



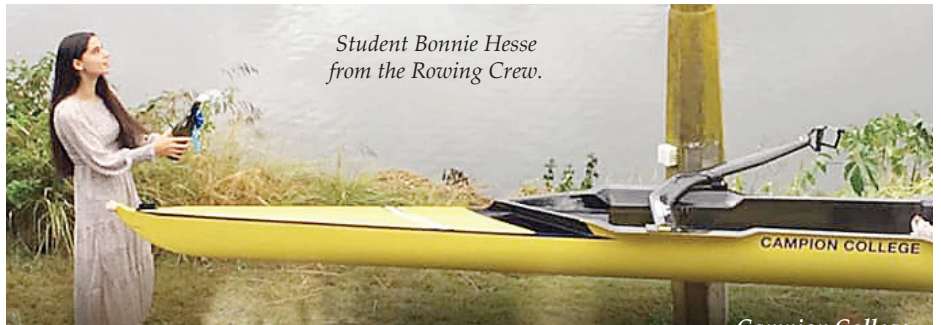
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Grace Hesse

I graduated from Campion College in 2017, where I majored in Theology and served as president of the Campion College Student Association and Campion College Rowing Club. After graduation, I went straight into the workforce as a Personal Assistant, where I was heavily involved in the management of a Political Campaign for the Federal Election earlier this year. I have recently changed jobs, and I am now working as an Administrative Assistant/Receptionist at a PARED School. I will forever be grateful for my time at Campion, in particular for campus life that gave me the wisdom to apply the knowledge I received. The skills I learnt at Campion - writing, researching, and critical thinking - have proven invaluable, not just in the workforce, but in all areas of my life.

Below: Rod Dreher delivering a talk.



Rod Dreher on campus.



The Sunlit World Down Under

Bestselling author Rod Dreher spent a week down under to discuss his book "The Benedict Option," and address the unique plight Christians find themselves in.



Left to right: Dr Paul Morrissey (President), Miss Anna Hitchings, Mr Rod Dreher, Miss Yvette Nehme and Miss Christine Vella.

Hundreds of people turned up to hear Rod Dreher speak in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

In Brisbane and Sydney, Rod talked about the crises of fragmentation and of identity facing Christians in the West. In Melbourne, over 260 showed up to watch a lively and entertaining public interview between Rod and *The Australian's* foreign affairs editor Greg Sheridan.

“ One Great Cause for Christian Hope in Australia is Campion College. ”

While in Australia, Rod also addressed the Melbourne Catholic Lawyers Association and was interviewed by ABC Radio, Sky News and *The Australian*.

After the tour, Rod wrote about his time on tour in Australia:

"My experience of the country and its people was something close to exhilarating. I mean that. As I told someone at dinner the other night, I spend most of my days in front of my laptop, monitoring the decline and fall of Western civilization, and thinking hard about it. And then I go out into the world and meet people like the Slovak Catholics I was with earlier this month, and like the Aussies who took such good care of me this past week, and I realize that, in Russell Kirk's phrase, "the world remains sunlit despite its vices."

For me, though, one great cause for Christian hope in Australia is Campion College. It's a small Sydney institution that's the country's first liberal arts college. It's a Catholic Great Books school on the St. John's model. Go to the website and look at the course outline. What an astonishing place! Though my family is not Catholic, we are traditional

Christians who are deeply committed to the Western tradition. Besides, my children have also benefited from a classical Christian education in elementary and high school, and their mother and I have seen how this counter cultural form of learning forms their hearts as well as their minds. If we were Australian, we would eagerly and gratefully send our children to college at Campion. It wouldn't even be a second thought.

I strongly encourage my Australian readers — Catholic and other tradition-minded Christians — to go visit Campion, and meet with professors and students. The maturity of these young adults, and their intellectual sharpness, is striking. We hear a lot of complaining these days about the deficits and weaknesses of this student generation — how entitled they are, and how snowflakey (that is, unable to deal with ideas that distress them). Not at Campion. Those undergraduates are confident, intelligent, and engaging and — dare I say it? — joyful. I came away thinking that Campion is to 21st century Australia what the early Benedictine monasteries were to Dark Ages Europe: a stronghold of faith, learning, and formation that is a light in the darkness, an outpost of

civilisation, and a blessing to all touched by the prayer and work of its people.

If Christianity is going to survive in the West, it is going to need educational institutions like Campion College".

We would like to thank Rod for coming all the way down under and being such a wonderful guest. We wish him all the best with his next book. If you would like the full copy of Rod's speech visit: www.campion.edu.au/rod-dreher-tour-a-success/ or contact Yvette Nehme (Director of Development) 02 9893 9318 / foundation@campion.edu.au



Rod Dreher audience at the Melbourne event.

Where are they now?



Philippa Hewitt

After Campion I got a job working as a Personal Assistant for a businessman. In the role I used many abilities that had been fostered during my time at Campion. I worked for four years for the same company before getting married and having my first child. I haven't worked formally since, I've spent my time raising my young family. Campion gave me the ability to rationalise my Catholic faith, and this is something that I can now pass on to my children.



The Annual Campion Ball

Saturday
21 September 2019

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE
for the
12th Annual
Campion College Ball.

Join us for an
enchanting evening in the secret
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Theme: A Secret Garden
Dress Code: Formal

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Campion's Appeal Dinner

Campion's Appeal Dinner was held at Doltone House at Hyde Park in Sydney. The special guest speaker was Mr Rod Dreher, author of the "The Benedict Option".

This year's Appeal Dinner was held at Doltone House, Hyde Park on the May 16 2019. Many of our supporters attended the evening to celebrate Campion College's achievements and hear from Rod Dreher.

Rod Dreher, senior editor and blogger at The American Conservative, is the author of several books covering religion, politics, film and culture, including his bestseller, "The Benedict Option". He has appeared on CNN, Fox News and other television networks and his commentaries have been broadcast on US National Public Radio.

Many thanks for all those who contributed to a wonderful evening and especially to those who attended and very generously committed their financial and spiritual support to the College.

Mr Rod Dreher speaking at the 2019 Campion College Appeal Dinner.



Campion College Community

Our staff and students continue to be witnesses in the community.
Below are three recent events that they have supported.



Blood Bank: It has become a regular group activity for our students and staff to give blood at the Red Cross.



Pro-Life Witness:

Many of our students have been on the front line to protest the NSW Government's proposed abortion legislation and fight for the protection of women and the unborn. We encourage all our students to stand up for what they believe.

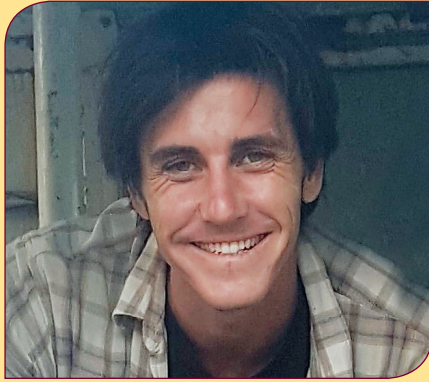


President's Plate:

On May 4 the students and staff participated in the annual soccer tournament for the President's Plate. The winning team was Team Howard: Kate Fanning, Andrew Murphy, Aidan Shogren, Lauren Brodie, and Bonnie Hesse.

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Where are they now?



Ben McCabe

After graduating in 2013, I continued my studies in western civilisation by traversing through Europe for six months, visiting those countries which I had, hitherto, only known from my books. After this I completed a Masters in English literature at the University of Sydney. During my studies, I tutored at the University of Sydney and taught a number of classes to home schoolers. Disenchanted by secular universities and high-school curriculums, I resolved to establish a Liberal Arts institute for high-school students that offered a holistic approach to education and pursued a deeper understanding, not only of the humanities, but also of the concrete world through agricultural work. In 2016 Augustine Academy began its first year, and with a growing number of students each year traveling from every state in Australia, it quickly became apparent that the school was fulfilling a unique need.



Reflections on Winter Program

For three days in July, Campion had the pleasure of hosting 50 local and interstate students for the 2019 Winter Program.

Each day at the Winter Program, students engaged in lectures and activities related to our core disciplines – history, literature, philosophy, theology and classical languages. The program was also packed with sports, games, swing dancing, trivia, a bonfire night and a city excursion.

Participants loved the opportunity to gain a first-hand experience of what it is like to live and study at Campion. It was a true delight to witness the start of beautiful new friendships and a shame that we only had a short time together.

We look forward to welcoming our participants back to Campion as students

Students during a lecture at the Campion College Winter Program.



in 2020 and seeing some of our younger participants again for our Summer Program from 5-9 and 13-19 January 2020. To register your interest for the Summer Program, please visit www.campion.edu.au/summer-program

Entertainment Guide 2019/2020

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Interested in Studying at Campion College?

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To find out more about our bachelor and diploma programs, campus life, accommodation, scholarships and enrolment, please complete your details below and post to: **PO Box 3052 Toongabbie East NSW 2146** or email: **study@campion.edu.au**

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For further information contact Christine Vella on phone: 02 9896 9303 or email: study@campion.edu.au

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Campion's Wish List

Campion opened its doors in 2006, this means our equipment has aged and requires renewing and replacing. We have created a wish list of new items that we are seeking, just to name a few:

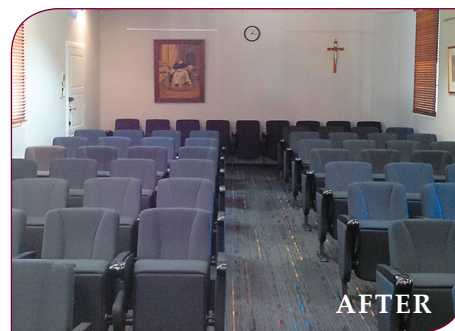
- Art collection for residential houses,
- Ride-on mower,
- Recording studio equipment.

Please consider donating any of the above mentioned items or contribute funds towards them.

For further information on how you can support, or a detailed Wish List, please contact Yvette Nehme, Director of Development 02 9896 9318 / y.nehme@campion.edu.au

PDS Lecture Theatre Upgrade

During the mid-semester break the PDS lecture theatre was upgraded. We are grateful for the college supporters for their generous donation to allow us to carry out the renovations. The lecture theatre was built in 2006 and with great use over the years it was definitely ready for the upgrade.



Gift of Sporting Equipment

We would like to thank Dr John Casey, a Campion College supporter, previously from Bondi, now retired to Brisbane, for his recent donation of sporting equipment that was on the Campion Wish list. The equipment purchased will be put to good use, the students are grateful for the gift.



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SHAKESPEARE AND POPULAR CULTURE CONFERENCE, 2019



12 - 13 October 2019

Shakespeare and Popular Culture Conference, 2019 Campion College of the Liberal Arts, Sydney

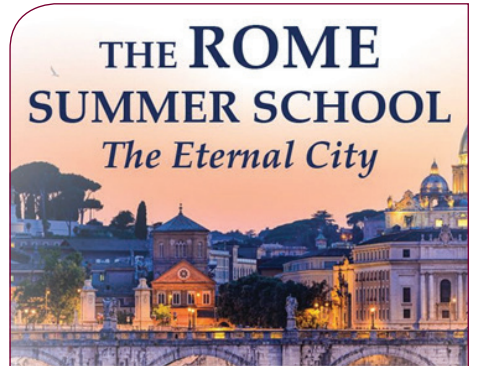
William Shakespeare remains the most enduring writer in English history, with both he and his work being continuously adapted and reconceptualised into contemporary settings and popular entertainment.

Topics may include sci-fi adaptations of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, grunge *Hamlets* and works of homage like *Ten Things I Hate About You* and depictions

of the playwright himself such as *Shakespeare in Love*.

Join some of Australia's foremost Shakespearean academics and dramatics as they discuss Shakespeare's endlessly regenerative work. For further information or to submit an abstract contact:

Dr Colin Dray c.dray@campion.edu.au
Phone: 02 9896 9300



THE ROME SUMMER SCHOOL *The Eternal City*

Sat 27 June - Mon 13 July 2020

Expressions of Interest are now open for Campion's Rome Summer School 2020! The program is open to all who are interested in studying classical Latin or Plato's philosophy. It is a two and a half week program, held at St. John's University campus in Rome, located within walking distance from Vatican City, and in Florence. The program will include a combination of lectures and tutorials, along with guided tours of all main attractions in Rome and Florence. To Find out more and register please contact 02 9896 9300 or info@campion.edu.au

Nepean Rowing Club Recognises Campion College

The Nepean Rowing Club has been very generous to our Campion College rowing crew over the last 6 years and we would like to express our gratitude for recognising Campion by christening an eight in our College's name. The Campion College Rowing Crew would like to thank the Nepean Rowing Club for their continuous support. If you would like further information or to financially support the Campion Rowing Club please contact Yvette Nehme – 02 9896 9318 / foundation@campion.edu.au

From left to right: Bonnie Hesse, Daniel Waddell, Jason Waddell, Cecilia Kent and Dominica Funnell.



St Edmund Campion Address

On 20 June 2019, we welcomed Anglican minister Peter Kurti to give the end-of-semester St Edmund Campion address. Peter spoke to staff and students about how culture in Australia is in the midst of a struggle, affected by political factions, identity politics. View his speech on our website, <https://www.campion.edu.au/end-of-semester-speech-now-online/>



2019 Chesterton Conference

Campion College will once again host the annual conference of the Australian Chesterton Society, which will take place on Saturday, October 19.

This year's theme will be "Reclaiming the Economy: A Chesterton Alternative." It will focus on Chesterton's social and economic vision of widely distributed ownership as an alternative to the dominant economic order of bigness.

Speakers will include Fr Tony Percy, Dr Garrick Small, Fr Paul Stenhouse, and Mr Karl Schmude.

For more details, go to: <http://chestertonaustralia.com/conference.php>, or direct enquiries to the Society's President, Mr Karl Schmude (phone: 0407 721 458).



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