Group Accommodation

St Ildephonsus’ College

Information Pack

Accommodation in dormitories - for up to 80 people.
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Welcome! Salve – Welcome to Australia’s only monastic town.

New Norcia – A Unique Experience.

‘In almost thirty years of constant travelling around the world, I have seldom found a place so clarifying and calm as New Norcia. It makes you think again about what matters; it returns you to a sense of stillness and community that’s hard to find in the modern world; it refreshes the soul better than any holiday. The only hardship of coming here is leaving.’

_Pico Iyer, Author & Travel Writer for Time Magazine & The New Yorker_

New Norcia, Australia’s only monastic town:

- A comfortable 90 minute drive from Perth
- Wide ranging facilities and work spaces available for groups within the village complex.
- Easy walking distance between the town’s facilities.
- Six sessions of daily prayers in the Monastery Chapel and Sunday Mass in the Abbey Church at 9.00 am.
- The ability to learn about monastic life by talking with a Benedictine monk.
- A Mission Cottage Interpretation Centre – an exhibition about the Aboriginal families that lived and worked at New Norcia.
- A range of activities and programmes for your group - See our Activity Pack.
- Museum and Art Gallery – Mission and Monastery memorabilia is displayed alongside European Religious Artworks and Contemporary Australian Art works, as well as historical exhibitions.
- Guided town Tour – to unravel the unique history, architecture and artwork of New Norcia.
- New Norcia Hotel – serves delicious meals or locally crafted Abbey Ale and Abbey wines.
- The Riverwalk – a spiritual, historical and indigenous experience in the bush.

The monks and local community invite you to discover the peace (Pax) and faith (Fides) of Australia’s only monastic town. For more information about the history of New Norcia, or things to see and do while here, please visit [www.newnorcia.wa.edu.au](http://www.newnorcia.wa.edu.au).
Accommodation & Facilities

St Ildephonsus’ College was designed by the second Abbot of New Norcia, Fulgentius Torres, and opened in 1913 as a boarding school for boys under the direction of the Marist Brothers. Today, St Ildephonsus’ College offers the following:

- Open plan dormitory accommodation for 80 people
- One dining hall to seat 84 and another dining room to seat 24
- Chapel with beautiful murals
- Please note: There is no wheelchair access to St Ildephonsus’ College

The building is listed on the Register of the National Estate and has basic shared bathroom facilities (separate male/female). You will find your accommodation to be simple, clean, and comfortable.

Facilities, Workspaces & Equipment:

St Ildephonsus’ College has one large meeting hall (the Honour Hall) with seating for 100 people and a stage. You are also welcome to use the chapel during the late afternoons and evenings (due to daily town tours) at St Ildephonsus’ College for quiet reflection, music practice or your own worship service. Chairs and tables are provided on request and there are also 70 music stands available. Residential guests are welcome to use the town’s sporting facilities, including tennis and basketball courts.
Please note you will need to bring your own equipment.
There are other work spaces in New Norcia available;
The Work Centre - seats up to 30,
The Seminar Room - seats up to 50
St Joseph’s Hall - seats up to 100
Both the Seminar Room and St Joseph’s Hall have full audio
visual equipment installed. These venues need prior booking
before your arrival and are subject to availability.
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courts.
Please note you will need to bring your own equipment.
For all costs go to page 13/14.
Floor Plan: St Ildephonsus’ College

First Floor

Ground floor
New Norcia House Rules

- The front doors of both colleges must be kept CLOSED at all times.

- Please ENTER and EXIT from the back doors only.

- Due to twice-daily tours, which operate seven days a week all year round (except Christmas and Boxing Day) and other specially arranged tours, the college chapels are generally not available for group activities during the day, except by prior arrangement.

- Emergency exits are at each end of college – only use in EMERGENCIES - these doors are alarmed.

- The Muster point is on the hockey oval in front of the college.

- The plumbing system is delicate. Please DO NOT put anything down the toilets other than toilet paper.

- DO NOT place anything or stick anything on our heritage walls inside.

- Please read and follow “DINING ROOM PROCEDURE” instructions on the wall in the St Ildephonsus’ College dining room. Dishwasher instructions are on the front of washer.

- No Food or Drinks in the dorms.

- No ball games in or around the buildings.

- Secure all windows tightly.

- Vehicle speed limits should be followed at all times. Note; There is a 20km/hr speed limit on internal roads around New Norcia. Please take care of our pedestrians.
Guidelines for Staying in Heritage Buildings

The colleges at New Norcia are both over 100 years old. They are heritage buildings and precious, so please take note of the following:

- **FLAMES:** No naked flames or flammable liquids inside the buildings. Please use battery operated candles.

- **NO SMOKING:** All buildings are strictly non smoking areas.

- **POWER:** Excessive use of power overloads the circuit and results in power failure. In this event, emergency lighting will be activated. Please contact the Group Accommodation Manager if in business hours, or the Emergency after hour’s number, both found on page 14, if you are having problems with power supply.

- **BEDS:** Please do not put your bags on the bed covers. This will reduce the soiling of bed covers.

- **FIRE:** Make your way through the exit doors and to the muster point as directed by the nominated leader in charge. More information can be found on pages 14/15.

- **SECURITY:** If the building is left open, tourists may wander into the area. PLEASE DO NOT leave valuables unattended. NEW NORCIA SERVICES DOES NOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY for loss or theft. Please ensure the entrances are locked when absent from the building.

- **WINDOWS:** On windy nights, please ensure windows are firmly closed and latched to prevent rattling.

- **DAMAGES:** Please treat our heritage buildings and equipment with respect, as you will be liable for costs associated with damages sustained.

- **HEATERS AND FURNITURE:** Only New Norcia staff may move furniture and existing heaters throughout the building. Please note, no other heaters may be used in the building.

- **HOUSEKEEPING:** You are responsible for the general tidiness of the building in which you are staying. Please check the following on a daily basis:
  - Kitchen
  - Dorms/Rooms
  - Halls & ALL work spaces
Catering

New Norcia Central Catering Services (NNCCS) provide a full catering service for large groups. Meals are served in the St Ildefonsus’ College Dining Room, or the Green Room, depending on the size of your group (please enter from the rear of the building). Morning and Afternoon teas is only complimentary for groups opting for the Full Service option. Various levels of service are available from full set up and clean up to self service.

St Ildefonsus’ Dining Room

FULL SERVICE: Our friendly staff will serve up all meals followed by full clean up service after each meal sitting. (Charges Apply)

SELF SERVICE: You will need to designate 6 - 8 group members that will be responsible for serving each meal, followed by full cleanup after each meal sitting. Details of self service meal procedures can be found on page 13.

To arrange catering for your group please contact the Groups Manager who will email you a Menu Preference Form. You will need to fill in all appropriate areas, sign and return along with any special dietary requirements, at least 28 days prior to your arrival. Final confirmation of numbers is required 14 working days prior to your arrival. See menu preference form example on page 11.

There is no Self-Catering at St Ildefonsus’ College.

You can also arrange to dine at the New Norcia Hotel, where you can organise a set price menu or order from the a la carte menu. The Hotel is a wonderful place to enjoy a special meal or drink with your group and where New Norcia Abbey Wines, Ales, Port, Muscat and Bakeries produce are available. Open from 10.00am to 8pm, 7 days a week. To book ph 08 96 548 034.

The New Norcia Roadhouse provides snacks, coffee and cake, takeaway food and basic supplies. Open from 7.30am to 5.00pm 7 days a week.
Catering - sample menu plan

Please note all meals including morning & afternoon teas along with supper will be served in St Ildefonsus’ dining room at your specified times.

**BREAKFAST**
Cereals & yoghurt, toasts & spreads, fruit, Chef’s choice of two hot cooked dishes and fruit juice.

**TEAS**
Morning tea: fresh fruit & drink
Afternoon tea: Chef’s choice & drink
Supper: biscuits & hot drink*

* Fill up water bottles at morning or afternoon tea

**LUNCH**
Chef’s choice (most likely a sandwich selection)
A sausage sizzle can be provided for groups wanting to make a quick getaway on the last day

**DINNER**
Please nominate ONE choice on your Menu Preference Form

**No 1.Soy Chicken**
Served with steamed rice and seasonal vegetables

**No 2.Roast Beef**
Served with gravy, roast potatoes, cauliflower cheese, peas, honey carrots & corn

**No 3.Italian Beef & Tomato Lasagne**
Served with homemade garlic bread & a tossed green salad

**No 4. Spaghetti Bolognaise**
Served with homemade garlic bread & a tossed green salad

**No 5. Pan Fried Fish**
Served with a fresh herb sauce, béchamel potatoes & seasonal vegetables
and dessert of the Day

**No 6.Cold Roast Chicken**
Served with pasta bake

**No 7. Vegetarian or meat pizza**
Served with Caesar salad
**No 8. Grilled Chicken**
Served with tabouleh salad
**No 9. Quiche Lorraine**
Served with roast vegetables and feta salad
**No 10. BBQ meatballs**
Served with a pasta and Greek salad
**No 11. Cold Meat Platter**
Beef, ham, chicken served with tossed green salad

**Sample Menu Preference Form**
To be completed and returned at least 28 days prior to arrival
Nominate ONE main meal choice, as indicated in the Camp Standard Menu (attached pg 10)
Please add any special dietary requirements in box allocated.
If your form is not received by the designated time, a default menu will be chosen.
You will be charged according to the numbers indicated on this form unless contact is made at least 14 working days prior to your arrival.
Please return to groups@newnorcia.wa.edu.au or fax 08 9654 8097 (Att: Groups)

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Morning and afternoon teas are provided as a free complimentary addition to all selected packages.

* A Vegetarian Dish of the Day can be requested in advance for lunch and dinner. We require at least 28 working days’ notice of any special dietary requirements otherwise extra costs will be charged. Any visitors suffering from severe allergies are advised to bring their own supplementary food, which can be stored and prepared accordingly. Attendees with special dietary needs are requested to bring their own morning and afternoon tea and bread. It is the responsibility of school/group staff to ensure attendees with special dietary needs have snacks for morning and afternoon tea and only eat the specific food items prepared for them by the chef.

COORDINATOR'S SIGNATURE: ________________________________
DATE: ________________

Dining Hall Procedures for Self Service

New Norcia Central Catering Services (NNCCS) provides a catering service to all groups. Access to the main kitchen is not permitted and footwear must be worn at all times.

Schools and groups nominating self service must arrange your designated staff and students to cover the following procedures.

**SETTING UP**
Your designated 6 – 8 group members to arrive 15 minutes before all meals.
Prepare tubs in dishwashing area with soapy water for clean up.
Prepare dishwasher for use (see instructions on the front of the dishwasher).

**SERVING**
You will need to assign 2 – 3 groups/staff members to undertake the serving up of all meals to ensure an even allocation of food portions and to ensure the safety of children around all hot equipment.
Please cover food with lids when not serving.
**MEAL TIME**
Guests with special dietary requirements are to be served first. NNCCS staff will inform you of these selected dishes.
One table at a time comes forward.
Take a plate from the service table.
Be served by your allocated group/staff members.
Be aware of hot equipment.

**CLEARING UP**
Dispose of food scraps into the designated garbage bin.
Place all dishes on the bench in the dishwashing area.
Separate knives, spoons and forks into the designated tubs.

**WASHING UP**
Please find instructions for how to use the dishwasher on the front of the dishwasher.
*After each meal the dish washer must be cleaned and emptied ready for the next sitting.*
*Instructions for this procedure are on the front of the machine.*

**CLEANING** (equipment located in the dishwashing area/scullery).
After each meal please:
Wipe down all tables in the dining hall.
Sweep the dining hall floor, mop up any spillages.
After your last meal of the day: stack chairs beside tables and mop the dining hall floor.
(Please dispose of dirty water in the designated sink in the dishwashing area).
Ensure all dishes and cutlery used during the meal are washed and put away.
All rubbish is to be placed into rubbish bins located on the outside north end of St Ildephonsus’ College.
(No exit through the kitchen).
Rubbish bags are to be double tied and placed with the handle facing upwards. Any bags that are too heavy will NOT be taken and groups will be asked to re-bag the rubbish.
Replace new bin liners.
Switch off all the lights.

**PRICE LIST**
Accommodation $36.50 per person (no Linen)
Linen Hire $10.00 per person
*(only available for groups up to 30)*

**Catering**
*Meals - Includes three main meals plus morning and afternoon tea.*
Adult Meals $55.95
High School student; $49.95
Primary School student; $45.00
Full Service $3.00 per person per meal

Hall Rental
St Josephs Hall $200.00
Work Room $100.00
Education Seminar Room $150.00

Prior to Arrival, Must Haves and Departure

28 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL: by Fax, Email or Post
Completed Menu preference Form.
Details of special dietary needs.
Itinerary, including times and venues.

14 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL
Final numbers of your group (you will be invoiced for this number).

MUST HAVES FOR HAPPY CAMPERS.

Pillow, sleeping bag or sheets and bath towels.
Water bottle (to fill up at morning and afternoon tea).
Torch (this is important for moving between buildings after dark).
Money (for the Roadhouse, Museum & Art Gallery, and Gift Shop).
Sunscreen and insect repellent.
First Aid Kit (one per group).
Hat (summer) and raincoat (winter).
Warm clothing in winter (New Norcia is often colder than Perth).

Please note:
All groups (including schools) are required to keep one vehicle at New Norcia during their stay here. There are no taxi services available in the area. In the event an incident occurs while at New Norcia; it may not qualify for the services of the local volunteer ambulance service. Under these circumstances the responsibility to provide transport to seek medical assistance rests with the group organisers and coordinator on site.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE
Check in time is 2.00 pm. You MAY be able to enter into you venue earlier if prior arrangement has been made with the Group Accommodation Manager.
If you have a Next G mobile, please contact the Group Accommodation Manager as soon as you arrive in town, unless you have made other plans.
The Group Accommodation Manager would appreciate 10 minutes to welcome your group and discuss guidelines and emergency procedures before you move into the accommodation areas.
If self catering, a member from New Norcia staff will take your designated 6 - 8 group members over to the St Ildefonsus’ dining room to instruct them on all dining hall procedures.

**WHEN YOU DEPART:**

**DORMS MUST BE VACATED BY 9AM; THE BUILDING NEEDS TO BE VACATED BY 10AM.**

It is the group leader’s responsibility to ensure the items below are completed before departure.

- Rubbish from within and around your venue is collected and placed in the large bins at the back of the college.
- Bins are emptied and new bin liners replaced in bathrooms, dormitories and kitchen.
- Toilet, bathroom and kitchen areas are clean.
- Rooms are cleared of all belongings and rubbish.
- Lights are switched off.
- Windows are closed and curtains drawn.
- All chairs, tables and other equipment used is returned to their original locations.
- Keys are returned to the Group Accommodation Manager. Lost keys are charged at $10.00 per key.

The Group Accommodation Manager will conduct a final inspection and departure may be delayed if all tasks are not completed. Additional charges may be incurred if the above is not carried out to their satisfaction ($30.00 per hour).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Group Accommodation Manager.

**Phones, Emergency Numbers & Supervision**

**Please note, only Next G Network mobile phones work within New Norcia and there is no WIFI.**

Public phones are located at the Guesthouse and the New Norcia Roadhouse.

The Group Accommodation Manager can be contacted during office hours Monday to Friday (7.00 am – 3.00 pm) on 9654 8018 / 0429 860 496.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**

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**Please note:** The Emergency after Hours number is to be used only in the case of an urgent maintenance issue (for example, power outage, water leak, gas leak etc) that needs immediate attention.

**SUPERVISION**
We expect supervision ratios to be no lower than 1:10 (i.e. one responsible adult to every 10 students). Sleeping arrangements should ensure staff are located in proximity to the dormitories being used.

**GROUP CONTACT DETAILS**
Please provide us with the name and contact number of a responsible adult on site (usually the group coordinator) and the name and contact number of a responsible adult off-site who will be contactable for the duration of your visit (possibly the school principal).

**Emergency Response Plan**
Please see the St Ildephonsus’ floor plan on page 6 showing the exit points in the event of an emergency. Prior to occupying the college, staff members must be allocated an area to evacuate:
- Ground floor
- First floor
- Second floor
On arrival, guests should familiarise themselves with the Emergency Exits and one person must be nominated as the group leader.
One group member must be designated to contact emergency services using the phone provided and calling 000.
A phone call to the Town Fire Warden MUST then also be made on 0400 882 293.

**IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY:**

1. Supervise guests to exit the building using the Emergency Exits (follow EXIT signs).
2. Call the Fire Warden on 0400 882 293 and if necessary Emergency Services on 000.
3. Direct all guests to the Assembly (muster) point (St Ildephonsus’ Cottage to the rear of the building).
4. Do not stop to collect any belongings.
5. Direct guests to form into lines and do a head count.
6. Do not re-enter the building.
7. Await instructions by the fire wardens.
Please note it is the responsibility of the group leader to carry out a head count and to ensure the above plan is adhered to. Once at the muster point the following information must be relayed to the Fire Wardens:

- How many people there were in the building and the result of the head count.
- Nature of the emergency – for example, how and where the fire may have started.
- Any additional information that may be of use to the Fire Wardens.

Risk Management Plan

HEALTH & SAFETY CODES
Applicable health and safety codes are adhered to in each venue/activity in New Norcia.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP
Ask your bus driver to park in the back area of St Ildephonsus’ College to start unloading. You will be greeted by the Group Accommodation Manager who would appreciate 10 minutes to welcome your group and discuss guidelines and emergency procedures before you move into the accommodation areas.

ROADS
New Norcia is divided by New Norcia Road, which is a 60 kilometre per hour zone. At times this road can be busy so it is recommended school staff supervise students when crossing from one side of town to another.

In places the surface of the ground around town is gravel which can be slippery and uneven. Please be careful when walking, and avoid running as this increases the likelihood of falling and possible injury. Make sure you wear closed in comfortable shoes for walking around town.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY FACILITIES
All groups should bring their own comprehensive First Aid Kit.
A local ambulance is available to take patients directly to the District Hospital at Moora.
The contact details are:
Moora Hospital
Dandaragan Road, Moora, 6510
Phone: (08) 9651 0222
In the event of minor injuries, your group leader is responsible for dealing with these issues. A member of your group/school will be required to drive the student/guest to the hospital if required. Therefore it is suggested that your school groups brings a separate car in case of this occurrence.
PUBLIC LIABILITY
New Norcia Services, which owns and operates St Ildefonsus’ College, has Public Liability Insurance with Catholic Church Insurances Limited. A Certificate of Currency can be supplied upon request.

Department trading hours and phone numbers;

**New Norcia Roadhouse**
7.30 am - 5.00 pm
(08) 9654 8020

**New Norcia Hotel**
10.00 am - late (Monday - Sunday)
Lunch/dinner, Monday - Thursday: 12-2.00 pm & 6-8.00 pm
Lunch/dinner, Friday - Sunday: 12.30–2.30 pm & 6-8.30 pm
(08) 9654 8034

**Museum & Art Gallery**
9.30 am - 4.30 pm
(08) 9654 8056

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**Group Accommodation Contact Details**

For further information, or to make a booking, please contact the Group Accommodation Manager at:

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