St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College A Member Institution of the Sydney College of Divinity

ORIENTATION

Wednesday 26 February 2025 Redfern Campus BYO laptop or tablet, notepad, stationery

Neat semi-formal attire, appropriate for attending a church service.

Note:	Day Prior – Tuesday 25 February 2025
	Meeting with BTh students (11:00am – 12:00pm)
	2:00pm - 3:30pm
	Dr Elizabeth Kefallinos, Placement Test for Modern Greek Classes (BTh students)
	4:00pm - 4:30pm
	Mr Basilios Psilacos, Auditions for Byzantine Music Classes (BTh students)
11:00am	Gather inside in the Cathedral (please aim to arrive by 10:45am)
	Assoc. Professor Philip Kariatlis, Sub-Dean
	'Theology and Life: From Hollow Information to Transformational Living'
11:30am	Waiting time prior to the Doxology
12:00pm	Doxology to Mark the Commencement of the New Academic Year
	Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, Redfern
	His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia, President and Dean
	Welcome Address: 'Discerning your Calling (κλήση) and Inclination (κλίση) in Life'
12:45pm	Group Photo & Lunch inside College Hall (Cheesefare Week in 2025)
2:00pm	Return inside the Cathedral
	Very Revd Father Anastasios Bozikis, Lecturer
	'Approaching Critical Inquiry with an Orthodox Phronema'
2:30pm	Revd Father Anastasios Kalogerakis, Registrar
2.0 0 pm	[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.
	[B] General Student Support Information: Safety Precautions; Critical Incidents; Support Staff; Emergency Contacts; Financial Support; Amenities; Extra-Curricular Activities; Careers and Vocations; et al.
3:00pm	Afternoon Recess
	Go outdoors for fresh air and sun, stretch your legs, grab a barista coffee nearby!
3:30pm	Very Revd Father Anastasios Bozikis, Student Support Officer
	Student Welfare & Pastoral Care; Student Grievance Policy; Social Media Usage
4:00pm	Very Revd Father Irenaeus Triantis, Registry & I.T. Officer
	Access to our Library's Electronic Resources & Databases; Online Demo
4:30pm	Vespers for Wednesday evening in Cheesefare Week
	(also Commemoration of Saint Prokopios the Confessor of Decapolis, d.750)

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Thursday 27 February 2025

Off-Campus Activity Pilgrimage

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

7:15am	Pilgrimage
	Departure by bus from Redfern Campus for the Holy Monastery of Panagia
	Pantanassa (male monastery), Mangrove Mountain
	Vehicles travelling separately must please wait for our bus to arrive at Peats
	Ridge Village, 1109 Peats Ridge Rd, Peats Ridge, opposite the Ampol Petrol
	Station, by around 8:30am. Pit stop here for 15 mins toilet break and drink.
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	Please consider bringing along a monetary donation for the Monastery to give
	as you enter the Katholikon (Main Church) and light your candle.
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	o 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)
	o Group photo (if not taken earlier)
	Departure around 1:30pm / 2:00pm
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4:00nm	Paturn to Padfarn Campus
4:00pm	Return to Redfern Campus

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Friday 28 February 2025

Redfern Campus

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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 Irenaeus Triantis, Registry & I.T. Officer Moodle & I.T. Support; Login Details & Advice; Assessment Cover Sheets; Using Turnitin; Online Extension Applications
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	Go outdoors for fresh air and sun, stretch your legs, grab lunch nearby!
1:00pm	Dr Lydia Gore-Jones, Lecturer Academic Writing; Study Skills; Learning Support Session #2
2:00pm	Very Revd Father Stavros Agoroudis, Librarian Library Services & Support; Access to Physical Resources; Normal Hours of Available Support; Library Tour
2:45pm	End of Program [Rest]
6:30pm – 8:00pm	Optional – You are Warmly Invited and Encouraged to Attend Service of Dedication for Graduands (Doxology) Ακολουθία Καθοσιώσεως 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.