

1.5 RELATIONSHIP WITH SYDNEY DIOCESE AND UNSW POLICY

Responsible Officer	Master
Review Date	2 nd September 2024

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure good relationships with two institutions that are key to the College.

2. Overview

The College has been associated with the Anglican Diocese of Sydney since its foundation. Historically the association was informal, however a restructure of College governance in 2000 introduced a more formalised association by virtue of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Sydney now appointing the majority of the Directors to the New College Board.

The College is built on the Kensington Campus of The University of New South Wales. It is one of a number of student residential communities on the campus. The lease agreement for the site occupied by the College stipulates that the College uphold the University's *Technical Education and New South Wales University of Technology Act, 1949, Section 44*, "to offer open entry, free of any religious test or condition". The relationship between the University and the College is also formalised in the constitution of the Company by giving the University of NSW the right to appoint a director to the College Board.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all New College and New College Postgraduate Village residents and staff.

4. Definitions

College or New College Communities	General terms for New College and New College Postgraduate Village as separate but related companies limited by guarantee under the control of the Board and Master
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Master	The chief executive officer of New College and New College Postgraduate Village appointed by the Board
Resident	Any student (undergraduate or postgraduate), visiting academics to UNSW or other education institutions, or members of staff or their families, living on site at New College and New College Postgraduate Village
Residential Community	Residential members and staff of New College and New College Postgraduate Village
Sydney Diocese	An Anglican Diocese within the province of New South Wales of The Anglican Church of Australia. The majority of the Diocese membership is Evangelical and low church in tradition
UNSW	The University of New South Wales is an Australian public research university located in the Sydney suburb of Kensington which house multiple residential colleges, including New College and New College Postgraduate Village

5. Policy statement

While the College is an independent incorporated company, it has a responsibility to maintain good relationships with its key stakeholders.

The development of good relationships with the Diocese of Sydney is important to enable Christian ministry to flourish within the College and for the College to play its part in the mission of the Diocese. In particular, to foster cooperative relations between the College and the Anglican ministry on campus, known as Campus Bible Study (CBS), which reflect both our shared values and independent identity.

As a residential college affiliated with UNSW, the College has rights and responsibilities on campus. This requires the ongoing monitoring and management of the relationship between the College and University.

6. Legal and Policy Framework

New College is a company limited by guarantee under the Corporations Act (Cth 2001).

7. Implementation and Responsibilities

7.1 Relationship of the College to the Sydney Diocese

The Board Chair and the Master are responsible for maintaining good relationships with the Diocese and for ensuring that the activities of the College are communicated regularly to key leaders, churches and individuals.

The Master is also responsible for maintaining good relations with CBS and for establishing the expectations and boundaries by which Ministry Support Workers (MTS) operate within the College communities.

7.2 Relationship of the College to UNSW

The Master is responsible for:

- Promoting a strong relationship between the College and University students, staff and management
- Promoting the college and its activities to the wider University community
- Ensuring that the College contributes to the intellectual life of the campus
- Monitoring the reputation of the College within UNSW
- Ensuring that the College does not breach the terms of its lease nor relevant University policies to which we are bound as a condition of the lease
- Seeking the active involvement of the staff and residents within the life of the University.

8. Review & History

Superseded Documents		1.5 Relationship of New College to the Sydney Diocese (2006) 1.6 Relationship of New College to UNSW (2006)		
Version	Authorised By	Sections Modified	Approval Date	Effective Date
1	The Board		15 November 2006	
2	The Board	All	2 nd September 2020	



9. References

- a. UNSW Centres and Institute Procedures
<https://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/documents/centresprocedure.pdf>
- b. New College Constitution, Version 4 May 2016