

St Bernadette's Lady Lourdes House

Specialist Dementia Care Program (SDCP)

VMCH

The SDCP provides transitional, temporary support to people living with severe dementia over a 12-month period. When behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia stabilise, VMCH will assist residents to transition to a less intensive setting.

Planning for transition:

Planning for transition out of the SDCP begins upon admission into the unit. The expected length of stay is 12 months, and the SDCP team will regularly discuss care needs and progress with the client and family members. VMCH have developed a Clinical Advisory Committee which will determine when families need to consent to a mainstream placement for the resident after the stabilisation of severe symptoms.

Preferences for transition out include:

Staying within a VMCH residential facility, transfer back to a previous aged care home (pending depending on availability) or moving to a new aged care home.



All about SDCP

The SDCP is a specialised dementia program designed to improve a person's quality of life with the aim of stabilising their symptoms over a 12-month period. The goal of the SDCP is to provide specialised care for people exhibiting severe behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia in a dedicated purpose-built dementia-friendly environment. The program will focus on stabilising and reducing these symptoms over time, with the aim of enabling transition to a less intensive setting.

Who is eligible?

A person is eligible if they have dementia and severe behavioural or psychological symptoms of dementia.

An eligible person will be assessed by Dementia Support Australia and must have an ACAT assessment.

1800 699 799

www.dementia.com.au

What are the fees?

Like any mainstream aged care residence, the fee structure can be paid with a Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD), Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP) or a combination of the two.

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