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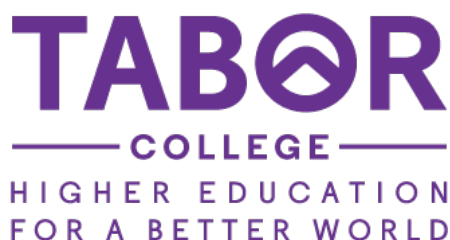
## Agreement with Tabor College

SCMOI first offered accredited tertiary award courses in 2018 under an arrangement with Adelaide College of Divinity (ACD) and the Uniting College for Leadership and Theology. Unfortunately, ACD ceased operations at the end of 2022 and SCMOI then went with Uniting College into an arrangement with the University of Divinity (UD), based in Melbourne.

For a variety of reasons and looking to place SCMOI in a more sustainable position, the SCMOI Board decided to end the arrangement with UD and Uniting College, and to enter into a Third Party Delivery Agreement with Tabor College, Adelaide.

In making this move we place on record our sincere gratitude to Uniting College whose generosity and partnership enabled SCMOI to commence, and which over the past six years has offered us unstinting support and encouragement.

Tabor College is a Christian Liberal Arts college based in Adelaide, offering degrees in several fields including Ministry and Theology. This agreement enables SCMOI to retain its identity, independence, and ethos. Tabor is the accredited award-conferring body and will ensure that SCMOI maintains the required academic, educational and administrative standards.



The new partnership means that SCMOI can continue to offer accredited Diplomas, Degrees, and an innovative Master of Divinity (MDiv) program, built on Orthodox content. SCMOI students also will have an opportunity to gain credit for other awards taught by

Tabor College in fields such as Education, Music, Counselling, Leadership and Youth Work.

We are tremendously grateful to Tabor for accepting SCMOI as an affiliate and allowing us to develop an Orthodox program of studies within their existing structure. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship and ask the ongoing support and prayers of all in the Church that we may continue to advance in accomplishing the Institute's mission.



*With the blessing of His Grace Bishop George*

**You are invited to the**

## SCMOI COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

**Sunday, 11 February 2024 at 3pm**

**At the Church of Our Lady's Dormition,  
1-3 Morwell Avenue  
Dandenong, VIC 3175  
Australia**

Come and celebrate the achievements of our students, and join us in supplication for the ongoing work and growth of SCMOI.

The afternoon will include:

- **Library 'seconds' book sale**
- **Afternoon tea**

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## Academic Highlights Semester 2 2023



### AL1002W Greek A

Mr Matthew Rose

### BN1741Z Interpreting the New Testament

Mr Matthew Rose

### CH1745Z Lives of the Saints

Subdeacon Valentin Stoica

### BN2742Z Synoptic Studies

Reader Luka Kevesevic

### CT3007L Apologetics and World Religions

Reader Zachary Armstrong

## Course completions

### Bachelor of Theology

Mr Matteo Gasparotti

Reader Luka Kevesevic

### Graduate Certificate of Divinity

Ms Melanie Hechenberger



**INFORMATION  
SESSIONS**

TALK WITH V.REV. DR  
PETER HILL

**BRISBANE**  
14.12.2023 - THURSDAY 7 PM  
ST NICHOLAS RUSSIAN ORTHODOX  
CATHEDRAL  
344 VULTURE ST, KANGAROO  
POINT, QLD 4102

**GOLD COAST**  
17.12.2023 - SUNDAY 10:30 AM  
ST KSENIA OF ST PETERSBURG  
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
5 MEGAN ST, TWEED HEADS SOUTH,  
NSW 2486

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## Enrolments Open January 2024

SCMOI will be taking enrolments for  
Semester 1, 2024 from 16 January.

Join our community of online learners  
completing accredited tertiary diplomas and  
degrees in Theology and Ministry.

Please note that the SCMOI Office will be closed  
for the Nativity and holiday season from 18  
December 2023 and will reopen 16 January 2024.

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