



# CAMPION'S BRAG

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## 2017 Building Our Future



**2016**

Celebrated our 10 year anniversary.



**2015**

Campion College graduates its 150th student. Graduates have gone on to successful careers in education, journalism, medicine, law and business.



**2012**

The First Rome School.



**2006**

Campion College opened as Australia's first Liberal Arts tertiary college.



**2005**

Campion College officially approved as a registered Australian higher education institution by the NSW Department of Education and Training.



**2001**

Campion Institute Limited, with the trading name of Campion College Australia, registered as a public company.

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This edition of the Brag is highlighted by the good news of the recently published student survey commissioned by the Federal Government. The survey confirmed that at Campion we offer an exceptional learning experience for our students with a very high quality of teaching. Although surveys are a good indicator, especially

when compared to all universities across Australia, a more real indication that we are on the right track is in how our graduates are performing. Three alumni are highlighted in this edition and their considerable achievements are very much based on their studies at the College. Thank you again, on behalf of all our students, for your prayers and support.



### Recent Events



## Charbel Trad

Where Are They Now?

Since graduating from Champion College, I completed a graduate degree in Law at the University of Notre Dame and have worked for both Criminal and Commercial Law firms in Sydney over the last 6 years. I am currently working as a solicitor at Holman Webb lawyers in the General Insurance team, with a focus on litigation, where I attend hearings in both Plaintiff and Defendant matters. During this time, I married my beautiful wife Sandra, have been blessed with an adorable daughter, also expecting our second child in a few months and have bought our first family home in Sydney. Champion was instrumental for me in making sense of the world which has had a profoundly positive impact in both my personal and professional life. 10 years on and I have regular contact, with past students and lecturers.

*The Student Experience Survey (SES highlights quality teaching and learning, writes Mr Thomas Westenberg.*

## High Quality Teaching

Campion College has scored well above the average in the national Student Experience Survey, commissioned by the Federal Government.

Published this week, the details of the combined 2015 and 2016 SES highlight the quality teaching and learning environment at Champion College. This Survey combines data from student responses, divided into six key areas of the student experience. The SES allows comparison between institutions across the nation, most particularly through the identification of the national average in each of these key areas.

Campion College has scored above the national average in every single aspect of the student experience, reflecting our commitment to a quality, personal,



Above: Students at Champion College.

## Ted O'Halloran Latin Prize



The 2016 Ted O'Halloran Latin Prize recipient, was Nicholas Augimeri. The prize is awarded annually to the best student in Latin in a 300-level unit. It was awarded at the Champion College Formal Hall evening on the 9th March 2017. These awards are not possible without the support of our generous donors and supporters such as Anne Gray and her brother John O'Halloran who have created the Ted O'Halloran Latin Prize. We asked Anne to share with us why they chose to support Champion, please see the story below. If you would like to set up a scholarship or prize please contact Yvette Nehme on phone: 02 9896 9318 or [foundation@champion.edu.au](mailto:foundation@champion.edu.au) to discuss further.

Left: Mr Nicholas Augimeri, winner of the 2016 Ted O'Halloran Latin Prize with Dr Luciano Boschiero, Dean of Studies.

Liberal Arts Education. Most noteworthy, Champion scored 96.8 % in 'Overall Quality of Educational Experience' compared to a national average of 79.9%, and 96.8% in 'Teaching Quality', which sits well above the national average at 81.5%. The College is proud of the quality and dedication of our staff to building a distinctive, personal, and effective teaching and learning experience. We are pleased to see that this work is reflected in the quality of the Champion experience. An illustration of this is below:

### Overall Quality of Educational Experience

The percentage of undergraduate students who rated their overall educational experience positively, based on a single question in the SES.

<i>Campion College Australia:</i>
96.8% (95.1% – 98.5%)
<i>National Average:</i>
79.9% (79.8% – 80.0%)

The full chart of the six areas surveyed can be accessed at: [www.qilt.edu.au/about-this-site/student-experience](http://www.qilt.edu.au/about-this-site/student-experience).

## Supporting Champion

My brother, John O'Halloran, and I established the Latin Prize in honour of our late father, Edmund (Ted) O'Halloran for a number of reasons. Our father was a foundation donor in the establishment of Champion College and placed great faith in the College's ability to promote Christian values in forming Australia's future leaders. Our late uncle, Fr Michael O'Halloran SM, had been a seminarian there when it was the Marist Seminary. Another reason was our respect for and friendship with former College President Dr David Daintree. My brother and my husband were enthusiastic participants in his Latin summer schools, and when David asked us whether we would be interested in establishing such a prize, we were delighted to do so.

Anne Gray (nee O'Halloran)

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## Frances Hopkins

Where Are They Now?

On the night of my graduation from Campion College, 2014, a friend and I co-founded a new missionary organisation in Australia, The Culture Project. Our mission is to encounter the hearts of our young people on the issues of sexual integrity and human dignity. We speak annually to over 5,000 young people in schools, youth groups and conferences across the country. We untwist the false promises that our culture presents and re-orient our desires towards what is true, good and beautiful. My Campion education gave me the foundation to understand the philosophical and historical threads that have woven together to comprise our civilisation. This has been indispensable in starting this new organisation to restore our culture to one where every human being is authentically loved.

# President to New Students: Seek Wisdom



First Year Students at Matriculation, 6th March 2017.

*A Liberal Arts Education gives tools to be life long learners and seekers of wisdom. Edited story by Alumnus Jordan Grantham, Diocese of Parramatta: [www.catholicoutlook.org](http://www.catholicoutlook.org)*

Thirty-eight new students arrived on Monday 6 March to commence their Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts at Campion College Australia, based in Old Toongabbie.

Fr Piotr Kruk OP, College Chaplain, concelebrated Mass with Rev Dr Luke Holohan SM, Lecturer in Theology, to begin the Matriculation morning. Staff, students, friends and families were present. During the Mass, Bernard Kirkpatrick, Director of Music at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta conducted the Campion College Schola.

New students were clothed in their academic gown, which symbolises entrance into the academic community at the College and then signed the Register of Students, or matricula, in Latin.

Dr Paul Morrissey, President of Campion College welcomed all present and addressed the new students.

“I ask of you to remember while you study here, this word: wisdom,” Dr Morrissey said. “I can honestly say that if you enter into our program with an

open mind, a sincere heart, with the desire to learn and an aptitude to study, you will be wiser than you are today. You will know more about yourself (the beginning of wisdom); about society; about fundamental questions; and about God.

“And this is what a liberal education means – that you will be educated in what it means to be human and that you will have the tools to be life long learners and seekers of wisdom.”

Micah Doughty is a new student from Guildford and has played football at Wentworthville Uniting Soccer Club for years.

“Dr Morrissey’s speech was insightful - he spoke of how Campion is actually making history by providing the next generation with a more grounded knowledge of history, culture and society,” Micah said.

“I really enjoy the community that is at Campion, because unlike other universities, here at Campion there’s a real sense that students get to know each other and do life together as we learn,” he said.

“I enjoy the subjects and, because I’m not too sure yet what career I want to pursue, Campion gives me a good grounding to learn critical thinking skills and develop my knowledge.”

Emelina Phillips is a new student

from Melbourne. “It’s just amazing, I’ve wondered about doing theology for years but never seriously considered it and now it’s finally here, it’s like Oh! Wow...” she said. The peaceful grounds of the College also appeal to Emelina. “The course is really fitting for the environment that we’re in here. It’s very peaceful. You actually need some solitude to meditate.”

Last year, Emelina worked in aged care. “The last year’s been really hard for me. I want to give a person time, I want to meet their physical, spiritual, emotional needs and the struggle for me was never being able to give them enough time. I think I had to do this job first though in order to be prepared to come to Campion. Life is a journey and there are always steps you must take before going through a new door.”

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## Jean Seah

Where Are They Now?

I graduated from Campion in 2015, tying for the gold medal; I was admitted to the Supreme Court of the ACT the following day, having completed my ANU graduate diploma in legal practice concurrently with my last semester at Campion. I now write for the Melbourne Catholic magazine and I am a managing editor and columnist for the American site Ignitum Today [http://www.ignitumtoday.com/], as well as a social media officer for the National Civic Council and the Singapore Archdiocesan Commission for the Family, and personal care assistant for an old friend. Studying at Campion was a priceless gift of delving into the treasuries of Western civilisation and Mother Church, and I am endeavouring to share this pearl of great price.

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