

SAINT IGNATIUS' COLLEGE,
RIVERVIEW
Environment Walk



Finding God in All Things

Take some time to stroll around the College grounds. Celebrate our biodiversity. Connect to country. Get to know the seasons and contemplate God in All Things.

The 'Cardoner'* Self-guided Environment Walk was developed by the SIC Environment Committee, to celebrate Biodiversity Month.

This walk, around the beautiful grounds of Saint Ignatius' College, Riverview, is for the whole community. We want to share the amazing landscapes, the flora and fauna, and the river.

During your stroll around Riverview, there is abundant flora and fauna to be seen. One of the key ecological communities is the Sydney Sandstone Gully Forest, with the dominant tree species being *Angophora Costa* (Sydney Red Gum). Look out for the many birds which visit and live in our grounds; in the book *Birds of Riverview*, published in 1980, there were 86 different species listed.

WALKING INFORMATION

The full circuit around Riverview is estimated to take 40 minutes, not including stopping time, and requires a reasonable level of fitness, in order to cope with steep inclines. You may wish to join up with the longer Harbour Circle Walk, which goes past the gates of Riverview. For further details, go to: www.cma.nsw.gov.au and www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au

ENVIRONMENTAL POINTS OF INTEREST

The numbers below correspond with the numbers found on the map and are identified as points of interest:

1. School Main Building – Our Eco Driver monitor can be seen in the Reception area, during business hours (8.00am–4.00pm). It shows the current level of energy use within the College.

Start walking at the Main Archway, walk across the road, down the steps and to the left, here you will find the Food Precinct

2. Food Precinct: SIC Agriculture Plot – For safety reasons, you must not proceed through the gate.

Note the herb gardens on the left which are used by the Refectory. Students grow their own veggies and produce is often bought by the College staff.

Walk up the road towards the Health Centre. Note the Library building, which incorporates sustainable design principles. Can you observe what they are?

Continue walking to the top of the hill, just past the Health Centre, onto 4th Field.

3. SIC Weather Station – This is an active site for the Bureau Of Meteorology: www.bom.gov.au/products/IDN60901/IDN60901.95764.shtml

Observe the various pieces of equipment and recording data for the Bureau of Meteorology. Please see the College website for a description of the equipment.

Walk across 4th Field towards the Regis Campus. Cross the road safely and continue walking towards the Basketball Court.

4. Regis Campus – Aiming to be a energy-neutral campus, Kitchen Gardens are under development

Walk around and observe the solar panels, tree planting, sustainable building design and water tanks.

Take note of the Heritage status of Regis Campus, which was the Riverview Golf Course.

Walk back across the road, to the top gates.

5. Cammeraygal Country acknowledgement and water storage tanks – The tanks are for community fire safety. Read the plaque acknowledging country. Mirrabook Early Learning Centre was built incorporating sustainable principles.

Walk down the slopes, towards Fr Mac Pavilion.

6. Remnant trees – *Angophora costata* – form part of the Sydney Sandstone Gully Forest vegetation community.

Note the remnant trees and try to imagine what the original vegetation cover would have been; the understorey, fauna, and where does the water flow?

Walk along the road towards the Observatory.

7. College Observatory – A historic site, which still records for Geosciences Australia: www.ga.gov.au/urban/waveform.jsp

Walk across 1st Field and take care down the slope. Continue walking to the end of the cul-de-sac and follow the path towards the College Rowing Sheds.

Our Therry Streamwatch group monitors water quality in this creek.

8. Tambourine Bay Estuary – Observe the mangroves and estuarine vegetation community. Note the Historic Well and the remnant Old College Baths / Tambourine Bay. Beyond, the Foreshore Walk exits past the Rowing Sheds. Head towards Riverview Wharf.

9. Lane Cove River Wharf – Observe the river activity and various uses.

Wharf to garden walk – riverside area of interest. Take care as you walk up the hill from the wharf. Veer left up the steps into the Rose Garden. There are many seats for contemplation

10. Look Out / Rose Garden – Connects to Sydney Harbour. Observe the beautiful vista.

Complete the loop. A future riverside walk, from the Rose Garden, behind the College Farm is under development.

PLEASE NOTE:

Always think about safety: Wear sturdy shoes, be sun-safe and tread lightly.

Please observe the waste system throughout the school: Yellow Bins are for recycling – plastic, glass, steel and aluminium. Green Bins are for general rubbish.

Saint Ignatius' College, Riverview acknowledges that this walk is on Cammeraygal land. A Heritage Walk around the school is under development.

For more information: Contact Greg Conlon, SIC Environment Committee.

**Cardoner*: the river in Catalonia, Northern Spain, where Saint Ignatius began his contemplation.