

Archbishop Makarios of Australia visits Greek community of Melbourne and Greek Australian newspaper



Archbishop Makarios visited the Greek Centre on Lonsdale Street to get a better understanding of the Greek community of Melbourne and Victoria.

Among issues discussed was the history of the community of Melbourne and issues of concern to it.

GCM President Bill Papastergiadis was on a trip to Greece, however he told *Neos Kosmos* that the community “had the privilege some years ago to have Archbishop Stylianos make his first visit to the Greek community of Melbourne. That visit marked a turning point in the relationship between the Greek community and the Archdiocese.”

Following a warm and productive relationship with the former hierarch, the community welcomes a fruitful relationship with the new primate of the Orthodox Church. “His visit represents not only a continuation of our excellent relationship but also the start of a new path of collaboration and friendship,” Mr Papastergiadis said.

“We welcome the visit and we welcome the Archbishop enthusiasm for our collective future.”





Archbishop visits Neos Kosmos newspaper

As part of his road trip to Melbourne, Archbishop Makarios has met with schools, media groups and Greek stakeholders.

He came to *Neos Kosmos* offices at 3pm on Wednesday, accompanied by Bishop

Ezekiel and Bishop Iakovos. On his first trip to Melbourne, the new hierarch told us that he was impressed with the Greek Australian community and their commitment to their faith.

A user of social media, he has been overwhelmed by messages sent to him by the community and is particularly interested in approaching young people and bringing them to the fold.

During the meeting he told that the church is interested in collaborating with other Orthodox hierarchs in Australia and will continue to adopt an outward-looking approach and show a welcoming face to the community. Interested in listening and learning, he said that he met with community members. "Whatever you propose, that is good for Greeks regardless of where it begins, I will support it," he said "Let's not forget where we began and what we represent."







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