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Where are they Now?



Elanor Barr

After graduating from Campion College amongst the first cohort of students in 2008, I completed a Masters of Teaching at the University of Sydney in primary education. Soon after, I got a job teaching Year 1 and 2 students at Retaval Preparatory School in Belfield. I have since given up teaching to care for my three beautiful children, Emily, Molly and Ewan.

Going to Campion College is the best thing I have done in my life to date. It opened doors for me that I never knew existed. Not just the doors of opportunity but the doors of knowledge, reason and understanding. I saw where we've come from, how and why our Western World functions the way it does today, but more than that, the Campion College degree helped me understand the world around me; how rich and deep our Western Tradition is and how significant the Church was in moulding every facet of our current Western society.

I loved my time at Campion, difficult and laborious though it seemed sometimes, and I'm so grateful for my time there. It's as if I was stumbling through life illiterate and Campion taught me to read for the first time. I now have eyes to see, ears to hear and reason to understand meaning more thoroughly in the world in which we live.

Chaplaincy Year in Review

The Campion College Chaplaincy Team: Fr Piotr Kruk OP, Aidan Shogren and Aleshia Fewster talk about the year that has been.

God asks all to live out our faith, being witnesses to the gospel and helping others to do the same, which is what the Chaplaincy team here at Campion College is all about. Helping however we can to share with all the community in faith-filled lives throughout each year. And what a jam-packed year it's proven to be for us all.

From daily Mass and adoration (with monthly overnight adoration) and available confession, all can experience the central pillars of the faith; from this all our other activities are fueled. The contribution of Fr Luke Holohan SM also demands a mention; his daily commitment to making adoration happen in the early hours of the morning, daily mass and not to mention his full-time capacity as lecturer here at the college is greatly appreciated and all here at the college are so grateful. A great thanks also to the wonderful service of the priests of the FSSP in celebrating the Extraordinary Form mass at the college each Friday. Finally, our college chaplain, the ever-smiling Fr Piotr Kruk OP is well loved by all at the college and continues to work tirelessly for us all, being such a faithful priest and friend for everyone.

Then we move outside the chapel and experience a wonderful variety of different events. Just recently at the end of October we held Adoration Under the Stars here at the college (Our second for the year). Seeing so many people come together in fellowship to adore Our Lord is a truly amazing and blessed experience for all. Along with the fantastic insightful talks from Fr Benedict Mackenzie FSE, as well as Fr Max Polak (Opus Dei), this has, and continues to be, a roaring success. There have also been talks at other times, such as that from Simon Carrington of Fire Up Ministries in May.

The exclusive opportunities given to students here at the College are also amazing. This year two 3-day retreats were organised for the student body by the Chaplaincy team: the summer retreat at Benedict XVI Centre, preached at by Fr Suresh Kumar, Charbel Raish from Parousia Media, Sr. Mary Helen Hill OP and Mr Raymond De Souza, KM; and the silent retreat at Marymount Mercy Centre in August, preached at by Fr. Edmund Travers MSC. These were amazing experiences, providing all with

the opportunity to contemplate, pray, share experiences and enjoy the company of all in a faith-filled environment.

As well as these, two day trips were organised for students throughout the year. We joined the Young Christian Workers & Western Sydney University Catholic Society on 3rd March at Clovelly Beach, as well as a trip to Our Lady of Mt Schoenstatt Shrine at Mulgoa, involving mass, a short bushwalk, visiting Warragamba Dam and a BBQ to end.

Term 4 also saw a change in scenery, with Aleshia Fewster and Aidan Shogren taking on the positions previously held by Dominic Franssen and Perpetua Yeo. A huge thank you needs to be extended to Dom and Perpetua for their commitment, passion and service to all in their roles.



"Adoration Under the Stars" at Campion College, 21 October 2018.

There are these and so many more opportunities for students here at the college and the wider community to live out and grow in the faith; events which the Chaplaincy team here is committed to providing for all.

2018 has been, and will undoubtedly continue to be, amazing, a truly rewarding experience for all and we here at the Campion College Chaplaincy team certainly look forward to whatever more this year and 2019 holds.



College Chaplain, Fr Piotr Kruk OP, with students at the Nepean Look out.

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Rome School: An Amazing Experience

As a young kid growing up on a farm in Queensland, places like the Duomo in Florence and the Sistine Chapel seemed like things from different worlds, worlds that I would only see on a computer screen or in the pages of books.

I never expected that one day I would get the opportunity through Champion College's Rome summer school to not just see Italy firsthand but to study the time period of the Renaissance, and, how the city of Florence cultivated

Samuel Laffy in Florence.



philosophy, art, writing and architecture, and, produced the likes of Michelangelo, Giovanni Boccaccio, Leonardo Da Vinci and Dante Alighieri, men whose works of art, architecture and writing are regarded as some of the greatest ever created.

To not only just learn about what these men did, but also see their works in the flesh was an amazing experience that only Rome school could have given to me. This experience will be one I will remember for a lifetime, one that I never dreamed of experiencing as a kid growing up on the farm.

By First Year Student Samuel Laffy.

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My Summer in Rome

Campion student Francesca McGinnity, reflects on her visit to Rome and Florence during the Champion College Rome School.

In July of 2018 I visited Italy for two weeks as part of Champion College's Rome Summer School. The first nine days were spent in Rome, while the last four were devoted solely to touring Florence.

In Rome we studied at the St John's University campus, only a brief walk from the Vatican, on a street heavily populated with pizzerias and gelaterias. We were given the option to study either a unit of Latin or a unit of Renaissance history, which I took.

Our mornings were spent in lectures and tutorials, and in the afternoons we were taken on tours to many of the famous sights in and around Rome, including the Vatican, the Spanish Steps, the Colosseum, the Pantheon, Santa Maria Sopra Minerva and San Giovanni in Laterno.

The learning we received during the lectures enhanced our touring experience, allowing us to further appreciate the historical sights we visited, bringing to life all that we were studying.



Campion College Rome School participants visiting Capitoline Museum in Rome.

In Florence, we saw the 1446-built Palazzo Pitti, designed by famous Florentine architect Filippo Brunelleschi; we were able to climb la Cupola of the Florentine Cathedral, Santa Maria del Fiore (Il Duomo), walk across the Ponte Vecchio, visit leather, gold, and silk shops, and make countless stops at gelaterias dotted throughout the crowded city!

The experience gave me a deeper understanding of the history of Western Civilisation and cultivated in me a greater appreciation for the achievements of the great thinkers, artists, sculptors and writers



of the past. Particularly fascinating was seeing the tangible manifestation of the ideologies which pervaded the Renaissance; the humanist

focus on the human ability to achieve incredible things and create beautiful works was embodied in some of the most spectacular churches, buildings and paintings in the world.

My experience of the Rome Summer School was enhanced so much by those who shared it with me, both the other



Mr Thomas Flynn, Latin lecturer with Rome School participants.

students and the lecturers and staff. I will forever remember sharing a drink with a mix of lecturers, staff and students, alternating between discussions of the Medici to sharing many laughs over the pronunciation of 'Baroque', 'pebbles', and 'fresco' by our well-intending Italian tour guides.

Rome and Florence are such incredible cities, and I know that my experience of both was made richer and more beautiful in the context of Rome School. It was an experience I am truly grateful for and a memory I will treasure forever.

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Fr Piotr Kruk OP with student Elijah van Rensburg.

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On the 22nd of October Campion College was honoured to host two of Australia's most esteemed historians and academics, Professor Stephen Garton and Associate Professor Julia Horne. Both were in attendance to offer their insights at an event organised by the Centre for the Study of the Western Tradition, titled 'Aftershocks of the First World War', a discussion intended to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the modern world's first global conflict.

Professor Garton (the Provost and Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Sydney and author of *The Cost of War: Australians Return*, 1996) drew upon his years of research into the period and society's growing awareness of post-traumatic stress to offer a captivating account of the soldiers who served; their struggles to return to a post-war Australia; and provided invaluable insights into the wider social ramifications of Australia's attempts to memorialise its veterans.

Associate Professor Julia Horne (University Historian at the University of Sydney and co-director of the award winning website Beyond1914.sydney.edu.au), inspired by Campion's statue of the Mother Mary gave an inspiring, impromptu account of the unsung pioneering women who served in the war effort, who faced even more adversity, and were afforded less recognition, than their fellow servicemen.

Experience the Liberal Arts at Campion College

On Wednesday, the 10th of October 2018, Campion College Australia welcomed prospective students interested in our Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts, along with their teachers and parents, to share a day in the life of a Campion student at our Come and See Day. Often, the first visit to our campus and grounds and attending the lectures and tutorials made the difference in their decision process. All attended a lecture in Classical Literature: *Homer and the Gods*, by Thomas Flynn. Students also had the freedom to choose a tutorial in the following topics; "Ontological Argument for the existence of God", by Dr Amitavo Islam or "Faith and Reason" by Dr Paul Morrissey.

The Come and See Day is just a taste compared to the Campion Summer Program, 5-day program that provides students with the opportunity to experience the Liberal Arts. This encourages students to broaden their minds, think critically, argue persuasively and engage with the big questions that line the path to truth. In addition to this snapshot of academic life, experience the life of a student – living on campus, by taking part in swimming and coastal trips, visiting the Blue Mountains, hiking, swing dancing, movie and trivia nights.

The Campion Summer Program is open to all young people aged 16-25. To register visit www.campion.edu.au/summer

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Each episode, hosted by literature lecturer Dr Colin Dray and our other academics, explores an element of pop culture through the lens of the liberal arts.

Campion has so far released four episodes of **Campion Conversations**, with each new episode released every fortnight.

Episode 1 - Star Wars and Nostalgia

The debut episode of **Campion Conversations** is a discussion of the Star Wars franchise, led by academics Dr Colin Dray and Mr Thomas Flynn.

Episode 2 - In the Mind of Hamlet

Campion's literature lecturers Dr Dray and Dr Jeremy Bell discuss Shakespeare's most famous tragedy in light of Dr Bell's recent portrayal of the titular role on stage.

Episode 3 – Spirited Away: Exploring the Magic of Studio Ghibli

Thomas Flynn and Colin Dray return to the microphone to discuss the work of prolific Japanese animation director, Hayao Miyazaki in this episode. Together, they unpack and discuss each Studio Ghibli film.

Episode 4 – The Royal Society of London: impractical dreamers or scientific pioneers?

Campion College dean and history lecturer Dr Luciano Boschiero discusses the origins and work of the Royal Society of London with Dr Dray, most famously satirised in Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels.

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A Medieval Afternoon at Campion College



As part of HIS204 The Medieval World, students and staff at Campion were invited to a medieval-themed afternoon on Friday 14th September to eat and drink as they did in medieval east and west.

We sampled cheeses and dried meats, with delicious bread, and washed it down with mead and cider. We tasted figs and other dried fruit and nuts, while we listened to performers singing medieval songs such as "Sumer Is Icumen In", a mid-13th century English Round, from Wessex in the south of England.

There was also a prize for best-dressed homemade or handmade costume, won by Lawrence Pereira, who dressed as a rather frightening Anglo-Saxon warrior!

Right: Students Conrad Brown and Micah Dougherty in medieval costumer.

It was a wonderful afternoon, over all too soon, but it allowed students and staff to glimpse into a world long passed, but which lives on in our books, as well as in re-enactments such as ours.

And who knows, perhaps next year, there will be a feast, and some jousting!



CCSA Events of the Year



Attendants at the 2018 Annual Campion Ball.

In 2018, the Campion College Student Association (CCSA) had one of its busiest years yet. As always, the highlight of the event calendar was the Annual Campion Ball, which took on the

theme of a Great Gatsby party. Guests dressed up in their best roaring twenties fashion and hit the dance floor for a night filled with champagne and canapés.

Earlier in the year the second Charity Costume Party was held in the campus dining room and managed to raise \$1,400 for Birthline Pregnancy and Co. Everyone from Schapelle Corby and her boogie board to One Direction came along to fit the party's theme. What happened in the past stays in the past.

With almost an event every week, whether it be Talent Night, President's Plate Soccer Tournament, Splendour on the Lawn, Toga Party, Theatre Productions or Melbourne Cup, the CCSA had an extremely successful year and I wish the executive for 2019 all the best.