DATE CLAIMERS – IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
LAUNCH OF THE CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF WESTERN TRADITION
Friday 26 August
CHESTERTON CONFERENCE
Saturday 10 September
SCHOLARSHIP DINNER
Monday 10 October
THE ANNUAL COLLEGE BALL
Friday 16 September
GRADUATION
Monday 12 December

PETER McCUMSTIE TO STUDY IN ITALY
I am very pleased to be able to announce that Peter McCumstie has taken up the offer of very prestigious scholarship at the Accademia Vivarium Novum (http://www.vivariumnovum.it/) in Italy. Only 40 places are offered annually throughout the entire world. The course he will be doing is absolutely unique: a one-year full immersion course in Latin. One of the rules of the Accademia is that Latin alone is spoken, at all times, even at meals and in informal conversation! I congratulate Peter very warmly on this great distinction. I understand that a Campion alumnus has been made a similar offer, but I am unable to report on his response at this stage.

LOCKERS
The Registrar has had lockers installed for the use of non-resident students. Please see Reception for further details.

MENTORS
Campion students are extraordinarily fortunate to have access to a wide range of interesting and influential people (in addition to our own staff) who would be willing to advise and guide them as they consider their careers and vocations. You can see our full list of all our senior people, including Honorary Fellows at http://www.campion.edu.au/ourpeople. We can arrange mentoring, particularly for later-year students. Always remember to see me if you would like to be put in contact with anyone.

VISIT FROM THE HON. GREG DONNELLY MLC
We had a visit from the Hon Greg Donnelly MLC last week, to ask for students’ practical support in approaching and personally asking MPs to resist moves to legalize
‘same-sex marriage’. As this is an ethical rather than a political issue I have no hesitation in passing on his request, with my own commendation. Mr Donnelly will speak on this matter at Formal Hall at the end of the month. In the meantime he has written the following brief for the attention of students.

**Stand Up and Defend Marriage**

**Greg Donnelly MLC**

**Parliament of New South Wales**

There is a view held by some people, one that I disagree with, that as night follows day it is inevitable that our law will change to permit same-sex couples to marry. Under current Australian law same-sex couples are not permitted to marry. Indeed there has been a lot of debate, discussion and activity around the issue, particularly over the last 12 months.

On the 5th July this year a further motion was passed by the House of Representatives that, in summary, provides MHRs with the opportunity to report back to the Parliament on the 17th August on the outcomes of their consultation with constituents on the issue of same-sex marriage. The motion is of course a follow-up to the one passed in November last year.

It is vitally important that those opposing the proposed change make their voices clearly heard by the federal politicians. I encourage you, along with others that you know, to contact your MHR and express to him/her your strong opposition to any proposal to amend the Commonwealth Marriage Act to provide for same-sex marriage. Ideally, you should seek to meet with them to discuss this important matter. Failing this, can I suggest that you write a letter to them? As you would be aware, politicians can receive hundreds of emails a day. That is why I am suggesting one-on-one meetings or hand-written letters. For information about who is your MHR, go to the Parliament of Australia website (http://www.aph.gov.au/) and follow the prompts. For information and material that you may find useful for your meetings or letters, visit the Marriage is website (http://www.australianmarriageis.com/).

It is particularly important that the report-backs on the 17th August reflect a proper balance of the views on this most important matter. This will only be achieved if appropriate effort is made to ensure that those views are expressed to our federal politicians, I encourage you to participate in this effort. You should also take active steps to get others involved.

Nobody should think that anything in politics is necessarily automatic or inevitable. It is time now to stand-up and voice loudly your opinion about protecting the definition of marriage as it currently stands in the legislation.
Proof that kids do best with their married mum and dad

Child Maltreatment in Different Family Types

This chart shows that the safest context for children is with their natural married parents. The most dangerous is with one parent and a partner – heterosexual or homosexual – when the risk of abuse is 12 times that in a natural family. The term “maltreatment” is used to cover both abuse (physical, sexual and emotional) and neglect (physical, emotional and educational). The data is from the Fourth National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect (NIS–4): Report to Congress by the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, 2010, fig 5-1, p 5-20. www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/abuse_neglect/natl_incid/nis4_report_exec_summ_pdf_jan2010.pdf

WANTED – CAR WASHER!
Student wanted to wash and clean my car once a week. Please see me if you would like the job!

FRATERNAS MISSION TRIP TO PERU 10-31 January 2012
Places are still available on the mission trip to Peru in January 2012. Ana Maria Palacio is holding some air tickets. She will need to receive bookings by August 15th. If you are interested, please contact her at anamaria.fraterna@gmail.com.
MISSION TRIP TO PERU

2012

As many of you know we had the experience of a lifetime going with 30 Australian young people to the Andes of Peru on January 2010. The mission focused on the culture of Peru, spiritual life and solidarity with the most needy.

Now The Fraternas are starting the preparation for our next mission trip in 2012.

We are planning to go to Peru again to visit another little town in the Andes and also to learn a bit more about the Peruvian culture. A mixture of prayer and community life, solidarity, exposure to culture, talks, catechesis, tourism, chances to practice your Spanish and much more.

We are planning to hold an informative session in our community but would like to know how many of you would be initially interested to go. The dates are not set yet but we would spend around 3 weeks in January 2012.

If you are interested in going or know anyone who might be interested PLEASE REPLY TO THIS EMAIL.

Hope you can join us on our next mission trip, Hasta Luego, Dios los bendiga!

Ana Maria Palacio

“IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE”
ACTS 20:35
There will be an information night for PARENTS and interested or prospective STUDENTS from Brisbane and the surrounding area at the home of Mr and Mrs Edmond O’Donovan, 99 Scanlan Road, Mitchelton, at 7.15 pm on Wednesday 10 August.

The presentation and question time will last for approximately one hour. Supper will be served afterwards.

All are welcome. Please feel free to pass on this invitation to anyone you know who might be interested.

If you would like to join us, please advise Ann O’Donovan on 0427 806-384 or ann_od@bigpond.com.

I shall be in Brisbane throughout the following day and will be happy to visit schools or interview students. Please be aware that an interview is an essential and important part of the selection process at Campion. This will also be an opportunity to tell you about our new MA in the Liberal Arts by distance education which we expect to be able to offer within the next two years.

I am most grateful to the O’Donovans for their hospitality and look forward to a good gathering.

WORLD YOUTH DAY
Over the next week or two, over 3000 Australians will be heading off to Madrid, Spain for World Youth Day 2011. Campion College will proudly be represented by several of our own students who will be joining the pilgrimage to Spain.

We will remember all the pilgrims at the 12pm Mass this coming Thursday, 4 August. Although all of our Campion pilgrims will not be able to be present - some have already left - all will be prayed for in a special way at this Mass, and those present will receive a special blessing from Fr. Luke.

Please join us to pray for our pilgrims!

COMING EVENTS
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      12 noon START OF SEMESTER MASS
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