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CAMPION COLLEGE AUSTRALIA

Celebrating 10 Years



In the Beginning

Images from the start of the Campion College story (2008-2009).

Approval for Master Plan

On Wednesday 27 April we received Development Application Approval for the Master Plan of Campion College. This Master Plan includes the building of residential halls, library, chapel, gymnasium, lecture rooms and dining hall. The Panel that approved the application was appreciative of a design that respects the natural beauty of the 10-acre property as well as the heritage buildings already present.

The first stage of the development is the building of two residential halls, the first of which will be named after the late Fr Greg Jordan S.J. This is a tremendously

exciting development and will mean that more students from interstate and rural areas can reside at the College. The Campion Foundation has just passed a resolution to start building the two residential halls in early 2017 to commence accommodating students in February 2018 and to continue a capital campaign to raise the necessary funds.

In this edition of the Brag we continue to reflect on 10 great years. I draw your attention particularly to the Mass to celebrate our anniversary on 11 September in Parramatta. Please see invitation on the back page of this Brag.

Dr Paul Morrissey, President.

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Appeal Dinner was held to celebrate Campion's 10 year anniversary.

Then and Now

Three alumni share with us their story of then and now.

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Anniversary Mass

Our 10th Anniversary Celebration Mass will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral in September 2016.

CSWT

'The Wind Outside', a collection of poems by Dr Stephen McInerney was launched in May at Gleebooks.

Formal Hall

A guest speaker, keen students, attentive staff for a Formal Hall.

and much more...



Artist's impression of the Master Plan for Campion College.



Jock Power

Where Are They Now

Following graduation in 2014, I nominated for preselection in September to contest the Brisbane City Council election for my local area. Unable to secure the nomination, I was offered a job on the central campaign team tasked with re-electing the Lord Mayor, sitting Councillors, and the candidates. We held the Mayoralty and increased our majority in Council. I am very fortunate to have worked with a number of seasoned campaigners whose expertise lie in political strategy and the mechanics of the backroom. I now work as an adviser to a member of Cabinet in Council. Campion teaches students how to reason; this asset has been of invaluable assistance in my work to date.

Eagerness to Inquire

Lecturer in History, Dr Luciano Boschiero, reflects on the lofty ideals of learning, studying at a university and life at Campion College during the last 10 years.

In his *Didascalicon: De studio legendi* (c.1125), Hugh of St. Victor contemplates the principles of learning which inform the liberal arts and inspire the goals of Europe’s first universities. He wrote:

‘Eagerness to inquire means insistent application to one’s work; scrutiny means earnestness in considering things. Hard work and love make you carry out a task; concern and alertness make you well-advised’.

In contrast to these lofty ideals, there is another enduring image of the early universities that is less inspiring for Campion College. It is a manuscript illumination of Henricus de Alemannia delivering a lecture at the University of Bologna in the middle of the fourteenth century. Henricus sits high on his cathedra reading from an authoritative source on moral philosophy as most of his students in fashionable attire either fall asleep, engage in conversation, or stare out the window. Only a handful of students seem interested in the lecture.

Fortunately, during the past ten years at Campion I have seen students more regularly pursue the types of virtues recommended by Hugh of St. Victor than engage in the style of behaviour exhibited in Henricus’ classroom. During the past decade I have been impressed by the students’ consistent eagerness to learn, accompanied by an attentiveness and level of interaction that genuinely exhibits their love and pursuit of wisdom. Granted, there are some things that Henricus

would find familiar at Campion College: fashionable clothing is still a feature of university life and students still tend to stare out windows occasionally; some might even fall asleep during lectures (or maybe they think with their eyes closed). Over the past ten years there have also been a number of other shenanigans in keeping with modern college life, such as hard-fought sporting contests on the football pitch and arm-wrestling competitions on the back deck (known to have even drawn the participation of some staff members who will remain unnamed). Shenanigans aside, if Hugh and Henricus could spend a day or two at Campion College, interacting with the students and observing classes, I reckon Hugh would be satisfied with what we’ve achieved so far and Henricus would be envious that he didn’t work in Old Toongabbie.

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Laurentius_de_Voltolina_001.jpg
Laurentius de Voltolina; Liber ethicorum des Henricus de Alemannia; Kupferstichkabinett SMPK, Berlin/Staatliche Museen Preussischer Kulturbesitz, Min. 1233



CSWT Hosts Poetry Launch

The Centre for the Study of Western Tradition was proud to host the launch of “The Wind Outside”, the second book of poems by Dr. Stephen McInerney, who lectures in Literature at Campion College Australia. In this volume, Dr. McInerney moved the room of over 50 guests with his reflective pieces on Greece, the wind and his first cricket bat. In each of these, Dr. McInerney elevated what would have otherwise been mundane things by bringing out their transcendent and sacramental dimensions.

“The Wind Outside” was launched by the renowned Australian poet, Robert Gray at the iconic Sydney bookstore, Gleebooks. With good food and wine and excellent poetry, the book was well received with dozens lining up to purchase their own signed copy. It was great evening all round.

For further information on CSWT: m.tan@campion.edu.au

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Siobhan Reeves

Where Are They Now

Since graduating from Campion College in 2011, I have had many opportunities to apply the critical reasoning skills that were developed during my time at Campion. I completed a Masters of International Relations at the University of Melbourne, was awarded the University's Leaders in Community Award and spent a year working in Timor-Leste on remote healthcare delivery. I was accepted into the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's graduate programme, and have worked across a number of government priorities. Having completed the programme, I now work as an adviser in the Indigenous Affairs Group, improving outcomes in remote communities.

Formal Hall



Mr David Murray addresses staff and students at a Formal Hall Dinner.

Formal Halls are attended by students, staff and guests, and regarded as important events in the collegiality of Campion life. They are held every second Thursday night except during breaks and exam weeks.

Pre-dinner drinks are served before everyone enters the Dining Hall, and wine is served during the meal. Formal Halls are regarded as opportunities for everyone to get to know each other in a refined and convivial atmosphere where students and staff wear academic gowns. The superb food is prepared by our cook, Natalie Foster, who is assisted by students working efficiently in the kitchen and dining hall.

Each Formal Hall is enriched by students who perform music, and one who acts as the Master of Ceremonies. Guest speakers are invited to deliver an after-dinner address on aspects of their lives. One of our speakers this year, Campion College Chaplain Fr Peter Kruk OP, spoke about the influences that helped him with his vocation in the Dominican Order. Another speaker, Mr David Murray, former CEO of the Commonwealth Bank, spoke about leadership, love, authority, responsibility and productivity in professional life.

10th Anniversary Celebration Appeal Dinner at Le Montage

This year's Appeal Dinner was held at Le Montage, Leichhardt, to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Campion College. Here are the highlights of the evening.

On May 25th the 10th Anniversary Appeal Dinner was held at La Montage, overlooking the water in Lilyfield, Sydney. The splendid setting was very apt for an evening that both celebrated the achievements of ten years as well as committing to an exciting future for the College. Internationally renowned Catholic philosopher John Haldane was the keynote speaker and he reflected on the relevance of a Liberal Arts education for the 21st Century. Professor Haldane spoke about the crisis in undergraduate education in the western world and that

Liberal Arts Colleges such as Campion are playing a crucial role in returning the university to its true vocation. Third year student Nicholas Augimeri gave the vote of thanks and also recounted his own gratitude for the Catholic Liberal Arts education he is receiving at Campion. We were very blessed by the presence of many dignitaries from the Church, the world of politics, business, journalism and law. The evening culminated with the awarding of medals to significant donors who have helped the College achieve so much in its first ten years: Mrs. Judith Beswick, Miss Yvonne Nobbs, Mr. Thomas Bradley, and Mr. Kevin Bailey. 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.



Campion President Dr Paul Morrissey with Professor Haldane and Sophie York.



Campion student Alexander Stevens and alumnus Robert Van Gend entertain guests.

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Anthony Day

Where Are They Now

Before coming to Campion, I was at a real cross-road in my life, "do I take the easy path? Stay with the familiar, and try and discover what I want to do later? (Because we all have that luxury of time.) Or challenge myself, and take the road less travelled?" I chose the latter and that has been the best decision I've made so far. Since graduating in 2011, I have travelled Europe, experiencing the rich history of Western Civilization as well as working in the field of Industrial Relations. Although I don't have a law degree, the transferable skills of analytical and critical thinking obtained at Campion College have been invaluable. I hope to continue my studies in Law in the near future.

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- CATHERINE OF SIENA

CAMPION COLLEGE WINTER PROGRAM

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Discover the gift of your unique identity at a Winter Program like no other: a journey with the greats of Western civilisation towards a true understanding of masculinity, femininity and humanity itself. What does it mean to be *who I was created to be* in a climate of increasing confusion? Ask the big questions about the meaning of the body, gender and sexuality at the intersection of Church and culture.

<p>DAY PARTICIPANT (includes lunch & dinner) Cost: \$100 Early Bird (register and pay before June 7): \$80</p>	<p>FULL REGISTRATION (includes meals & accommodation) Cost: \$220 Early Bird (register & pay before June 7): \$180</p>
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Campion College Australia

is delighted to invite you

to our **10th**

Anniversary Celebration Mass

Date: Sunday 11 September 2016 at 11:00am
Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta
Address: 1 Marist Place Parramatta NSW 2150

Followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral Hall

Please contact Yvette Nehme for further information:
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