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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.

**2008**  
The First Graduation Ceremony.

**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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You can truly make a difference to the lives of young people, for generations to come, by considering leaving a bequest, a living legacy.

*and much more...*





## Norbert Neville

Where Are They Now?

Since graduating in Campion College’s class of 2009, I commenced postgraduate studies in law at the University of Notre Dame Australia in 2010. I completed this degree in 2013, and was admitted to the bar as a solicitor in 2014. During university, I worked as a paralegal at two local law firms, Low Doherty & Stratford in Blacktown and Matthews Folbigg in Parramatta. In 2013, I successfully applied for a role as a dispute handler for the Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW, where I continued to work for four years. In 2016, I moved on to work for Macquarie Bank, where I have had a number of opportunities, including handling their responsible lending portfolio and becoming a team leader for their dispute resolution team. This year I have been advised that I have been chosen for a secondment in

# Campion Latin Students have a Golden Opportunity

*Mr Thomas Flynn, Lecturer in Classics at Campion College explains the benefit to students of studying Latin, Ancient Greek and attending the Rome Summer School.*

It has been almost three years since I started teaching at Campion College. I arrived in February 2015 when the college expanded its teaching of Classics to include ancient Greek. Last year Campion awarded the first Diplomas in Classical Languages to those who had completed three years study in one language, and at least one year in the other.

What is remarkable about this is that Latin and Greek are entirely “above load”. If a student completes those units, it does not contribute in any way to his BA in Liberal Arts. Except that it does.

Let me explain. It is true that a student does not need to complete even one hour of study in Latin or Greek to get the highest possible marks in the qualifications necessary to get a BA. But if Campion stands for anything it is that an education is something more than letters after your name or a calligraphic certificate.

Students want to study Latin and Greek because those are the languages spoken by those who founded that western civilisation which is the object of study at Campion. They want to go beyond the syllabus and engage with ancient texts in the original language. They may not read everything but they get something of value first from learning the languages and then reading—sometimes with ease, sometimes with effort—things for themselves.

In July 2018 some of the students will expand on their studies with the Rome Summer School. Staff from Campion College will give two courses at Rome: one on Renaissance History and one on Latin Literature in Imperial Rome. Neither will be merely transplanted lecture courses. Both are only given in Rome.

The Latin students have a golden opportunity. Just as progression from reading ancient works in translation to reading them in the original promotes a deepening of understanding, so connecting these texts to the physical remains of antiquity opens the mind to a broader understanding of the heritage of western civilisation.

## Frank Sheed Competition!

Campion students and staff were treated to an oratorical feast at this year’s Frank Sheed Public Speaking Competition, held at Formal Hall on Thursday 21 September. The five contestants – Simon-Pieter Doodeman, Micah Doughty, Anna Harrison, Isabella Smith and Joseph Yeo – were asked to explain why they agree or disagree with Angela Merkel’s claim that “multiculturalism leads to parallel societies and therefore remains a ‘life lie’ “. The speakers offered refreshingly different takes on the topic and were all very entertaining. The competition was adjudicated by Dr Andrew Foong, Mr Thomas Flynn and Dr Jeremy Bell, whose task was an agonizing one. Isabella Smith was highly commended and Joseph Yeo was declared the winner. Congratulations to all involved, and especially to Isabella and Joseph!



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## The Rome Summer School: The Eternal City Sunday 1st July to Tuesday 17th July 2018

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Macquarie’s legal team to commence in early September. I will be working on a number of matters under the supervision of Macquarie’s head of legal, and I’m sure it will be the most challenging role to date. Looking back over the last few years, I reflect on the opportunities and challenges that I have experienced. The tools needed to overcome and succeed in these roles are critical thinking, problem solving and effective communication. Campion College provided an environment to develop these qualities and certainly helped me to get where I am today. To me, Campion College was more than a university. Many of my closest friendships were formed there, and I owe much of my formation in the Faith to my study there. It is an excellent institution which will without doubt set up a firm foundation for any career, whether it be law, medicine, journalism, teaching or politics and I recommend its high standards of teaching to any student who is discerning their future. My years at Campion were surely the best three years of my life.

## Why Give?

*Ms Sophie York and Dr Paul Dunkin reflect on why giving to Campion College helps impart a sound education to future leaders making Campion College most compelling.*

Australia is a wonderful nation in countless ways. From the climate to the laid-back people, it is a world treasure. One of the greatest features which make life enjoyable here, is the freedom. In particular, freedom of speech and religion. This underpins our happiness and our prosperity, building trust and creating strong relationships, whereby we all flourish. Once you become aware that these features are being eroded, and that there is inadequate leadership, and that

the perils to the nation and our way of life could be avoided by simply imparting a sound education to future leaders, then - of all causes - Campion College becomes the most compelling.

Understanding the history, philosophy, literature and theology underpinning Western civilisation enables appreciation - and safeguarding. Campion College, via its tuition in both faith and reason, and via its formation of character, offers the antidote to the toxicity in the West which is undermining formerly sturdy countries and sadly, spreading to Australia. There are many competing ‘good causes’ - there could not be a better one than Campion! In honour of my late, scholarly sister Noelle, and with great confidence in this College - its charter as well as its staff, students and trustees - these reasons are why my husband and I support Campion.

## IPA Report

The Institute of Public Affairs (IPA) has recently published a report on the Western Tradition and how it is taught and studied at Australian Universities. Campion College is named, and commended, in the report for excellence in this area, and for its commitment to the big ideas behind Australia and the Western Tradition.

The report, conducted by Dr. Bella d’Abrera, outlined 20 subject areas which are important to the understanding of Western Civilisation and its history. These subjects range from Ancient Greece and Rome to the Cold War and the American Revolution. These were then compared with the unit descriptions of all Undergraduate History units across Australia’s universities, to see how well they cover these important topics. This is at the core of Campion’s mission, and we are pleased to say that we cover all the areas outlined by the IPA, as illustrated in the following quote: “Campion College, notwithstanding its size and recent origin, ranks particularly well in the teaching of the history of Western Civilisation in comparison to the larger, more established universities.” The full paper can be accessed on the IPA website. <https://ipa.org.au/publications-ipa/research-papers/rise-identity-politics>



left to right: Emelina Phillips, Grace Hesse, Dr Paul Dunkin, Ms Sophie York, Dr Paul Morrissey, Annalise Day and Aleshia Fewster.

## Dr Edward Sri from USA

Campion College had the pleasure of welcoming an International speaker, Dr Edward Sri from the Augustine Institute from Colorado. Dr Edward Sri presents a Catholic approach to confronting relativism today. The theme was “Who am I to judge?” Responding to relativism with logic and love. Discussing moral issues with family and friends can be a challenge in a culture

that strongly promotes the idea that there is no objective truth. Speaking from a wealth of personal experience, renowned author and theologian Dr. Edward Sri provides 5 “keys” to enable Christians to oppose with logic and love what Pope Benedict XVI called the “dictatorship of relativism.” He also clarifies the proper understanding of what it means to judge, and the importance of making good judgments.



Dr Edward Sri speaking at Campion College.



## Jacob Munday

Where Are They Now

Upon departure from Campion College, I worked in the Racing industry as a Stipendiary Steward and completed a Graduate Certificate in Sports Administration. Following this, and after returning from the UNIV Congress in Rome, I was invited to apply for Prospective Students and Operations Manager at Kenvale College, Randwick, Australia's First Institute of Hospitality Management where I am now in charge of student recruitment, and campus facilities. Currently, I am completing a Master of Business Administration, and have plans to begin a Doctor of Education. I also volunteer as a JP, assist young men with their career pathways, and I am enjoying Sydney's Eastern Suburbs where I have moved to be closer to work. My time at Campion has provided the foundation necessary for all of this to occur, and the confidence to go for more in life. It is worth it!

## CSWT Recent Events

A number of successful events have been held over the last several months under the aegis of Campion College's Centre for the Study of Western Tradition. On May 23, former Campion lecturer Dr Matthew Tan's new book *Redeeming Flesh: The Way of the Cross with Zombie Jesus* was launched at the School of Philosophy and Theology at the University of Notre Dame by the renowned theologian Prof Tracey Rowland.

On August 22, well-known poets Alan Wearne and Kate Middleton visited the Toongabbie campus to speak vividly on the nature of the Australian poetry scene of recent decades and its relation to their work.

Most recently, Emeritus Prof John Gascoigne of UNSW, Dr Ian Tregenza of Macquarie University, and Campion College's own Dr Steve Chavura (who is also affiliated with Macquarie University) treated a Campion audience to a trio of presentations on the theme of reason, religion and secularity in Australian history, followed by a panel discussion. Each of the events was followed by an enthusiastic question and answer session, attesting to the keen

interest of the audience in the issues under discussion. If you wish to receive notice of future events, please email the address [cswt@campion.edu.au](mailto:cswt@campion.edu.au) and ask to be added to the CSWT email list. All are welcome.



Left to right: Dr Ian Tregenza, Dr Steve Chavura, Emeritus Prof John Gascoigne.

## Welcome

Campion College welcomes Nicholas Augimeri to the role of Alumni Relations Officer. Nicholas graduated from Campion College in 2016, and is currently pursuing Honours in Philosophy at the University of Sydney. In this role, Nicholas is committed to ensuring that the College establishes and maintains effective communication with its valued graduates, who are growing in number each year. We encourage alumni to get in touch with Nicholas to update their details at 02 9896 9313, or at [alumniofficer@campion.edu.au](mailto:alumniofficer@campion.edu.au).

## Come & See Reflection

On Wednesday, the 4th of October, Campion College Australia hosted a Come and See Day. Many young people attended along with their parents and friends and experienced college life.

The day commenced with Mass followed by lunch on the deck. Campion College Australia President, Dr. Paul

Morrissey and academic staff gave an overview of the Liberal Arts degree, and students were given a tour around campus. They sat into lectures and tutorials and partook in the discussions with enrolled students. For further information on how to enrol please contact [study@campion.edu.au](mailto:study@campion.edu.au) ph: 02 9896 9300.

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We would like to thank the following benefactors for their financial gift:

Mr Duffy, Mrs ten Brink, Ms Rowley and Fr Peter Ryan. Their gift assists us to continue to provide a foundational education in the Liberal Arts that integrates the insights of faith and reason. We pray for the repose of their souls and all our supporters and benefactors.

## A Gift for the Future

A gift in your Will really is a gift for the future. You can truly make a difference to the lives of young people, for generations to come, by considering leaving a bequest, a living legacy, to Campion Foundation Ltd for the development of Campion College. Campion College does not rely on government funds. Seeking to safeguard its identity as an authentically Liberal Arts institution of higher learning, it relies instead on the generosity of those who believe and support our Mission -

To provide a foundational education in the Liberal Arts that integrates the insights of faith and reason.

The Campion Foundation is a private non-profit organisation which supports Campion College with a program of fund-raising and administration of gifts. The Foundation works closely with the College in building up a solid financial base for Campion and directing gifts to the College's most important needs.

There are a number of ways in which a bequest to the Campion Foundation can be formalised. For example:

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- You can donate a percentage of your Estate. This ensures your family and friends are not disadvantaged by changes in the size of your Estate or by inflation.
- After providing for family and friends, you may decide to leave the residue of your Estate to the Foundation for the continuing development of Campion College Australia.

Join hands with those who will make a lasting contribution to the education of young people in Liberal Arts. Including a bequest is not an alternative to looking after your family, it's a part of it. Read why some of our supporters are leaving us a gift for the future.

If you would like to learn more about Campion College 'Gift for the Future' Campaign please complete the attached form below and return to the office in the replied paid envelope alternatively you can contact Yvette Nehme, Director of Development phone: 02 9896 9318 email: foundation@campion.edu.au

### John's 'Gift for the future'

I first heard of Campion College Australia whilst working at a school as a Career Advisor. I was immediately drawn to its curriculum and its commitment to the Liberal Arts tradition, which follows the humanities from the Ancient World to the Present Day. It provides a solid foundation for future study, future careers, and the whole of the human experience. I was also impressed by Campion's recognition of spiritual values and the great need in our society for spiritual and moral direction. I believe a Campion College education will make a strong contribution to the educational and spiritual development of many young people, who are the future of society. This is why I have decided to leave a gift in my Will, I encourage you to join the "Gift for the Future" Campaign so Campion may be able to continue to develop future leaders.

*John – Gift for the Future supporter.*

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## Alexander Westenberg

Where Are They Now?

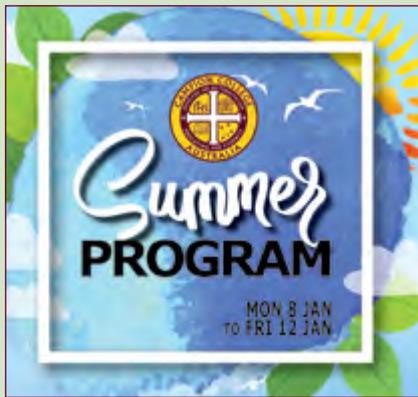
After graduating from Campion College in 2012, I pursued further studies in Philosophy. I achieved First Class Honours at Notre Dame Australia in 2013, where I was awarded the Vice-Chancellor’s Medal for Academic Achievement, and the School of Arts & Sciences Award for Academic Merit. I have recently completed my PhD at Notre Dame, focusing on the interplay between philosophy, film, and literature, a cross-disciplinary study reminiscent of my time at Campion College Australia. Professionally, I work as Academic Research Officer to the Archbishop of Sydney, casual lecturer and tutor in philosophy, ethics, theology, and social justice at Notre Dame and ACU.

## Ever wondered what life at Campion College is like?

Campion College Summer Program, 8 January to 12 January 2018

Campion College invites young people from all around Australia to come spend a week out of their summer holidays at Australia’s liberal arts college, attending lectures and tutorials as a Campion student would, exploring the sights and sounds of Sydney, and sharing their meals, activities and recreation.

The Summer Program is for young people interested in ideas and beliefs that motivate world events, and are attracted to an education offered at Campion College. They will be leaping-from-cliffs into the freshwater pools of the Blue Mountains, and grappling with the meaning of life in a philosophy lecture. There are loads of opportunities to express their creative side, engaging in classic and modern texts such as Shakespeare’s Julius Caesar as modern gang conflict, Hamlet as a Star Wars-cum-Australiana masterpiece and the last days of Socrates in Plato’s Phaedo as



seen through the lens of the popular TV show Prison Break. It will be an absolute pleasure to host and introduce young people to Campion College life. To reserve your place in the Summer Program, or for further details please contact Mr Chris Cox 02 9896 9300, c.cox@campion.edu.au or visit [www.campion.edu.au/summer](http://www.campion.edu.au/summer)

## Laughter at Campion

On Saturday 21 October, Campion College Australia hosted the annual conference of the Australian Chesterton Society.

This year’s gathering attracted more than 50 participants, from interstate as well as regional centres, to address the theme of “Laughter in Paradise: G.K. Chesterton and Humour.”

Topics covered various aspects of Chesterton’s comment that “a good joke is the closest thing we have to divine revelation.”

Speakers included Stephen McInerney (on Christian humour in such authors as Chaucer, Dante, and Cervantes), Gary Furnell (on the mystical depths in comedy), Karl Schmude (on Chesterton and the Marx Brothers, comparing Christian and Jewish humour), and John O’Halloran (on the comical companionship of Hilaire Belloc).

If you are interested in receiving a copy of the Papers from the Chesterton Conference at a cost of \$20.00 (incl. postage), please contact 02 9896 9300.

Chesterton Conference speakers, below left to right: Dr Stephen McInerney, Mr Gary Furnell, Mr John O’Halloran, Mr Karl Schmude and Dr David Daintree.

## Formal Hall Guest

It was an honour to welcome the Most Rev Bishop Anthony (Tony) Randazzo to our formal Hall dinner 19 October 2017. The Bishop shared his passion for reading and his love for ‘The Lord of the Rings Trilogy’ by encouraging students to engage deeper in stories, stating, “with reading comes knowledge and with knowledge comes wisdom”.



Left to right: Campion student Joseph Yeo, Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Campion student Grace Nichols.

