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Christmas and all the best for 2020.*

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*We look forward to your continued  
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# Campion Womens' Lunch

*On Wednesday 7th August 2019 Campion College opened its doors to welcome 80 women for the Campion Womens' Lunch.*

Entering the dining hall guests were delighted with fresh flowers, floral menus and elaborately-decorated cupcakes which adorned the dessert table. "It's now a Campion tradition, we're on a roll!" quipped Sophie York, MC of the event and former Board Member for the past 8 years, alluding to the second of what is hoped to be an ongoing series of Womens' Lunches.

Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells spoke of her upbringing in Port Kembla, the daughter of Italian migrants, who ensured she had a good education. Fellow school-pupils had laughed at the Senator in her school years when she confided her dream of going into Parliament, but she persisted and in 2005 was elected to the Senate. She has held a number of roles and ministries over the years. She was the only Minister who opposed the redefining of marriage, a fact that was greeted with applause. Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells encouraged all present to "not vacate the field", to remember that they are not alone, and that with courage and backing oneself, it is possible to prevail.

The Senator was given a guided tour of the new accommodation blocks, opened one year ago to the day by Archbishop Fisher and former Prime Minister John Howard. She mixed with the women present and even ran into a music teacher nun from her primary-school days!

The assembled lunch guests heard from Dr Paul Morrissey on the purpose and



*Above:  
Sister Marie Levey RSJ (left)  
and Sen the Hon. Concetta  
Fierravanti-Wells.*



*Sen the Hon. Concetta Fierravanti-Wells with  
Mrs Kerry Jones (left), Ms Sophie York (right).*



*Guests at the  
Womens' Lunch.*



The afternoon was a unique opportunity to network and meet women from all walks of life whilst sharing culinary delights. Current students Emelina Phillips, Bethany Marsh and our alumna Marie Yeo entertained guests by performing 'Somewhere (from West Side Story Choral Suite)'. Emelina Phillips, in her final year, shared her testimony. "Campion has especially supported me in my passion for singing. I have been blessed to receive a Performing Arts Scholarship each year since starting my degree. There have been many opportunities given to me to perform and grow: through talent nights, formal hall dinners, and fundraising events for the College. The encouragement and support I have received here from staff and students has assisted me in making the decision to pursue my dream of singing next year. I will be applying to study music theatre at the Australian Institute of Music in Sydney."

achievements of the College, notably its mission to unite faith and reason, and to create leaders for the future.

It was an exhilarating day, the result of painstaking efforts from Yvette Nehme, Teresa Gambino and Rebecca Abboud!

The afternoon concluded with the drawing of a raffle. We offer our sincere thanks to all those who contributed prizes. For further information on how you can support Campion College or if you would like to attend the event in 2020 please contact Yvette Nehme, Director of Development foundation@campion.edu.au or 02 9896 9318.





## Kansas USA Student Exchange

During last semester I was in the USA on an exchange program with Benedictine College in Kansas. It was an experience I will never forget.

Benedictine College is in some ways very similar to Campion: a Catholic Liberal Arts College with a strong emphasis on residential and community life. However, with approximately 2,300 students, and many non-Liberal Arts based disciplines of study, it also provided me with experiences very different to those I have enjoyed here.

I loved living in a different country for an entire semester, meeting so many new people, and studying in a different environment. However, the best thing I found from studying at this American college was that it gave me a deeper appreciation of Campion College; and most especially of the close community among students and staff here, which is fostered by its intimate scale. I am so grateful to Campion for having provided me with this opportunity.

*Elisabeth Fanning*



*Elisabeth at the  
White House.*

# Campion College Community

## Annual Campion Ball

I believe I speak on behalf of the CCSA Executive, and the rest of the student body, when I say that the Annual Campion Ball this year was a roaring success! The consistently positive feedback we have received is simply testament to the months of hard work put in by the Ball Committee, of which Sarah Ryan was the manager. In just under a week, they were able to transform the natural beauty of the college's campus into an enchanting secret garden that lured in more than 250 guests! I would like to thank all those involved in preparing for the Ball and those who attended; the night was successful because of you!

*Rainier Juanta, President of CCSA*



*Student  
Dominica Funnell  
with alumnus  
Peter Mackie.*

## Holy Innocents Choir



*Voices of the Holy  
Innocents Choir.*

During August and September, a group of students at Campion, along with outside members, were involved in the Voices of the Holy Innocents Choir. This choir was formed to sing the famous Coventry Carol at Central Station back in early August, during the Parliamentary Abortion Bill Debate.

This carol tells the story of the Holy Innocents, whose lives were brutally taken by King Herod and his soldiers. The story is told from the perspective of the sorrowful mothers. Since the choir's performance at Central Station went viral on social media, the choir has sung at various pro-life events and rallies. Students from Campion have loved being a part of this experience, being a voice for the voiceless innocents.

*Emelina Phillips*

## Debating Society

The Campion College Debating Society has had a busy year in 2019. In first semester we held almost fortnightly 'On the Slab' debates at lunchtime whilst second semester was more focused on inter-university competitions, winning against

Australian Catholic University and Western Sydney University, respectively, in the Religious Freedom Debate series and The Archbishop Cup debate series. It's been great to see so many students, especially first years, get involved and develop their rhetoric and public speaking skills!

*Elisabeth Phillips, Debating Society President*

## Student Retreat

From the 16th – 18th August, about thirty students from Campion took part in our annual silent retreat at Marymount Mercy Centre. The retreat was a great success and a very fruitful time for many as we took time away from our busy student lives to really focus ourselves toward God and our faith in Adoration, Mass, Divine Office, prayer and more!

We were privileged and blessed to have Fr. John Flader join us and lead us in some brilliant talks on discovering our vocation, fostering a friendship with Jesus, growing in our lives of prayer and our missionary calling in the world. The retreat is a must-do in the Campion calendar and with so much to be taken away from it, it's a wholesome, fulfilling and great refuel going into the busy end of the academic year. *Aidan Shogren*

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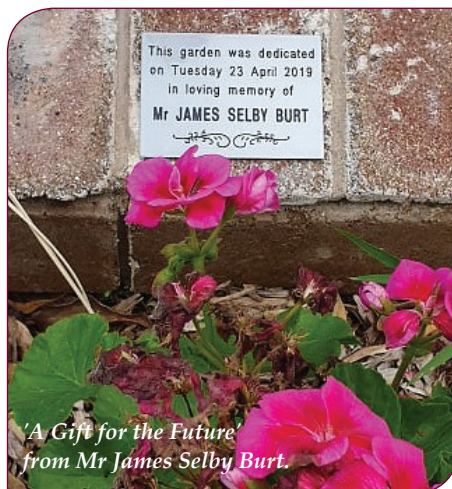
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*Where are they now?*



## Sean Reeves

After graduating from Campion in 2017 with a major in philosophy I started my career as an Aviation Fire-Fighter. Always eager to continue challenging myself, I also applied and got accepted into officer training with the Australian Army Reserve. Both jobs may appear to be unconnected to a degree in the liberal arts but I know that Campion helped me immensely. As a student I learnt how to think critically and as the Senior Residential Tutor I acquired leadership qualities; these assets have enabled me to succeed in jobs that require decisive, quick and rational thinking. The philosopher Bertrand Russell once said that "education has become an obstacle to intelligence and freedom of thought" but thankfully the education I received at Campion College was just the opposite.



## Frank Sheed Debating

*The annual Frank Sheed public speaking competition was held in the PDS lecture room on the evening of 8 October 2019.*

Contestants were required to speak on one of the following three topics:

- 1) Does Australia need a Religious Discrimination Bill?
- 2) "Australia's asylum seeker policy is unchristian." Discuss.
- 3) Do women have to choose between career and family?

The competition was adjudicated by Dr Jeremy Bell and the President of the Catholic Institute of Sydney, Sr Isabell Naumann.

The audience was treated to seven splendid speeches on these topics, by Anna Harrison, April Coulson, Timothy O'Hare, Elisabeth Fanning, Pearce Lyall, Francesca McGinnity, and Elizabeth Phillips. Both the argumentation and the rhetoric were of an exceptionally high standard. Timothy O'Hare was awarded third place, Anna Harrison second, and the overall winner was Pearce Lyall.

## CSWT Conference

On the 12th and 13th of October the CSWT hosted the Shakespeare and Popular Culture conference at Campion College. The day was a merry meeting of academics, dramatists, historians, philosophers, and fans, all eager to discuss the playwright and his enduring impact upon art and culture. Papers included discussions of the influence Shakespeare has had upon Chesterton, Chinese Opera, and our understanding of hatred, amongst numerous others. Professor Emeritus Penny Gay of the University of Sydney delivered a plenary lecture on her four decades of her research

into the Shakespearean adaptation, including the way in which female actors have been able to modify their performance on the stage and Professor Will Christie of the Australian National University explored the histrionics of Richard III, using Al Pacino's documentary Looking for Richard as a means to unpack the layers of performance necessary in Shakespeare's creation of the ultimate villain.

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*Where are they now?*



### **Br Conor J Power**

After graduating from Campion College in 2008, I entered the workforce but never seemed settled. That was until I decided to answer the Lord's call for me and join the Brisbane Oratory, founded by St Philip Neri. I have now been with the Oratory for five very happy and rewarding years. Recently, I was admitted to Candidacy for Holy Orders which is both exciting but also daunting when one considers the seriousness and responsibility of being a priest of Jesus Christ. The education and experiences I received at Campion have proven to be invaluable. Campion has taught me so much, most importantly, how to communicate effectively and powerfully. This was further nurtured at Campion through my exposure to English literature which has allowed me to share the Faith in ways I would have originally not thought possible.

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**15 Nov 2019**

*Application deadline for 2020 scholarships (Round 1).  
Accommodation applications submitted by this date will receive preference.*

**16 Dec 2019**

*Application deadline for Year 12 Early Offer*

**31 Jan 2020**

*Application deadline for 2020 scholarships (Round 2)*

**17 Feb 2020**

*Orientation Week*

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