laws of the land
- Uphold Sancta as a safe and supportive community

Acting honestly and with integrity

Honesty and integrity are attributes that enable trust and confidence. Acting with integrity means being accountable for your own actions and taking responsibility when you make poor choices. It means openly advocating for what you would like to see in the College environment and expressing your views honestly and in good faith.

Treating people with dignity and respect

Sancta is a home-away-from-home for students from across NSW, Australia and the world. It is known for the sense of community and positive relationships it engenders in all. This is because there is no tolerance within the community for transgressing anyone's entitlement to dignity and respect. Sancta does not tolerate any form of discrimination, bullying, harassment or hazing of any person, for any reason, at any time.

Being respectful of property

Many people over many years have worked to create the beautiful environment of Sancta that we enjoy today. Sancta recognises that we all have a responsibility to be stewards of our environment, and to protect and preserve it for our fellow community members, and for those who will join our community in years to come.

Uphold the academic purpose of the College

Everyone at Sancta is investing in their future through their academic endeavours. Pursuing an academic goal is not always easy and we are all challenged to maintain balance and focus. Upholding the academic purpose of the College requires all residents to take studies seriously, meet course requirements, and attend class. It also means supporting the academic efforts of others within the College, minimising distractions or disruptions, and using study spaces as intended. Sancta supports a culture that is curious, open to rigorous discussion and debate, respectful and challenging.

Abiding by Sancta policies, procedures and guidelines

Sancta's policies, procedures and guidelines are designed to maximise a positive student experience, promote respect and dignity for all, and support the safety and wellbeing of everyone. Sancta's Policies and Procedures are reviewed annually, and all students are invited to provide feedback to aid in the review process.

There are key policies which all students are required to be familiar with and to uphold. To act contrary to these policies would represent a major breach of this Code of Conduct and result in disciplinary action.

These policies are:

- The Sancta Sophia College Sexual Harm and Gender-based Violence Prevention and Response Policy
- The Sancta Sophia College Bullying, Harassment, Discrimination and Hazing Policy
- The Sancta Sophia College Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy

These policies are supported by The Sancta Sophia College Disclosures, Complaints and Investigations Policy, which articulates the process to be followed by students and staff in the event of a complaint, grievance, or breach of the Sancta Sophia Code of Conduct and related Policies.

Guidelines and other policies are published in Sancta's Walk in Wisdom Guide. Serious, repeated or wilful breaches of such guidelines may also attract a disciplinary response.

Act in accordance with the requirements of the University and the laws of the land

Sancta Sophia College supports and requires students to act in accordance with the policies of The University of Sydney and other learning institutions where applicable. This includes matters of conduct and behaviour, academic integrity, and health and safety issues. It also includes conduct and behaviour in relation to Intercollege events and activities.

Students need to be aware that the Principal may be obliged to refer serious breaches of University codes or policies by any College student to the University, as well as investigating or taking disciplinary action herself.

All members of the Sancta community, wherever they are, are also subject to the law, which applies in College as it does in the wider community. The College will report serious indictable offences to NSW Police.

Uphold Sancta as a safe and supportive community

Sancta has a strong reputation for being a safe and supportive environment for the students who call it home. This reputation has been earned over many years and is the result of the culture embedded by our founders, strong leadership at both student and management level, and our continued zero tolerance approach to behaviour that sits outside of broader community expectations.

Students, their families and the university community have confidence in Sancta because our culture does not tolerate the mistreatment or endangerment of others: this is parallel to their knowledge that our students and staff will take action should they become aware of any conduct contrary to our values. It is the responsibility of every single community member to ensure that this culture continues.

It is important that students do not conduct themselves in a manner that brings the College into disrepute, because it undermines the sense of security to which our students are rightly entitled.

Internally and externally, Sancta has access to a broad range of supports and services that can help students manage physical and mental health issues, academic challenges, and just about anything else that may arise. Students are encouraged to seek help for themselves and each other when it is needed.

SEXUAL HARM AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE POLICY

The following is a snapshot of Sancta's Sexual Harm and Gender-based Violence Prevention and Response Policy.

The full policy can be accessed via the QR code on this page or on Sancta's website.

Scan to read the full policy



POLICY SNAPSHOT

Sancta is an inclusive community where everyone is entitled to dignity and respect.

Any form of sexual harm or gender-based violence is wrong. It is a breach of Sancta's Code of Conduct and, in many cases, is unlawful. It is not tolerated here.

Sancta's Sexual Harm and Gender-based Violence Prevention and Response is an important document which outlines your rights and responsibilities, ways to report and respond to incidents, and gives details about pathways to access support.

Sancta is committed to your safety and wellbeing. Fiona, Brigid and the pastoral leaders are here to support you, in confidence and without judgement.

What is sexual harm?

Sexual harm means sexual activity without consent and includes:

- sexual assault
- sexual harassment
- non-consensual sexual touching or sexual acts
- voyeurism
- recording or sharing real or fake intimate images without consent

What is gender-based violence?

Gender-based violence means physical or non-physical violence, harassment, abuse or threats, based on gender, that results in harm, coercion, control, fear or deprivation of liberty or autonomy. It can include:

- sexual harm (as outlined above)
- stalking
- family and domestic violence
- coercive control
- modern slavery

What are my responsibilities?

Every member of our community is entitled to live, study and work in a safe and respectful environment - and each one of us has a role to play in safeguarding that right.

This includes:

- making sure you are not involved in conduct that is intimidating, harassing, abusive, disrespectful or threatening
- completing training required by Sancta and your university
- intervening safely as an ethical bystander

How do I report an incident?

You can make a disclosure (an informal report) to raise awareness and seek support or make a complaint (a formal report) to request action and seek support. This can be done:

- by approaching the Principal or Vice Principal in person, by email, phone or in writing
- through the RespectX portal

You can choose to report anonymously. Support is available, however you choose to report harmful or violent behaviour.

What happens after I make a report?

- Sancta will respond in a trauma-informed, person-centred and procedurally-fair way
- Support will be available for both reporters/complainants and respondents
- Interim measures may be taken to protect safety
- The confidentiality of all parties will be respected
- Disciplinary action may follow in breaches of the policy

What support is available?

Emergency and ongoing support is available for members of our community from:

- Sancta's Pastoral Team: Fiona, Brigid, Pippa and the Residential Assistants (RAs)
- The Safer Communities Office of the University of Sydney
- Other university support services
- Local services listed in the Supports and Services page on the Student Portal

BULLYING, HARASSMENT, DISCRIMINATION AND HAZING POLICY

The following is a snapshot of Sancta's Bullying, Harassment, Discrimination and Hazing Policy.

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POLICY SNAPSHOT

Every member of the Sancta community has the right to live, study and work in a safe, respectful and supportive environment.

Any form of bullying, harassment, discrimination or hazing is a serious breach of Sancta's values and Code of Conduct and will not be tolerated. In some cases, such behaviour is also unlawful.

Unacceptable behaviour

Bullying, harassment, discrimination or hazing can occur in many ways - face to face, by telephone, email, text, social media, through another person or by any other means.

If you are not sure a behaviour constitutes bullying, harassment, discrimination or hazing, it is helpful to ask yourself: would a reasonable person, knowing the circumstances, consider the behaviour offensive, insulting, humiliating, intimidating, frightening, threatening or victimising?

The following definitions may also be useful:

- **Bullying** is repeated and unacceptable behaviour that belittles, intimidates or threatens another person and creates a risk to their health, safety or dignity.
- **Harassment** is any type of behaviour that another person does not want. It is behaviour that offends, embarrasses, insults, humiliates, intimidates or frightens the other person.
- **Discrimination** is when a person, or a group of people, is treated less favourably than another person, or group of people, because of characteristics such as race, gender, sexual preference or orientation, disability, illness, age, social background, political belief (or absence of political belief) or religious belief (or absence of religious belief).

- **Hazing** is a practice which has a particular resonance to residential institutions. It occurs when a high-status member (or members) of a group directs other members - whether newcomers or not - to engage in an activity which is intended to cause embarrassment, humiliation or ridicule, regardless of a person's willingness to participate. In such cases, recipients generally lack the power to resist because they want to please the group.

Often the word 'tradition' is used to justify hazing behaviour. Whilst traditions have their place in any community, they are not accepted as an excuse for hazing behaviour at Sancta.

Disciplinary action

Allegations of bullying, harassment, discrimination or hazing will be dealt with in accordance with Sancta's Disclosures, Complaints and Investigations Policy. Disciplinary action will apply to proven breaches, up to and including expulsion from the College.

Guidance and support

If you have concerns about unacceptable behaviour, share them with your pastoral leaders - Fiona, Brigid, Pippa, your RA or the after-hours Duty RA (0419 479 832). They will listen without judgement and provide considered advice and support.

DISCLOSURES, COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS POLICY

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POLICY SNAPSHOT

In a residential community such as Sancta, disagreement and conflict can arise. At such times, Sancta's pastoral leaders - Fiona, Brigid, Pippa and the Resident Assistants (RAs) - will listen without judgement, respect confidences and help you consider your options.

Sancta's Disclosures, Complaints and Investigations Policy details what you can expect when making a disclosure or a complaint - or if a complaint is made about you.

You can be assured that, in responding to disclosures and complaints, Sancta is committed to procedural fairness and just outcomes. All parties - both complainants and respondents - will receive support through what can be a stressful time.

Disclose or complain: what should I do?

A disclosure (or informal report) occurs when you want to share information about a matter of concern involving someone at Sancta. You are making Sancta aware of the issue and seeking advice. Disclosures can be made anonymously through RespectX.

Generally speaking, disclosures are not investigated, excepted when the College is required by the law or regulation to do so, or if there is an apparent risk to the health or safety of any person. A confidential record will be kept of your concerns for future reference.

A complaint (or formal report) is made when you are asking the College to take action in response to a breach of a Sancta rule or policy by someone at the College. Complaints can be made anonymously through RespectX.

Complaints often proceed to assisted resolution or, in the case of more serious breaches, to investigation.

There is no right or wrong when deciding to make a disclosure or a complaint. If you are unsure, it might be a good idea to start with a disclosure. This way you can receive support and talk over what a complaint or investigation might involve. At any time, you can ask for your disclosure to become a complaint.

What will happen next

Assisted resolution involves a facilitated discussion between both parties and, ideally, agreement between parties to avoid further incidents / concerns. Assisted resolution is not always appropriate, especially in cases of serious misconduct, where someone is at risk, where it has been used before and failed to result in behaviour change.

If your complaint suggests a serious breach of Sancta rules, an investigation may be required. It will be led by the Principal or her appointee.

The College will seek to finalise the investigation in a timely way will ensure both the complainant and respondent are well supported and kept informed.

Where an allegation is upheld, disciplinary action is determined on the basis of the seriousness of the allegation, the past conduct and behaviour of the respondent, the impact on the complainant and principles of natural justice. Disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to: reprimand, warning, removal or rights or privileges, changing rooms, suspicion from the College or, in the most serious cases, expulsion.

Either party may appeal, in writing, to the Chair of the Sancta Sophia College Council, Ms Beth Boustead, at: bethboustead@gmail.com

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS POLICY

The following is a snapshot of Sancta's Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy.

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POLICY SNAPSHOT

Sancta is home to more than 300 young people, many of whom choose to consume alcohol, many of whom do not.

While alcohol has a role in the rich social life of colleges and the University, it must be served and consumed responsibly.

Consumption of alcohol and other drugs should be understood within the context of Commonwealth and State laws, as well as community expectations, health advice and social standards.

At Sancta, our priority is always your wellbeing. If the pastoral care leaders can see that you or a fellow student is experiencing difficulties with alcohol, they will raise the issue with you and offer support and advice.

If an occasion arises when a student (or guest) consumes alcohol to excess, their chief concern will be the immediate health and wellbeing of the person involved. You need never be embarrassed or fearful to raise the alarm.

While the consumption of alcohol in the College is accepted, smoking, vaping and the use of other drugs is not. Serious breaches will have disciplinary consequences.

Alcohol at Sancta

All service of alcohol at Sancta must comply with the requirements of the Liquor Act 2007 (NSW) and the University of Sydney Liquor Accord. Consumption of alcohol by, or giving alcohol to, anyone under 18 years of age is illegal and considered a serious breach of Sancta's rules.

Expected standards of behaviour

Sancta is a diverse community of people, each of whom has the right to live, study and work in a safe and respectful environment. To safeguard this environment:

- Students (or guests) under the age of 18 will not consume alcohol.
- Students (or guests) will not drink with the aim of becoming intoxicated.
- Students (or guests) who are intoxicated will not continue drinking.
- No-one will provide or serve alcohol to anyone who is intoxicated.
- Students (or guests) will not be pressured in any way to drink alcohol.
- Students (or guests) will not be involved in drinking games at Sancta.
- Smoking, vaping, the use of prohibited drugs and the inappropriate use of prescription medicine or over-the-counter medicine is prohibited.

Serious breaches of these rules will have disciplinary consequences, up to and including expulsion from the College.

What to do if things go wrong

At Sancta, we understand there may be occasions when a student or guest of the College consumes alcohol (or another substance) to a degree requiring medical attention. In such cases, the health and wellbeing of that person is the most important consideration. Do not delay - seek help immediately.

If in need call on the RA (0419 479 832), a member of staff. If the situation is urgent, do not hesitate to call for an ambulance on 000 (triple zero).

If a longer-term issue with alcohol or drugs is emerging - for yourself or another student - Fiona or Brigid can provide support, in confidence and without judgement, including guidance on how to access professional services.

ILLNESS, INFECTIOUS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES POLICY

The following is a snapshot of Sancta's Illness, Infectious and Communicable Diseases Policy.

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POLICY SNAPSHOT

Preventing the spread of infectious and communicable diseases is of critical importance in a large residential community such as ours. Sancta is committed to:

- providing and maintaining a healthy and safe residential environment.
- minimising the risk of transmission of infectious diseases.
- promoting awareness, including of preventative measures such as vaccination.
- supporting residents and staff who have an infectious disease, taking all reasonable steps to accommodate them and ensuring they are not subjected to unfair treatment, discrimination, harassment or victimisation.

Shared responsibilities

Everyone at Sancta must take reasonable steps to prevent the spread of disease in our community.

Anyone diagnosed with an infectious or communicable disease must inform the Vice Principal or Principal so appropriate measures can be taken to support the affected person and minimise spread of the illness.

There is no onus on any person to reveal their medical history or any non-communicable illness.

Anyone with an infectious or communicable disease can expect to be treated with dignity and respect and without judgment or blame.

Discrimination or harassment of anyone with an infectious or communicable disease, or those assumed to have an infectious or communicable disease, is not tolerated.

Privacy and confidential information

Generally speaking, anyone disclosing that they have an infectious or communicable disease will be afforded privacy and their disclosure kept confidential.

Where the presence of the infection or disease will impact others, or where awareness of its presence may help limit its spread, some limited information may be shared with other staff and students. In such cases, it will first be discussed with the affected person. Only the Principal can authorise the sharing of information without the consent of the affected person.

In some cases of infectious illness, the affected student may be required to isolate for the duration of the illness.

Vaccinations and immunisations

From time to time, in response to a health crisis, Sancta may require students to acquire certain vaccinations to remain eligible to reside at the College. Students will be given adequate notice and medical exemptions will be accommodated where possible.

As of January 2026, there are no vaccine requirements at Sancta. However, given the close living environment, it is recommended that students be immunised for seasonal influenza, pneumococcal disease, tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis; measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); herpes zoster (HZ); and human papillomavirus (HPV).

SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

Social media is an integral part of our daily lives, offering a platform for communication, connection, and expression. At Sancta Sophia College, we recognise the immense potential of social media and embrace its ability to enhance our community engagement and to communicate with current and future students, staff, alumni, and other stakeholders.

The College is committed to supporting the positive, collaborative, and creative use of social media that enhances and celebrates College life.

Conduct and behaviour in social media environments

The same high standards of conduct and behaviour that are expected of Sancta community members in person, are also expected in the social media environment. Whether your social media account is public or private, we ask that you engage thoughtfully and responsibly.

Sancta's Code of Conduct and all other policies operate in the social media environment. Social media users need to ensure their conduct and behaviour on social media is in keeping with Sancta's Code of Conduct. Allegations of bullying, harassment or hazing, or of sexual misconduct will be responded to in the same manner irrespective of the online or in person context in which they emerge.

When using social media, please:

- Communicate respectfully and professionally when sharing information about students, staff, or other community members.
- Avoid posting anything about others without consent.
- Be mindful of how your online activity could impact your own reputation and that of others in our community.
- Refrain from sharing offensive, defamatory, or unlawful content.
- Do not use the College's name, logo, or branding without permission from the Director of Community Engagement or Principal.
- Respect the Terms of Use of each platform and ensure you follow copyright and privacy laws.

If you have any concerns about content or behaviour that does not align with these guidelines, please reach out to a staff member for support.

Sancta-related social media

Sancta maintains social media accounts, profiles and groups on various social media sites to showcase College life, build community, encourage participation at College events, share positive experiences of College life, and engage with students and the broader community. Some social media accounts are directed towards students currently at Sancta, while others have a broader audience. From time to time, students are invited to collaborate on Sancta-related social media accounts.

Social media accounts that purport to relate to Sancta must be approved by the Director of Community Engagement or Principal prior to being created. Sancta reserves the right to close any Sancta-related social media accounts if they do not align with their intended purpose or Sancta's values.

Sancta recognises the complexities of social media. Students are warmly invited to seek advice from the Director of Community Engagement or other staff if they are unsure about handling any online issues. Sancta also recognises that many students have an academic, professional and/or personal interest in communications. We encourage students interested in social media, content creation, or showcasing College life to connect with the Community Engagement team.

COLLEGE LINGO

Aca

An academic gown; worn to Formal Dinners.

Bocta

'Bottom Octa' - middle floor of Octagon.

Commencement

A celebration held at Sancta to welcome new students and their families to the College; the first official College event on the calendar.

Dail

'The Dail' - St John's College Bar.

Figtree Terrace

An outdoor area on the ground floor of Graduate House, accessible via the ground floor lounge.

Formal

The annual black-tie evening organised by student leaders (as opposed to a Semi-Formal, which is a significant but less formal annual event).

Fresher

A first-year undergraduate resident.

Graduand

A student who has completed their degree but not yet graduated.

Grose

'The Grose' - The Alfred Hotel, opposite Sancta. A long-time favourite pub of Camperdown locals, hospital staff and students from nearby colleges.

Heritage Building

Sancta's main building, opened in 1926 as a Hall of Residence and raised to the status of College by an Act of Parliament in 1929. Accommodates most of the undergraduate members of the Sancta community.

Highlander

'The Highlander' - St Andrew's College Bar.

House Comm

House Committee, the undergraduate student leadership team of the Students' Association.

House Comm Exec

The executive members of House Committee - Senior Student, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

Intercol

An abbreviation for the intercollegiate community of the University of Sydney's six residential colleges that socialise and compete with one another throughout the academic year.

Intramural Championship

Run by the University of Sydney to give residents of the 15 University-owned accommodation facilities, the six Colleges and private providers an opportunity to compete in sporting, cultural and social activities and build an inclusive and connected university community.

LCR

Lower Common Room - a large, shared space in Heritage Building, site of pre- and post-dinner drinks on Formal Dinner evenings. A great place to practise music and drama.

Mac Wing

McDonald Wing - the wing of Heritage Building between the Lower Common Room and the exit door that leads to the pathway towards St John's and the University.

MRD

Missenden Road Door, which takes students out to Missenden Road near the ground floor laundry in Heritage Building.

Octa

Octagon - so called for its distinctive shape, the three-level wing in Heritage Building houses common spaces, staff offices and student rooms; named for its shape.

Palladian Cup

The annual intercollegiate performing arts competition, where the six residential colleges compete in disciplines such as vocal and instrumental, drama, dance, oration, debating and visual arts. A counterpart to the sports-focused Rosebowl and Rawson Cup.

Quad

Sancta's Quadrangle, the large outdoor space that is wrapped by Heritage Building and used for socialising, eating, relaxing and studying.

RA

Resident Assistant - a key point of contact for every student, RAs are essential to the Sancta community as they provide a supportive environment and pastoral care.

Rawson Cup

The Admiral Sir Harry Rawson Cup, commonly known as The Rawson Cup - the pinnacle of male intercollegiate sport at the University of Sydney. The five colleges with male residents compete against each other in athletics, basketball, cricket, rowing, rugby, soccer, swimming and tennis.

Regional Roadshow

Our Community Engagement team and Sancta's Ambassadors visit regional towns across Australia each year to share the scoop on college life with high school students (and meet and reconnect with local alumni while there).

Rooftop

The Rooftop Terrace on Level 4 of Graduate House.

Rosebowl

The intercollegiate sporting competition for women, formerly known as the Macrae-Archdale Cup, which was established in 1958 to honour two departing principals. The six colleges with female residents compete for the Rosebowl in rowing, swimming, diving, netball, hockey, tennis, soccer, basketball and athletics

The Sals

Salisbury Bar - St Paul's College bar.

Sancta Speaks

A series of student-led presentations held annually to showcase the research and projects Sancta students engage in as part of their studies.

SCR

Senior Common Room - the name of Sancta's postgraduate student association.

Semi-formal

An annual social event hosted and planned by the House Committee.

Senior

A third-year (and above) undergraduate resident.

Senior Common Room (SCR) President

The Chair of the SCR, elected by postgraduate members of the College.

Senior Student

The Chair of the House Committee, elected by undergraduate members of the College.

Sheldon Terrace

An outdoor area outside the Sheldon Dining Room, named in honour of the College's largest benefactor, the Sheldon family.

Silly Season

A week of fun and social activities following the mid-year break, welcoming everyone back for Semester Two.

Slev Run

A trip to 7Eleven on Missenden Road, often occurring late at night in pyjamas with a socks and birks combo.

Sophomore

Second-year undergraduate resident.

Study Hall

Study sessions held in the Dining Room every Tuesday and Thursday during semester between 8 pm and 10 pm (snacks provided). Affectionately known as 'Nerd Night'.

STUVAC

Short for 'study vacation' - the time during semester that precedes the exam period; usually coincides with Sancta Treat Week and is not really a vacation at all.



Sydney Uni Sport; the gym of which all Sancta students are automatically members (see page 17 for more information).

Tocta

Top floor of Octagon.

Treat Week

A week every semester that occurs before the exam period (usually coincides with STUVAC); it is a week dedicated to helping you get through the lead up to exams.



University of Sydney Union; an organisation that provides key programs, services and facilities that enhance campus life. All Sancta students are able to receive a FREE USU Rewards membership (valued at \$45), which gives access to USYD clubs and societies, USU programs and services, as well as discounts at food and retail outlets all over campus. To opt-in for a USU Rewards membership, send an email to registrar@sancta.edu.au.

Vale

Valedictory Dinner, or Vale (pronounced 'var-lay'), is an annual event whereby we farewell departing students and congratulate graduating students.

VD

Victory Dinner - a special dinner to celebrate a win in Palladian Cup, Rosebowl or Rawson Cup.

Wisdom Forum

A panel event organised by Sancta students, where invited guests explore local and world issues.

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