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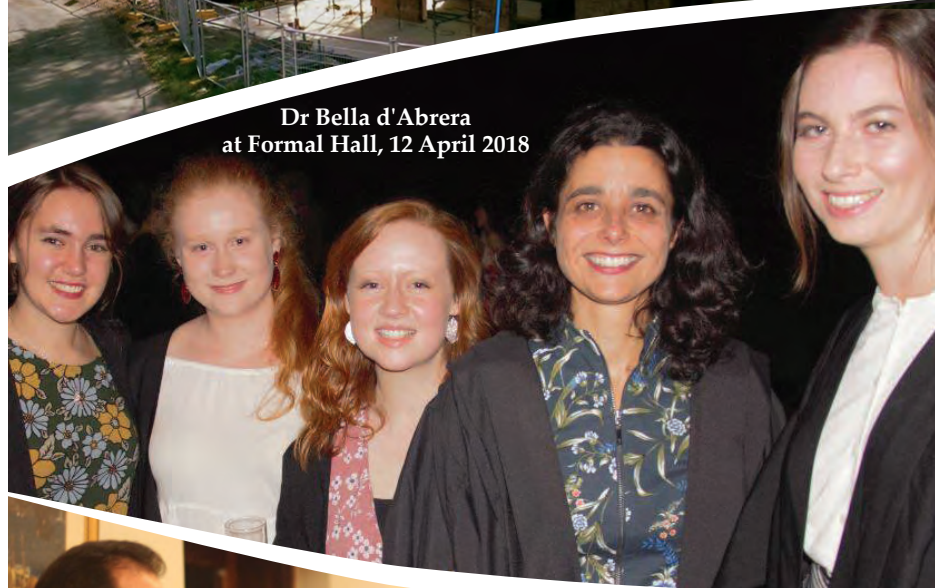
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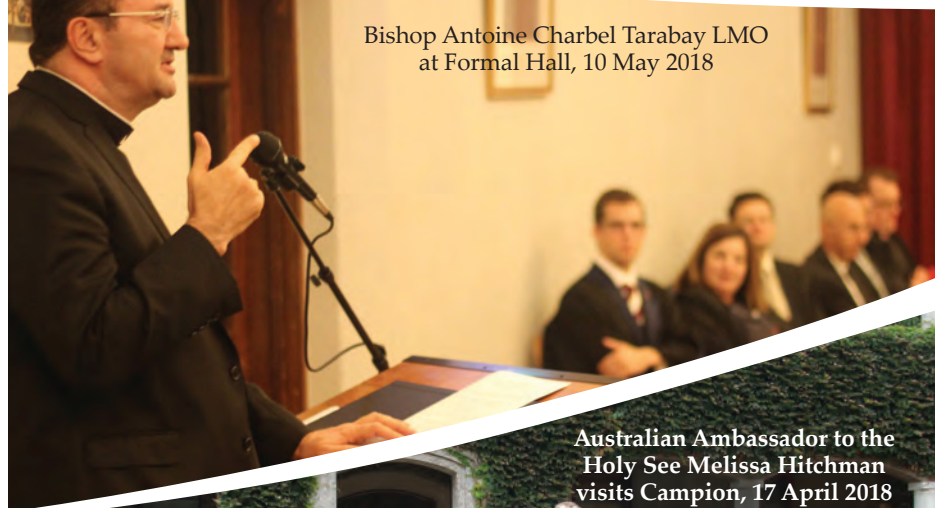
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in Progress



Dr Bella d'Abrera
at Formal Hall, 12 April 2018



Bishop Antoine Charbel Tarabay LMO
at Formal Hall, 10 May 2018



Australian Ambassador to the
Holy See Melissa Hitchman
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Where are they Now?



Brendan Smith

Upon graduating from Campion in 2013, I spent a short amount of time as a general labourer before transferring from the Army Reserve to the Regular Army. I attended the School of Infantry from August to December 2014 and was assigned to the Third Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment in Townsville. I spent time in a number of roles including as a section gunner and marksman before becoming a combat communications specialist. I've had several opportunities to travel overseas with the Army, first to Malaysia for jungle warfare training in 2015, then in 2017 deploying to Iraq with Task Group Taji-V as part of the force protection element of the training team. After nearly four years with the Regular Army I am preparing to apply for RMC-Duntroon to commission as a General Service Officer. Throughout these past years, my education at Campion has served me well, imparting me with adaptability, flexibility and good public speaking skills.

Campion Australian Tour: Dr Bella d'Abrera

In May 2018, Campion College sponsored a speaking tour to Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney featuring Dr Bella d'Abrera titled "Stomping on the Shoulders of Giants: How Identity Politics is Corrupting our Youth"

Late last year the Institute of Public Affairs conducted an audit of the 746 history courses offered across 35 Australian universities in 2017.

It published a report stating that undergraduate history courses in Australian universities were not teaching students the history and substance of Western Civilisation, but were instead riddled with identity politics.

The report further concluded that Campion College was one of only three tertiary institutions in the country that adequately taught the history of Western Civilisation and that Campion's history course, in particular, stood out from the pack.

The report was conducted by Dr Bella d'Abrera, the IPA's Director of the Foundations of Western Civilisation program. Following the report, Campion invited Dr d'Abrera to give a speaking tour around the eastern seaboard on the scourge of identity politics and how it has corrupted university campuses, school grounds and even workplaces.

In May, Dr d'Abrera visited Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney to give her insights on how society is being transformed by a disproportionate focus on race, sex, religion and gender in policy and outlook, threatening the values and institutions of Western Civilisation.

Dr d'Abrera's public lectures were very well received, with a packed audience at each event.

She exposed the threat of identity politics, including its Marxist underpinnings, and how it is being used in society to silence, condemn and indoctrinate.

Last year, for example, the University of Sydney launched an initiative to "unlearn", something completely and utterly at odds with the purpose of education, which is to impart knowledge and to hone the mind.

Monash University was the first Australian institution of higher learning to implement a policy of "trigger warnings", by asking academics to review course content before teaching it to ensure it would not offend anyone in the classroom.



Dr d'Abrera pointed to Campion, which Miranda Devine recently described as "an oasis of sanity in a sea of craziness", as spearheading the solution.

She said that Campion is unique because it is the only tertiary institution in Australia which is entirely free from identity politics.

It is also the only place which offers an alternative and a remedy to the widespread intellectual decay by offering young Australians a genuine liberal arts education.



*The Athenaeum Club
Melbourne, 8 May 2018.*

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Where are they Now?



Francis Winkels

After my graduation in 2015, I went on to pursue my newfound love of philosophy and Classics by completing Honours in Philosophy at the University of Sydney, for which I wrote a thesis on Cicero's *De Officiis*. Since then I have gone on to full-time work in the office of the Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher OP, as an assistant to the secretary, mostly to help with office administration, research and letter drafting. I apply those three years of my formation at Campion in many aspects of my work, whether it be through discussing something as nuanced as sacramental theology or applying skills as general as research. I am now preparing to pursue a career in education.

“My Dignity is Unchangeable with God”

Marie van Rensburg, a third year student, shared her testimony at the recent Campion Women's Lunch. She spoke about the ethos and community of Campion and the inherent dignity that comes from being a woman.

I decided to come to Campion because I was just so attracted to the wholesomeness of the Liberal Arts degree. I wanted an education that would serve me for my entire life, something that would be relevant in whatever field or vocation. I can happily say that Campion has elevated my mind and broadened my perspective more than I'd ever anticipated, and I'm genuinely really excited to see where myself and my peers decide to affect change in the years to come.

Now ladies, today is awesome because we get to celebrate women. But to be honest, I haven't always understood just how special it is to be one. Thankfully, however, my time at Campion has shown me just how precious it is that we are who we are, and its unlocked within me an eagerness to embrace my femininity in its entirety. So, today I'd like to share with you how Campion's holistic approach to education, in forming not only students, but people, has empowered me as a woman of today's world.

One of the best things Campion has done for me as a woman, has been filling me with a confidence to effectively engage and participate in society. Campion's emphasis on critical thinking and logical argumentation enables young adults to voice their opinions in a socio-political environment that is making it

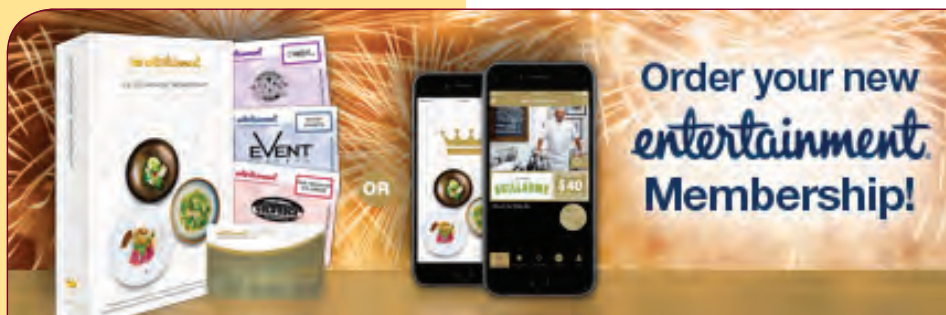
hard for anyone to do so. Campion has given me the confidence to separate myself from the culture of today, to fight against injustice and to challenge modern trends. This education frees us to do so, because we have the truth. And the world is in dire need of truth.

The second thing Campion has taught me is that our passions and desires are healthy, they are good, and they can be of service to others. Campion has shown me that I can take my passions more seriously, and not shut them down as mere 'dreams'. I've truly been given the space and opportunity to develop my interests. I've learnt that the things that move and inspire us are worthy of our investment, and when we can combine these desires with a liberating education – we can bring our goals to fruition, and that is so epic for a modern woman.



The third and final thing is something my spiritual journey at Campion has enabled me to realise. And that is, that my worth comes from God alone. My identity is in He who created me. It's taken many years of battling against myself and my perfectionism, my pride, my vanity and my selfishness to finally give up - to give up the pursuit of worldly gratification, and to give over to He who knows my heart. This is again something that frees me. Regardless of where I stand in the eyes of the world, or the eyes of my family, my friends, my workplace, regardless of my mistakes, my shortcomings and my failure - my dignity is unchangeable with God.

Now ladies, growing in our understanding of where we fit in the world as women is a journey, and in many ways, I'm just at the beginning of mine. I'd like to thank Campion for its formation of me, and for the wonderful people who have both directly, and indirectly supported me throughout my time. I'd also like to humbly request that you support Campion's women through your prayers and encouragement so that every girl can flourish into the woman she was born to become.



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Chesterton Conference

This year's gathering will focus on the theme of "Chesterton and the Child: Fostering the Family Today", and take place on Saturday, October 20.

Speakers will include the American author, Nancy Brown, who will give two papers - one on G.K. Chesterton's wife, Frances (of whom she has written a definitive biography), and the other on the Father Brown stories (which she has adapted for young readers) and other works appealing to the imagination of children.

The cost for the full-day (including lunch) will be \$65 - with a student rate of \$25. Enquiries may be directed to the Society's President, Karl Schmude - phone: 0407 721 458 or email: kgschmude@gmail.com



Formal Hall

On Thursday 10th May 2018, Bishop Antoine Charbel Tarabay LMO was our guest speaker at a Formal Hall dinner.



Bishop Antoine Charbel Tarabay LMO

His presentation was about the Maronite Catholic Church, it centred on 3 main areas:

- 1 - The history of the first Church up to the birth of the Maronite Church.
- 2 - The Maronite Church in Australia and the Diocesan Assembly in its aim to return back to our Maronite roots and ensuring we pass on this rich spirituality and tradition to new Maronites in this wonderful land Australia.
- 3 - Highlighting the Maronite Identity and Mission.

Bishop Antoine said that, he very much enjoyed the talk and it took him back to the years between 1999 and 2002 where he was a fulltime lecturer at various universities in Lebanon.

He highly encourages future students to enquire about studies at Campion College as they maintain a high academic standard whilst remaining true to the Catholic faith.

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CAMPION COLLEGE

Capital Appeal Campaign

Dear Friends,

After successfully establishing Australia's first Liberal Arts college, we look forward to an exciting future. The education and formation offered at Campion needs to be shared with as many people as possible, but unfortunately space is limiting us.

We need to raise \$3 million to complete this development and I invite you to consider being a part of Campion's exciting future.

We at Campion College think it fitting to honour the late Fr Greg Jordan SJ by naming our first residential development in his memory. Jordan Hall, named in honour of a distinguished Australian educator, Fr Greg Jordan SJ, is the first of two new residential houses being built for Campion students. There is a possibility for naming rights including the second residential house, please contact me to discuss. A further four houses will be constructed as student numbers increase.

The special value of students living on campus has long been recognised by the College. It offers convenient access to the available services and opportunities – academic, religious, social and recreational – and it strengthens the spirit of community life. The life of the mind can never be divorced from other aspects of our life; living in residence is an opportunity for students to live in a community of like-minded individuals and to become more deeply steeped in the learning environment and the culture that the College has developed.

The building of new residences is in response to the growing demand for the kind of Liberal Arts education that Campion College offers. It is a timely sign of confidence in the future of the College.

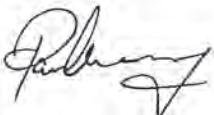
Features of New Student Houses

- Specially designed residence for up to 16 students
- Study rooms directly connected with bedrooms
- Common rooms for dining and community activities
- Conveniently adjacent to the main academic building on campus

We do hope that you consider supporting Capital Appeal Campaign.

We thank you in advance for your donation, it is greatly appreciated. You can donate online at www.campion.edu.au/donate, or complete the form overleaf and return to us using the replied paid envelope provided.

Yours truly,



Dr Paul Morrissey
President



This is the first stage of the Master Development plan which will include residential accommodation, library, dining hall, academic teaching spaces, gymnasium and a Chapel. The two new residential buildings are high-lighted in yellow.



CAMPION'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN STAGE ONE TARGET: \$3 MILLION

New residences to accommodate the College's growing community of students from around Australia. This first stage is crucial as the College has reached its maximum residential capacity.

- Without new accommodation students from rural areas or interstate will not be able to reside at the College.
- Architecturally designed to harmonise with existing heritage buildings. Special features for students including separate study rooms attached to bedrooms.
- Conveniently located on campus, close to academic and dining facilities while providing residential privacy.
- One of the residential houses is named in honour of the late Fr. Greg Jordan SJ, a long-time leader in Australian Catholic education.



"The fundamental reason why I support the mission of Campion College is because it aims to educate young Australians in a Catholic environment about the values of Western Civilization, and to remind the current generation of what our intellectual and spiritual heritage is - not only for its own sake, but because that heritage is under far more systematic attack in contemporary Australia than many of us imagine'.

JOHN HOWARD AT CAMPION GRADUATION, 2011



"Campion College is an inspirational educational institution, which furnishes minds and souls for the great and challenging journey of life'."

MIRANDA DEVINE AT CAMPION GRADUATION, 2015



"It has truly been an honour to be part of this unique endeavour in Catholic Higher Education. This new phase in the life of Campion College promises to be tremendously exciting and I encourage you to support it in any way you can."

JOE DE BRUYN, CHAIRMAN OF CAMPION COLLEGE

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