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Students with Dr Jeremy Bell performing at Formal Hall .



2020 Matriculating Students.

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A Message From The President

Dear friends, these are indeed extraordinary times. At the time of writing, Australia, and much of the world, is in shutdown. This is having a profound effect on our society, our economy, our families, and even on how we practice our faith. We have also been witness to some terrible suffering around the world caused by COVID-19. It has certainly had an effect on Campion College too.

On March 23, in consideration of the widespread shutdown of businesses, churches and other institutions announced by the government, we decided to suspend classes for two weeks and move to an online teaching mode with classes recommencing on Monday 6 April. We had already been preparing for this eventuality and the two weeks ensured that the move to online teaching was as smooth as possible.

The mid-semester break has been moved forward and the regular StuVac and exam period will also be reduced, meaning students will still be able to complete the semester on 18 June, as scheduled.

Our residential students were welcome to remain on campus for the duration of the semester. We have made, and continue to make all necessary arrangements for those wishing to move off campus or return home. For those students who have remained, we are following all the health protocols to ensure the safety and health of all.

I would like to thank all our staff, particularly our Dean, Dr Luciano Boschiero, our academic staff and the Student Life Office, for all their hard work and assistance during this unprecedented period. A special word of praise too, for our students who have shown tremendous understanding and resilience.

I also thank you, dear friends, for your understanding, support and prayers, and I encourage you to stay connected with us via our social media channels and website.

We unite our prayers with those around the world for those effected by COVID-19, and pray for a swift end to this crisis. *Dr Paul Morrissey, President.*

QILT *Campion College Tops Australian Universities with the Number 1 Bachelor of Arts Degree.*

Campion College's Bachelor of Arts degree has been rated No. 1 in the country by student satisfaction, according to the latest data.

The results, recently released by the Federal Government's Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT), showed a 96.3% overall satisfaction rate with the quality of Campion's liberal arts degree in 2018 and 2019.

This not only tops the highest satisfaction rating at the larger universities of 93%; it is well above the national average of 78%.

Campion president Dr Paul Morrissey said the results showed young Australians value the traditional approach to education in Western Civilisation that Campion offers.

"The survey results really demonstrate that students love studying the Western tradition, especially in a way that fosters a love of learning," Dr Morrissey said.

"At a time when many are calling for changes to our approach to education, these results are a solid defence of the kind of traditional liberal education Campion offers."

Campion has consistently ranked in the top tier of institutions in QILT's student satisfaction surveys in recent years for its three-year liberal arts degree, which integrates the fields of philosophy, theology and literature through a chronological history of Western Civilisation.

Campion also ranked first in the country amongst both universities and other tertiary institutions for learner engagement. Dr Morrissey pointed to Campion's small class sizes as one of the reasons for its success with students.

The QILT report singled out Campion as an example of an institution "where students rate the quality of their overall education experience much higher than in other institutions. These could be considered sites of best practice in the student experience from which other institutions may learn," the report states.

Campion College is Australia's only tertiary Liberal Arts college in the Catholic tradition. The Sydney-based institution offers a Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts along with a Diploma of Liberal Arts - Foundations of Western Tradition, along with Classical Languages and a Graduate Certificate in Religious Education.



Students in a lecture.



Students on campus.



Where Are They Now?



JESSICA GODWIN

After graduating from Campion in 2011, I became a secondary English and history teacher, working in schools in New South Wales and Queensland. I've loved the challenge of being in the classroom and speaking into the lives of young people; teaching them to love learning and not to be afraid of speaking the truth to the culture to which they belong. I majored in Literature, finding so much meaning in seeing History and Theology brought to life in the lives of the characters I encountered. It deepened my faith and gave me hope. Now, as a teacher I have the privilege of seeing students wrestle with the truth and find meaning in their studies. Beyond that, the strong foundation of the Liberal Arts has become a foundation for reasonable arguments and an example of the particular satisfaction of studying challenging ideas. The longer I teach, the more I appreciate the importance of passing these things on. I'm so grateful for my experiences at Campion.



MARIE YEO

A graduate of the class of 2013, I discerned religious life in the United States whilst taking up further studies in Education and Theology. During my time there, I developed a love for St. John Henry Newman and had soon delighted in recognising that his philosophy of education was similar to the education that I had received and learned to love at Campion. One has only to read his *'Idea of a University'* to see that influence! So after returning to Australia and working for a few years in the violin making industry, I returned to further studies, focusing on Newman. I am currently finishing off my Master of Theology at the University of Notre Dame. Indeed, in reflecting about the analytical skills and the love of learning that Campion had nurtured in me, it is needless to say that my time spent there was extremely invaluable and the education I had received was crucial to the formation of that I am now pursuing!

Campion Matriculation

On Tuesday 25 February 2020, Campion College welcomed 41 new students at its 15th Matriculation. The day commenced with Mass followed by the Matriculation ceremony and a BBQ lunch.

Mass was celebrated by Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green of the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese, Fr Piotr Kruk OP, College Chaplain, and Rev Dr Luke Holohan SM, Lecturer in Theology.

President Dr Paul Morrissey welcomed the students and their families, noting that the ceremony marked their entrance into a scholarly community. "This is a formal welcome to the great adventure that is higher learning, an adventure of the mind. You have come to Campion College to study the Liberal Arts," he said.

Each new student received an academic gown from Campion's Dean, Dr Luciano Boschiero, before signing the Matriculation Book, welcoming them into the Campion student body.

To celebrate the launch of Campion's first post-graduate venture, the Graduate Certificate in Religious Education, Wilcannia-Forbes Director of Catholic Education Mr Anthony Gordon thanked Campion for the partnership, while encouraging the

students to consider coming "beyond the Blue Mountains" to work in the diocese post-graduation. "Campion students are always welcome to work in the diocese," he said.

Returning students were also welcomed back for the start of a new academic year.

Campion Student Retreat

The Campion Retreat is always a highlight for students. It provides a wonderful opportunity to forge and strengthen friendships. The Benedict XVI Centre is a beautiful and relaxing location, and amidst all the natural grandeur one's soul is at peace in prayer and in fraternity. The tranquility of the chapel lifts the soul to God.

The theme of the retreat was "Footprints in Faith, Hope and Love". Fr Piotr Kruk OP, Dr Morrissey and Mr Matthew-Hermann Tague all spoke about the importance of real love, and how this should be part of our lives, both intellectually and practically. Once again the retreat accomplished what it set out to, and the students returned refreshed and renewed in the Spirit. *By second year student Catherine Fanning.*

Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green of the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese, celebrating Mass.

First year student Trish Chipangura and President Dr Paul Morrissey at Matriculation.

College Chaplain Fr Piotr Kruk OP addressing students at the Retreat.



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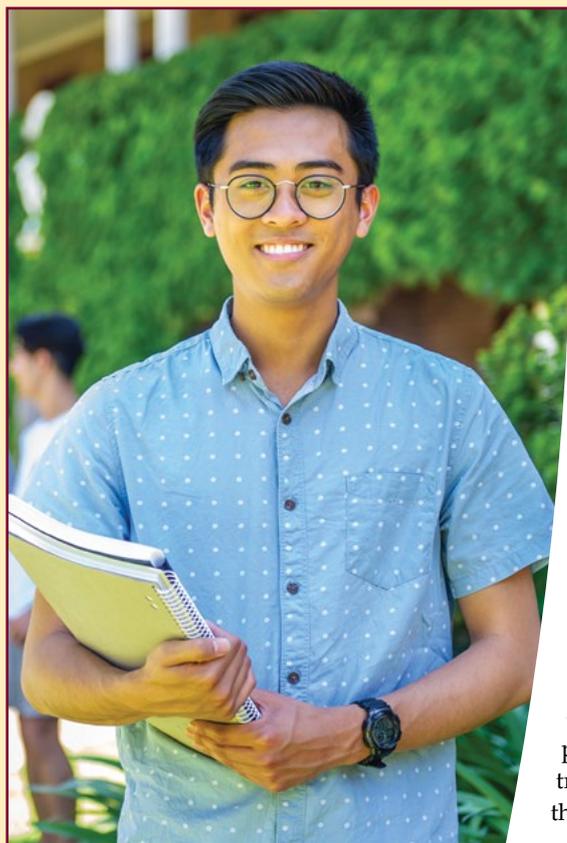
We would like to thank Dr John Casey, a Campion College supporter, previously from Bondi, now retired to Brisbane, for his recent donation of a new ride-on mower that was on the Campion Wish list. This will be put to good use, the College is grateful for the gift.

We have other items that are on our Wish list that we are seeking, just to name a few:

- Classroom resources: new projectors and whiteboards
- Recording studio equipment
- New Campion Bus

We ask that you please consider donating one of the above-mentioned items or contributing funds towards them. For a detailed Wish List please contact:

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Campion's Brag is a quarterly newsletter named in honour of the manifesto of St. Edmund Campion's mission of faith. It is edited by Yvette Nehme (Director of Development) and compiled by Teresa Gambino on behalf of the Campion Foundation.

Set Yourself Apart

Campion's Student Recruitment Manager Christine Vella reflects on the unique value of a liberal arts education for the career-minded high school graduate.

When faced with making decisions about what to study after high school, the average student has a lot of information at their fingertips to help inform their process. But here are three facts that often don't get due recognition:

1. One in three Australian university graduates do not find work in their chosen field.
2. The average Australian changes jobs every 3.3 years.
3. 85% of jobs that will exist in 2030 haven't been invented yet.

Considering these statistics, what are the chances that your typical degree which focuses on a niche set of vocational skills is going to be relevant to your first job? An imminent career change? The future of work?

A liberal arts degree covers a broader range of knowledge and skills than a degree specialising in one or two disciplines. Aside from introducing students to a range of subjects they may not have otherwise encountered and encouraging them to make a more informed choice about their career path, this fosters the superior critical thinking, problem solving and communication skills for which liberal arts graduates are best known. The value of these 'soft skills' should not be underestimated.

As more and more people pursue tertiary study, a typical undergraduate degree is no longer something that will set you apart from other job applicants. Ernst and Young have reported that employers are placing higher value on critical thinking, problem-solving and effective communication than vocational schooling when recruiting recent graduates. A liberal arts education is renowned worldwide and throughout Western history for its ability to develop these soft skills in the most comprehensive and effective fashion.

Combining this with the rarity of the liberal arts in Australia, having a Campion degree on your resume will make you stand out from your peers. In fact, a recent graduate from the Class of 2019 said this was a major factor in deciding to study at Campion before undertaking postgraduate study in law. But the benefits of a liberal arts degree don't stop there.

Upon entering the workforce, liberal arts graduates have a flexible approach to work, drawing on a wealth of knowledge and a range of disciplines when handling a given task. This presents a unique opportunity to stand out in the workplace and is one of the key reasons liberal arts graduates are able to transition easily between job functions. This ease of transition has significant repercussions for professional development and career progression. In fact, it is likely the main reason a recent US study from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce reported that liberal arts graduates have the potential to earn nearly US\$200,000 higher than the average college graduate over 40 years.

So what does this all mean? Well of course, if you know someone with an interest in the liberal arts please send them in our direction! But perhaps more importantly, if you know any young Australian contemplating their future, encourage them to consider how a liberal arts degree can set them apart from their peers, support their personal development and enhance their career prospects. I truly believe there is no better pathway for an individual who seeks to adapt and thrive in an ever-changing world.

I invite you to find out more about the history of the liberal arts and graduate prospects via the links at www.campion.edu.au/about. For any students interested in enrolling for Semester 2 2020, please visit www.campion.edu.au/liberal-arts-admission.

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