

## Task for *The Natural Way of Things*

### 'Slut shaming' at Wesley College, University of Sydney

Wesley College is one of the oldest colleges at the University of Sydney. The editors of the 2014 college journal published a map purportedly showing sexual relationships among college residents.

The purpose of the map was to shame those women who had had a number of such relationships. They were labelled 'sluts'.

The men involved in the relationships were not similarly labelled.

In the journal, women were also given awards based on their physical attributes or reputed sexual behaviour.

One student said "I know for a fact a guy would have written that and it's just so misogynistic and so inappropriate to write. And that's published forever. I can't do anything about that. There'll be online versions.

"It's just slander handed to everyone on a platter and students voluntarily, let alone gladly, accept it...People just don't understand. They think I'm exaggerating and my disenchantment has no substance. But it's worse than people could ever imagine."



Wesley College pictured here.