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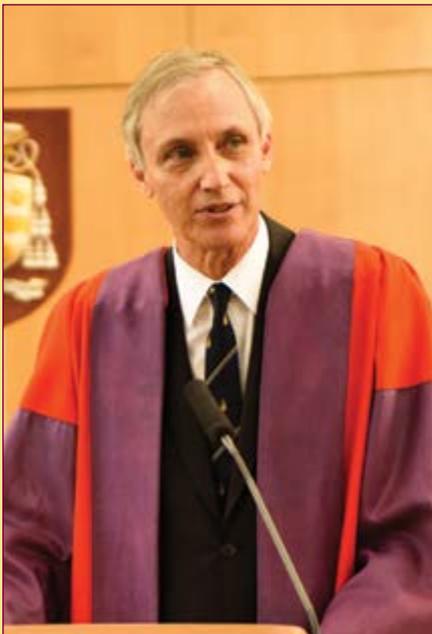
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# Campion Graduation



Above: Campion College medalist for 2017, Miss Jessica Buchanan.



Above: Professor Simon Haines.



Above: Most Rev Bishop Richard Umbers.

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*On Wednesday 13 December 2017, Campion College celebrated its 10th Graduation Ceremony at the beautiful St Patrick's Cathedral of Parramatta.*

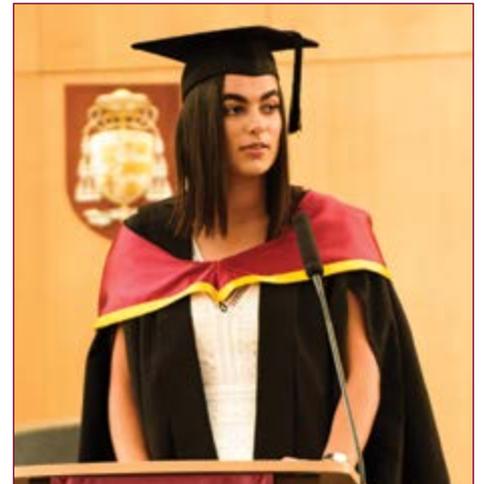
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The Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, Richard Umbers, was the main celebrant at the Graduation Mass of Thanksgiving. In his homily Bishop Umbers reminded the students that they live in challenging times and as educated Christians they will play an important role in Australia's future.

The occasional speaker was the founding CEO of the Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation, Professor Simon Haines. Prof Haines completed a doctorate at Oxford University in Romantic poetry of the early 1800s, "which sounds as remote from reality as you can get," he joked to the audience in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. He spoke of the inherent value of a Liberal Arts education as well as its practical advantages, using his own varied career in banking, diplomacy and academia as a prime example. He explained the benefits of the humanities for character development and career, his own career spanning banking, diplomacy, economics and academia. He promised graduands that after studying the liberal arts, the thread from "romantic poetry to merchant banking makes more sense," and alluded to Steve Jobs' preference for liberal arts graduates above vocational degree specialists.

Beyond professional benefits, the development of the mind promoted by liberal arts education is not less important than skills training, it is "far more

*Below: The Valedictory Speech, delivered by Miss Grace Hesse, President of the CCSA*



important," Professor Haines said.

The address concluded with a humorous adaptation of the Beatitudes with Christ as a lecturer and the disciples as utilitarian modern students, asking such questions as 'will this be in the exam?' The result was "Jesus wept" (John 11:35), reflecting the possible experience of many lecturers in Australia today.

The valedictorian was Grace Hesse, the outgoing President of the Campion Student Association, and the College medalist was Jessica Buchanan.

Family and friends of the graduates along with the members of the Campion College Board and the Academic Faculty were joined by guests of honour including Professor Anthony Shannon, Professor David Flint, Christopher Flynn, Richard Flynn, Giles and Annouchka Auty joined together to celebrate this joyous occasion.

*Edited extract by Jordan Grantham, Catholic Outlook.*

*Below: The Day family have a double celebration with their two children graduating, Miss Annalise and Mr John Day*



# Where are they Now?

## Campion's Inaugural Women's Luncheon



### Silvana Scarfe

Since graduating from Campion College, I completed a Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies (Marriage & Family) from the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and the Family, Melbourne. Currently I work at the Life, Marriage & Family Centre of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney primarily in the area of research. I also work as event organiser for a networking breakfast for young professionals in Sydney, an initiative of Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney. In 2016, I started a small business offering design and calligraphy artwork and workshops in Sydney. I recently graduated with a Graduate Diploma in Canon Law from Saint Paul University, Ottawa, in Ontario, Canada.

**O**n the 22nd of February Campion College opened its doors to welcome 65 women for the Inaugural Campion Women's lunch. The aim of the lunch was to celebrate the achievements of Campion College, and acknowledge those women who are excelling in their careers, family life and education. On arrival the women were welcomed by the president of the College Dr Paul Morrissey and Director of Development Yvette Nehme.

The afternoon was a fantastic opportunity to network and meet women from all walks of life whilst sharing culinary delights. Current students Emelina Phillips and Perpetua Yeo entertained guests with a duet performing an original Susan Boyle piece called "Who I Was Born To Be". Marie van Rensburg shared her testimony, bringing many to tears. She spoke about the ethos and community of Campion and the inherent dignity that comes from being women.

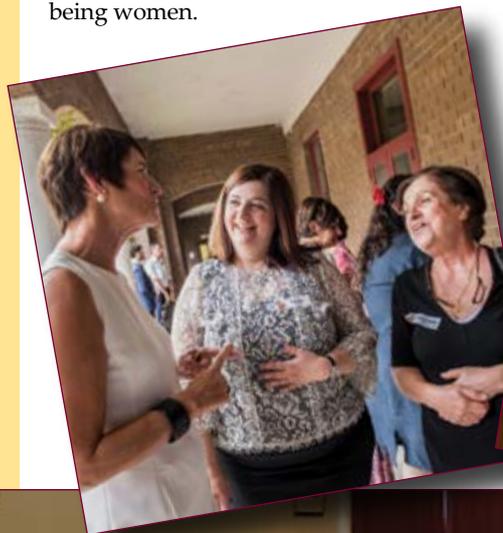
Campion Board member Ms Sophie York facilitated conversation with Mrs Margie Abbott where she shared tales of her upbringing, her career, her life with former Prime Minister Tony Abbott and her hopes and dreams for their three daughters.

The afternoon concluded with a presentation on supporting Campion's building projects and campaigns ensuring we can continue to provide a foundational education the Liberal Arts that integrates the insights of faith and reason. For further information on how you can support please contact Yvette Nehme, Director of Development [y.nehme@campion.edu.au](mailto:y.nehme@campion.edu.au) / 02 98969318

*Below left (left to right): Guest speaker Margie Abbott, Yvette Nehme and guest Antoinette Antoune.*

*Below right (left to right): Margie Abbott, Yvette Nehme, Sophie York and Dr Paul Morrissey.*

*Photos by The Catholic Weekly and Giovanni Portelli*



*Campion student Emelina Phillips.*

# Where are they Now?



## Jessma Nash

Having graduated from Campion College in 2014, I am now in my second year of a Doctor of Medicine at the University of Notre Dame. The jump from liberal arts to medicine is not widely viewed as a natural progression – I frequently meet with surprise upon informing acquaintances that my undergraduate degree was not science based – but Campion provided the necessary foundation for further medical studies. The liberal arts instilled in me an ongoing love of learning and taught me to reason critically, invaluable assets, while providing a framework for grappling with more complex questions of ethics, social justice and society. The time I spent at Campion were three of the best years of my life, forming me and equipping me with knowledge and skills that will serve me throughout my medical career.

# Noreen Mavis Poetry Prize

The Noreen Mavis Daley Poetry Prize was endowed by the late Royston Porthouse in memory of his mother. It is awarded annually to a student of the College for a poem of not more than 40 lines on any theme. The prize is open to all students currently enrolled in a Champion program of study. The 2017 Prize was awarded to Thérèse Mary Horsfall. If you would like to learn more about how to set up a prize for the students contact Yvette Nehme, Director of Development: [y.nehme@campion.edu.au](mailto:y.nehme@campion.edu.au) / 02 9896 9318.

## Prayer Lines

*There's a wind,  
Scuttling 'round our garden pots,  
Huddling, clutching moss, like old  
Yak-wool blankets.*

*He yodels high,  
From cricket beds,  
To a brother, another,  
Tossing bells in jangled Tibet.*

*Where faded flags dance,  
Flourishing feet,  
Throwing their lines off a cliff.*

*Far below,  
Rock people crouch,  
Pinching strands of prayers,  
Earthed and broken.*

*But still they string prayers,  
Accustomed despair,  
In pink, white and blue  
On washing lines.*

*Hoping one wind,  
One god, might  
Pluck them free.*

*And she stands,  
Frisking the hills-hoist,  
Goose-fleshed, her chapped  
Hands holding its string.*

*Each cloth unpinned,  
She shakes abroad.  
Open, its cry of laiden threads  
Sweeps out, is stilled.*

*Cloying her feet,  
The wind drags mum's skirt,  
Whispering, "Chaos!".*

*One now, two,  
She settles the clothes,  
Into basket arms,  
Nestled in close.*

*Mum carries inside,  
As silent the wind  
Pays homage under our clothesline.*

BY THÉRÈSE MARY HORSFALL

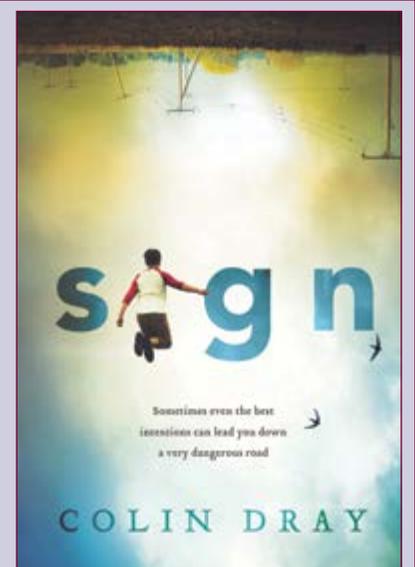


## 'Sign' by Dr Colin Dray

On Friday 9th March, Dr Colin Dray, Campion College Literature Lecturer/ debut novelist had his book 'Sign' launched by literary editor of the Australian, Stephen Romei at Gleebooks.

Dr Colin Dray teaches English literature and creative writing. His short fiction has appeared in publications such as Meanjin, and his non-fiction has been published in Australian Literary Studies and Antipodes.

'Sign', which was shortlisted for the 2015 The Australian/Vogel's Literary Award, presents a third-person narration that focuses on the world view of a boy recovering from a traumatic operation that has left him mute and bewildered by the machinations around him', that would be great. For further details on purchasing a copy of the book, please contact Dr Colin Dray on 02 9896 9300 or email [c.drays@campion.edu.au](mailto:c.drays@campion.edu.au)



# Where are they Now?



## Christina Hodal

Since graduating Campion College I continued my education with a Bachelor of Marine Science. The course has provided me various opportunities varying from turtle conservation on the Cumberland Islands to feeding and caring for penguins and sharks through volunteer work at Manly Aquarium. To help broaden my knowledge and care for both terrestrial and marine animals I am also currently undertaking a Certificate III in Captive Animal Studies. The past few years I have also had the privilege of working in the Catechumenate Office at the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney where I am able to assist people interested in becoming Catholic and aiding parish Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) teams.

# Enriched by a Summer Program

*Close to 40 students attended the Campion Summer program representing almost every state in Australia.*

The 2018 Campion Summer program attracted 40 young adults from across Australia. The program participants were given the opportunity to engage with academic staff, use facilities and resources, ask questions, and attend lectures across the fields of History, Philosophy, Theology and Literature.

The fun filled week program gave the students a taste of what our Liberal Arts degree covers and encouraged participants to broaden their minds, think critically and argue persuasively.

In addition to this snapshot of academic life, students enjoyed Campion's

*Right and below: Participants at the Campion College Summer Program 2018.*

hospitality sharing delicious meals and participating in a variety of fun activities which included games, dancing, and a variety of sports.

If you would like the opportunity to participate in our upcoming Winter School please contact Mr Chris Cox – [c.cox@campion.edu.au](mailto:c.cox@campion.edu.au) / 02 98969301.



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# CAMPION'S Knights and Dame

*Mr Karl Schmude*



**P**ope Francis has recently awarded a Knighthood of the Pontifical Equestrian Order of St Gregory the Great to Karl Schmude.

The Knighthood recognised Karl's contributions to Catholic intellectual and literary life over more than fifty years, particularly as a co-founder of Campion College, for which the College conferred on him the award of Founding Fellow in 2006.

He has also served in various other capacities, notably as Chairman of the Board of St Albert's College at the University of New England in Armidale and President of the Australian Chesterton Society. He is a widely published author in Catholic and secular journals and newspapers, in Australia and internationally.

*Dr Udo Borgert KHS*



**I**n November last year, Dr Udo Borgert KHS, a long-time adviser to Campion College and a member of its Academic Board and Mrs Lucy Denley DHS a long-time friend of Campion College before its inception were invested by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP as a Knight and Dame of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney. The Order is one of two formally constituted and internationally recognised ancient orders of knighthood of the Vatican. The Jerusalem Cross is its official emblem.

The origins of the Order go back to the liberation of Jerusalem in 1099 by Godfrey de Bouillon and the Crusaders. Nowadays, the erstwhile Protectors of Christ's Tomb

*Mrs Lucy Denley*



are seen as "Ambassadors of Peace and Love" as Pope Benedict XVI stated in a speech in 2008.

This mostly lay Order is devoted to building up the faith and practice of its members in fidelity to the Pope and propagating that Faith; sustaining the Church's spiritual, charitable and social works in the Holy Land, and defending the faithful there. It helps finance 68 parishes, 73 schools, and several hospitals and welfare centres in the Lord's own Land.

Dr Borgert said that he felt greatly honoured by being admitted to the Order since it would help him on his spiritual journey and enable him through active charity to attend to the needs of our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

Mrs Lucy Denley said that this was an absolute honour, an unexpected thing to be invited to become a member. She was deeply grateful to have been invited and very humbled. Among her many studies was a 3 month biblical course in Jerusalem at Ecce Home in 1987.

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