

ORIENTATION

Wednesday 26 February 2025

Redfern Campus

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<i>Note:</i>	<p><i>Day Prior – Tuesday 25 February 2025</i></p> <p><i>Meeting with BTh students (11:00am – 12:00pm)</i></p> <p><i>2:00pm – 3:30pm</i></p> <p><i>Dr Elizabeth Kefallinos, Placement Test for Modern Greek Classes (BTh students)</i></p> <p><i>4:00pm – 4:30pm</i></p> <p><i>Mr Basilios Psilacos, Auditions for Byzantine Music Classes (BTh students)</i></p>
11:00am	Student Introductions (Meet & Greet – All New Students)
12:00pm	<p>Doxology to Mark the Commencement of the New Academic Year</p> <p>Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, Redfern</p> <p>His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia, Dean</p> <p>Welcome Address: 'Discerning your Calling (κλήση) and Inclination (κλίση) in Life'</p>
12:45pm	<p>Group Photo</p> <p>Lunch (cheesfare week in 2025)</p>
2:00pm	<p>Assoc. Professor Philip Kariatlis, Sub-Dean</p> <p>'Theology and Life: From Hollow Information to Transformational Living'</p> <p>Very Revd Father Anastasios Bozikis, Lecturer</p> <p>'Approaching Critical Inquiry with an Orthodox Phronema'</p>
3:00pm	<p>Afternoon Recess</p> <p><i>Go outdoors for fresh air and sun, stretch your legs, grab a barista coffee nearby!</i></p>
3:30pm	<p>Revd Father Stavros Agoroudis, Librarian</p> <p>Access to Electronic Resources & Databases; Online Demo</p>
4:00pm	<p>Revd Father Anastasios Kalogerakis, Registrar</p> <p>[A] Academic Information: Introduction to the Sydney College of Divinity (SCD); Course Structures (majors, sub-majors, specialisations); Attendance-Progress-Completion-Graduation; Academic Mentoring; Assessment; Extension Policy; Communication of Results; Academic Appeals; Student Feedback Process; Faculty Members; Students-at-Risk Policy; Access to SCD and St Andrew's websites.</p> <p>[B] General Student Support Information Safety Precautions; Critical Incidents; Support Staff; Emergency Contacts; Financial Support; Amenities; Extra-Curricular Activities; Careers and Vocations; et al.</p>
4:30pm	<p>Vespers for Wednesday evening in Cheesefare Week</p> <p>(also Commemoration of Saint Prokopios the Confessor of Decapolis, d.750)</p>

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Off-Campus Activity
Pilgrimage

Neat semi-formal attire, appropriate for visiting a monastery:
ladies – skirt [at knee or below], blouse/shirt/cardigan, closed footwear, etc;
gentlemen – long trousers, long sleeve shirt, closed footwear [tie optional]

7:15am	<p>Pilgrimage Departure by bus from Redfern Campus for the Holy Monastery of St George (male monastery), Yellow Rock (Blue Mountains)</p> <p>Vehicles travelling separately must please wait for our bus to arrive at the Shell Service Station, 126 Great Western Hwy, Blaxland, by around 8:15am. Pit stop here for 15mins toilet break and drink.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Arrival at Monastery around 9:00am○ Enter church / start Paraklesis Service○ Welcome talk by the Abbot whilst still inside church○ Veneration of holy relics○ Explanation of the church interior○ Exit church / group photo○ Refreshments in the Refectory (use of amenities) and Q&A○ Tour of Monastery complex○ Lunch (in silence during the reading)○ Group photo (if not taken earlier)○ Departure around 1:30pm / 2:00pm
4:00pm	Return to Redfern Campus

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Friday 28 February 2025
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8:30am	Matins for Friday morning in Cheesefare Week (also Commemoration of Saint John Cassian, d. 435)
9:30am	Very Revd Father Anastasios Bozikis, Student Support Officer Student Welfare & Pastoral Care; Student Grievance Policy; Social Media Usage
10:15am	Morning Recess
10:45am	Dr Lydia Gore-Jones, Lecturer Course Unit Booklets Explained; Planning your Study Routine; Academic Mentoring; Our College's Academic Journal, <i>Phronema</i> Academic Integrity; Use of AI Technologies Academic Writing; Study Skills; Learning Support Session #1
12:15pm	Light Lunch for Faculty and Students
1:00pm	Dr Lydia Gore-Jones, Lecturer Academic Writing; Study Skills; Learning Support Session #2
2:00pm	Very Revd Father Irenaeus Triantis Moodle & I.T. Support; Login Details & Advice; Assessment Cover Sheets; Using Turnitin; Online Extension Applications
2:45pm	Ms Zorka Simich, Library Technician Library Services & Support; Access to Physical Resources; Normal Hours of Available Support; Library Tour
3:30pm	End of Program
	[Rest]
6:30pm – 8:00pm	Optional – You are Warmly Invited and Encouraged to Attend Service of Dedication for Graduands (Doxology) Ακολουθία Καθοσίωσης Τελειοδιδάκτων (Δοξολογία) Followed by Reception inside the College Hall (prepared by volunteers of the central ladies philoptohos committee) Attire: neat semi-formal attire, appropriate for attending a church service.