



St Martin's Residential Aged Care Specialist Dementia Care Program (SDCP)

Costs and fees | Effective from 1 April 2024

Nestled within our leafy campus at Taigum on Brisbane's northside, our fully accredited home, St Martin's, features landscaped gardens and a range of recreational facilities. Extending across three integrated residential wings, St Martin's offers residential aged care focused on providing excellent 24-hour nursing and care assistance. The home also caters for our most physically frail and those requiring palliative care or specialist dementia care.

The home is located close to neighbourhood shops and situated on public transport routes.

About St Martin's community

Each residential wing of St Martin's includes a communal area for both living and dedicated dining. The home also features a large community hall where many group activities take place.

A range of allied health professionals regularly visit St Martin's, including an occupational therapist, physiotherapist, podiatrist, dentist, optometrist, audiologist, speech therapist and a dietitian.

A hairdresser is available on-site each week and our music therapist conducts individual and group sessions for the benefit of our residents.

Our leisure and lifestyle specialists coordinate a broad variety of activities in conjunction with the residents. Pre-entry discussions enable our staff to identify leisure interests so that our programs can be tailored to suit residents' preferences.

Our Taigum home provides freshly prepared meals, which are delivered to our dining areas. Special meals are prepared to mark cultural events, cater for individual dietary requirements and special occasions. Our on-site laundry provides clothes washing services for all residents.

There is a weekly Anglican liturgy, and representatives from other denominations regularly visit the home. Anglicare Southern Queensland provides spiritual and pastoral carers to support residents and their families.

St Martin's facilities and services include:



24-hour nursing and care services



Specialist dementia support



Social outings, concerts and themed days coordinated by leisure and lifestyle specialists



Bilingual staff support for non-English speaking residents



Allied health services



Weekly Anglican church services with visits from other denominations on a regular basis



Spiritual and pastoral care support



Weekly visiting hairdressing services

About the Specialist Dementia Care Program

The Specialist Dementia Care Program is a Department of Health (Commonwealth) grant-funded initiative delivered through three approved providers in Queensland, including St Martin's.

What is the SDCP?

This program provides a high level of tailored care for people living with dementia who are exhibiting severe behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD) and are unable to be effectively cared for by mainstream aged care services.

To be eligible for the program a person is referred to Dementia Support Australia and undergoes a tailored assessment.

The program helps people living with dementia by:

- reducing or stabilising a person's behaviour and psychological symptoms of dementia in a dedicated dementia-friendly environment.
- supporting the person to move to a less intensive care setting when they no longer need the specialist services provided by SDCP unit.
- supporting aged care providers with the transition of SDCP residents back into mainstream services.

What does the SDCP unit look like?

The accommodation consists of nine rooms and living areas that have been designed to foster a small, cottage-like, dementia-friendly living environment.

The team of clinical staff have been specifically recruited and trained in the delivery of a person-centred, multidisciplinary approach. Additionally, this model ensures all residents have access to medical specialists to ensure appropriate clinical oversight and care. A range of allied health professional services are also available.

By fostering this approach to care, the program is able to deliver the highest level of quality care to residents.

How long will a client be a part of the program?

The program provides transitional, temporary support. It is expected the average length of stay will be around 12 months.

When behavioural and psychological symptoms stabilise, the team will support residents to transition into a less intensive care setting.

Room details and maximum accommodation payments

When you choose St Martin's (SDCP), you will be part of a supportive community, where you can continue to do the things you love and have the peace of mind that you are receiving the level of care that's right for you.

Our rooms

Every room has a wide screen wall-mounted digital television, telephone connections and installed safety systems e.g. nurse call and fire safety services.

Single ensuited standard room			
Large air conditioned single rooms (20m ²) with private ensuite in a small group cottage setting with dedicated staffing to provide best practice memory support care.			
The unit has a kitchen servery, lounge, and dining space, along with a large, secure private court.			
The rooms provide in-room storage, including built-in wardrobe with shelving and chest of drawers.			
Payment options			
100% Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD) \$500,000	OR	100% Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP) \$114.24	OR
		Combination example: 75% RAD at \$375,000 & DAP \$28.56 per day	OR
		Combination example: 50% RAD at \$250,000 & DAP \$57.12 per day	