



ST VINCENT'S  
FOUNDATION

# *The Sisterhood* of St Vincent's

Supporting & celebrating  
women in health

# WELCOME

**Founded over 10 years ago by Sarah Kennedy, The Sisterhood of St Vincent's is a network of dedicated women who support women's health issues and women in health, science and engineering.**

This group of dedicated and driven women inspire each other and those around them to raise funds for St Vincent's hospitals and research programs. They are an extraordinary demonstration of the collective impact of women supporting women.

Women's health and brilliant female nurses, clinicians and researchers are integral to our medical services. Founded by women, St Vincent's has a long, proud tradition of inspirational female leaders, including the current heads of St Vincent's public and private hospitals.

As well as supporting women in health, The Sisterhood is committed to helping shape the future of medicine via their interest and support and by inspiring and nurturing future leaders.

The Sisterhood also advocates for women's health, mental health and women as carers, with a focus on palliative care.

Funds raised contribute to nursing research, scholarships, care giving and women's health.



**"I am incredibly proud of the amazing group of women who give their time, their resources and themselves to form what we call 'The Sisterhood'. Our group was established to help carry out the ongoing mission of our founders, the Sisters of Charity, and we feel privileged to have supported critical areas of need, such as cardiology, dermatology and mental health at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne."**

A message from **Sarah Kennedy**,  
Founder of The Sisterhood of St Vincent's

## JOIN US

**The Sisterhood of St Vincent's has been a prominent philanthropic network for the past 10 years. The Sisterhood began as an annual fundraising luncheon. The success of this event inspired the group to develop The Sisterhood community and hold future events.**

We're calling on supporters to help build The Sisterhood network through philanthropy, engagement and sponsorship. In doing so, The Sisterhood can continue to raise the profile of St Vincent's hospitals and research, to provide much needed additional funding for ongoing research and health care. And most importantly, to continue to support and celebrate women in health.

To financially support The Sisterhood of St Vincent's, please visit [www.stvfoundation.org.au/donate/sisterhood](http://www.stvfoundation.org.au/donate/sisterhood)

If you have any questions or would like to know more about ways your organisation, community group or school can get involved, please contact Lyn Amy, CEO, St Vincent's Foundation.

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**“There's something magical about women coming together for The Sisterhood. The activation of two innate female powers – networking and nurturing – and the direct impact that this can have in creating awareness and funds for St Vincent's Hospital, is something I'm very proud to be part of.”**

**Amber Petty,**

The Sisterhood of St Vincent's  
Committee Member



# ABOUT ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL, MELBOURNE

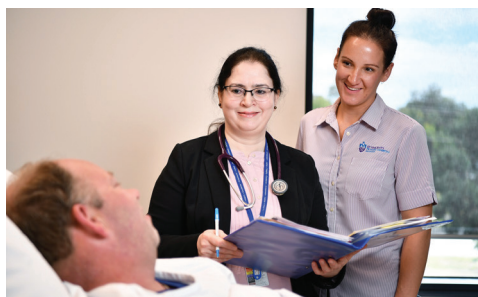
**St Vincent's is one of Australia's pre-eminent hospitals, blessed with world-renowned clinicians and surgeons, equipped with cutting-edge technologies and staffed by committed, clever and caring people.**

As an iconic non-profit Australian public hospital, St Vincent's receives limited government funding for capital development, equipment purchases and innovation.

In 1889, five Sisters of Charity arrived in Melbourne with a dream of establishing a hospital. Four years later, after working tirelessly to raise funds, the sisters opened a small cottage hospital with just 30 beds.

From its humble beginnings over 128 years ago, St Vincent's has grown from strength to strength, becoming a leading light in medical innovation, with an impressive range of medical firsts - Australia's first Intensive Care Unit, Australia's first hand transplant, and pioneering new approaches to cardiac surgery.

As the principal tertiary hospital in Victoria, St Vincent's performs a vital role in providing teaching and specialist training. The state-of-the-art teaching facilities offer the optimal learning experience for nurturing the future leaders of medicine. St Vincent's also attracts some of the most qualified and specialised health and health research professionals.



**“We need more women leaders in research and medicine to provide diversity in leadership and inclusivity. Women tend to be good communicators, make measured decisions, and encourage collaborations.**

**We also need more role models for the next generation of girls in STEM.”**

**Cynthia Wong,**

Manager - BioFab3D, a division of ACMD

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