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# CHARTER

## Establishment

The Sydney College of Divinity was formed in 1983 when six theological Colleges in Sydney constituted themselves as a federation with a view to providing an accredited tertiary education award in theology. The SCD Bachelor of Theology was accredited by the New South Wales Higher Education Board in February 1984.

From its outset, the Sydney College of Divinity has been more than an arrangement for the purposes of accreditation. The founding Member Institutions were committed to a genuinely ecumenical endeavour in which, while retaining their autonomy and ecclesial traditions, they would collaborate with, and support each other, as a College. The Member Institutions have found that our mutual encouragement and accountability to one another as members of the College both enhances the academic standing of our teaching and learning, and strengthens our Christian ministry and witness in Sydney and beyond.

The responsibilities of the College's central administration have increased since 1983. However, in its life and work, the College continues to depend on the generous contribution of the staff of the Member Institutions to service on our boards and committees.

The Bachelor of Theology remains a central award which embodies the College's mission to provide both theological education and ministerial preparation. Full membership of the Sydney College of Divinity is open only to institutions accredited to offer the Bachelor of Theology.

In the years since 1983 the membership of the Sydney College of Divinity has changed. The Sydney College of Divinity welcomes the admission of new Member Institutions which embrace our aims, ethos, and educational philosophy.

## Aims

In keeping with our origins, the aims of the Sydney College of Divinity are:

- to provide high quality, accredited theological education from undergraduate to graduate levels
- to prepare leaders and ministers, both ordained and non-ordained, who are well qualified to build the church of the future
- to encourage theological scholarship which is ecumenically sensitive and relevant to issues of culture and society in Australia and Oceania
- to contribute to the public discussion of issues of faith and culture in Sydney and beyond
- to promote the growth of our individual member institutions
- to provide our teachers with the opportunity to develop their professional skills, supported by a community of Christian scholars

- to prepare the next generation of Christian teachers and scholars

### **Ethos**

Because of our origins and our collegial aims, the Sydney College of Divinity has developed a distinctive ethos, whose features include:

- a commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it is preached and lived out within our Christian denominations
- a respect for the different theological standpoints of our member institutions
- a properly critical approach to theological reflection on our faith traditions and on the relationship between faith and culture
- a willingness to work together and to celebrate our shared enterprise in prayer and liturgy
- a readiness to contribute to College administration and its committee structures
- a balance between central administration and the autonomy of member institutions

### **Educational philosophy**

In order to achieve our aims, and in keeping with our ethos, the educational philosophy of the Sydney College of Divinity is characterised by our desire:

- to articulate the Gospel in the contemporary context
- to bring our different theological traditions into dialogue with the wider world of Christian scholarship
- to respect the educational approaches of our member institutions, while preserving a collegial approach to doing theology
- to maintain common academic standards across the College
- to respect the multicultural diversity of our students and teachers
- to provide both vocational and academic education for our students
- to foster adult teaching and learning strategies
- to provide flexible modes of teaching and learning, including distance education
- to encourage interaction and sharing between staff and students of our different member institutions
- to enable graduates to engage in further study and research, both within the Sydney College of Divinity and in other institutions of higher learning
- to provide professional development for our teachers and administrators

## ACADEMIC COSTUME RULES

### President of the College

A robe and cap similar to those worn by the Chancellor of the University of Oxford.

### Vice-President of the College

A robe and cap as approved by the Council.

### Fellows of the College

A stole of cherry (062) cloth and satin, bound on both edges with medium blue (299) grosgrain ribbon, and embroidered at the bottom with the College's emblem. *Colour Reference - Pantone*

### Doctor of Theology

Gown: a festal gown of scarlet cloth (185c) of the Cambridge pattern with facings of medium blue satin (299c).

Hood: a hood of scarlet cloth (185c) of the Oxford pattern lined with medium blue satin (299c).

Bonnet: a black velvet bonnet with red cord.

### Doctor of Philosophy

Gown: a festal gown of scarlet cloth (185c) of the Cambridge pattern with facings of white satin.

Hood: a hood of scarlet cloth (185c) of the Oxford pattern lined with white satin.

Bonnet: a black velvet bonnet with red cord.

### Doctor of Ministry

Gown: a festal gown of medium blue cloth (299c) of the Cambridge pattern with facings of scarlet satin (185c).

Hood: a hood of medium blue cloth (299c) of the Oxford pattern lined with scarlet satin (185c).

Bonnet: a black velvet bonnet with blue cord.

### Master

Gown: a gown of black cloth similar to that worn by graduates holding the degree of Master of Arts in the University of Cambridge.

Hood: a hood of black silk of the Cambridge pattern lined with satin of the following colours:

*Degree of Master of Theology or Honours Degree of Master of Theology* - medium blue (299c) and edged to 10 centimetres with burnt orange (165c). The colours extend 1 centimetre onto the outside of the hood.

*Degree of Master of Divinity* - scarlet (185c) and edged to 10 centimetres with medium blue (299c). The colours extend 1 centimetre onto the outside of the hood.

*Degree of Master of Arts or Honours Degree of Master of Arts* - burnt orange (165c) and edged to 10 centimetres with sky blue (544c). The colours extend 1 centimetre onto the outside of the hood.

*Degree of Master of Philosophy* – medium blue (299c) edged with scarlet (185c)

Cap: A black cloth trencher cap.

#### **Graduate Diploma**

Gown: graduates wear the gown appropriate to their degree.

Stole: a stole of medium blue (299c) silk bound along the outside edge only with a 3.5 centimetre-wide burnt orange (165c) grosgrain ribbon.

Cap: A black cloth trencher cap.

#### **Graduate Certificate**

graduates wear the academic dress appropriate to their previous degree.

#### **Bachelor**

Gown: a gown of black cloth similar to that worn by graduates holding the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the University of Cambridge.

Hood: a hood of black silk of the Cambridge pattern edged with satin of the following colours:

*Degree of Bachelor of Theology or Honours Degree of Bachelor of Theology* - 4 centimetres with burnt orange satin (165c) and to a further 15 centimetres with medium blue (299c) satin. The outside of the cowl only is edged with a further 1 centimetre of burnt orange satin (165c).

*Degree of Bachelor of Ministry or Honours Degree of Bachelor of Ministry* – 5 centimetres with medium blue satin (299c) to a further 15 centimetres with burnt orange satin (165c).

*Degree of Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy)* - to 4 centimetres with white and to a further 15 centimetres with medium blue satin (299c).

*Degree of Bachelor of Theology with Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy), or with Diploma of Ministry, or with a Bachelor award which was completed*

*concurrently* - to 4 centimetres with burnt orange (165c) and to a further 15 centimetres with medium blue satin (299c) lined with white.

Cap: a black cloth trencher cap.

### **Associate Degree**

Gown: a plain black cloth gown with pointed sleeves similar to that worn by undergraduates in the University of Sydney.

Hood: a hood of black silk of the Cambridge pattern edged with satin of the following colours:

*Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice:* to 4 centimetres with burnt orange (165c) and to a further 4 centimetres with medium blue (299c) and to a further 4 centimetres with burnt orange (165c).

Cap: a black cloth trencher cap.

### **Advanced Diploma or Diploma (Other than Graduate Diploma)**

Gown: a plain black cloth gown with pointed sleeves similar to that worn by undergraduates in the University of Sydney.

Hood: a hood of black silk of the Cambridge pattern edged with satin of the following colours:

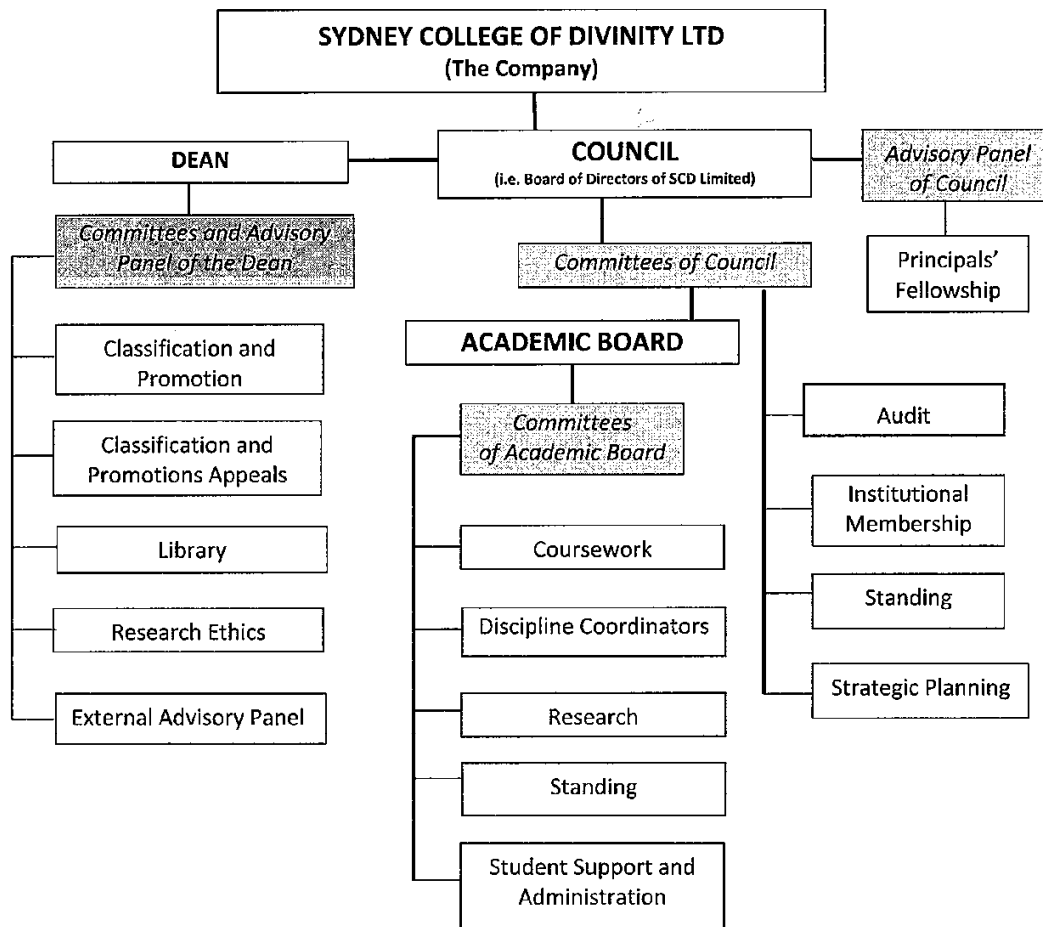
*Diploma of Christian Studies:* to 4 centimetres with burnt orange (165c) and to a further 4 centimetres with medium blue (299c) and to a further 2 centimetres with burnt orange (165c).

*Advanced Diploma or Diploma of Theology:* to 4 centimetres with burnt orange (165c) and to a further 4 centimetres with medium blue (299c).

*Advanced Diploma or Diploma of Ministry:* to 4 centimetres with burnt orange (165c) and to a further 4 centimetres with sky blue (544c).

Cap: a black cloth trencher

## GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



## COUNCIL

*President: Mr Peter King BA(Hons) Sydney MA Oxford*

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## **COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY PANEL OF COUNCIL**

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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*Ex officio:* Prof Diane Speed, SCD Dean and CEO

### **INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

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Mrs Carol Wills BA Witwatersrand HDipLS Natal

Prof Diane Speed MA(Hons) MTh(Hons) Sydney PhD London

Assoc Prof Paul McKechnie MA Cambridge DPhil Oxford

Dr Philip Kariatlis BA Sydney BTh MTh ThD SCD

### **STANDING COMMITTEE**

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Mr Richard Wheeler BBusStud UTS FCPA

Prof Diane Speed MA(Hons) MTh(Hons) Sydney PhD London

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

*Chair:* Dr Timothy O'Hearn BA Monash DipEd BEd Melbourne MA Sydney MA PhD  
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Prof Diane Speed MA(Hons) MTh(Hons) Sydney PhD London

### **PRINCIPALS' FELLOWSHIP (Advisory Panel to Council)**

Dr Daniel Fanous, Dean, SCTC

Major Peter Farthing, Principal, BC

Rev Rob Fringer, Principal, NTC

Dr Alan Galt, NSW CCPE

Dr Philip Kariatlis (Chair), SAGOTC, for the SAGOTC Dean

Prof Gerard Kelly, President, CIS

Rev Dr Peter Powell, Principal, NSWCCPE

Dr Leonard Smith, Principal, EBC

Dr Stephen Smith, Principal, ACOM

*In attendance: Prof Diane Speed, SCD Dean and CEO*

### **ACADEMIC BOARD**

*Chair: Prof Gerard Kelly STB STL SCD PhD STD Collège universitaire dominicain d'Ottawa*

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*Dr Andre van Oudtshoorn BA Admission BD DipTh Pretoria DTh South Africa*

*Mrs Carol Wills BA Witwatersrand HDipLS Natal*

## **Committees of The Academic Board**

### **Discipline Coordinators' Committee**

*Chair:* Prof Gerard Kelly STB STL SCD PhD STD *Collège universitaire dominicain d'Ottawa*, Discipline Coordinator for Theology

Assoc Prof Les Ball BA UQ BEdSt BA(Hons) BD MCD GradDipEd PhD UQ, Discipline Coordinator for the Humanities in the Christian Tradition

Dr Peter Bolt ThL ACT DipA(Theol) *Moore College BD London MTh ACT MA(Hons) Macquarie PhD London*, Academic Director

Dr Andre van Oudtshoorn BA *Admission BD DipTh Pretoria DTh South Africa*, Discipline Coordinator for Biblical Studies

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### **Coursework Committee**

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### **Standing Committee**

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Mr Rodney Smith

Ms Janelle Tweed

## **COMMITTEES OF THE DEAN**

### **Academic Classification & Promotion Committee**

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### **Academic Classification & Promotion Appeals Committee**

This committee will be reconstituted as needed.

### **External Advisory Panel**

Constituted by those persons competent in Higher Education who currently act, or have recently acted, as external consultants for Discipline and Institutional Moderations or in other capacities in which they provide external benchmarking and advice for academic developments with the College.

### **Library Committee**

*Chair:* Mrs Carol Wills BA *Witwatersrand* HDipLS *Natal*

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Mrs Judy Smith

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*Dr Patricia Bolster DHCE Duquesne MTh SCD Med ACU*

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