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# 2021 Champion Graduation

*Campion College celebrated its 14th graduation ceremony on Wednesday 15th December 2021 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.*

Many gathered to celebrate and support 34 graduates and diplomates. We were also excited to celebrate our first time 23 graduates who completed the Graduate Certificate in Religious Education (Primary).

The College Medal for 2021, awarded to the student with the highest weighted average mark, was awarded to Queensland student Sophia Shogren, who also served as Secretary of the Campion College Student Association (CCSA) this year.

The Valedictory Speech was given by CCSA President Campbell Evans, who reflected on how the turbulence of the last two years of the degree forced him and the other students to become creative and tenacious in keeping the Campion community spirit alive.

Mass was celebrated by Bishop of Broken Bay, Most Rev Anthony

Randazzo, and the Occasional Address was given by *The Australian* Foreign Editor Greg Sheridan.

In Greg Sheridan's Occasional Address, he described the Campion's mission as nothing less than the re-enchantment of Western culture.

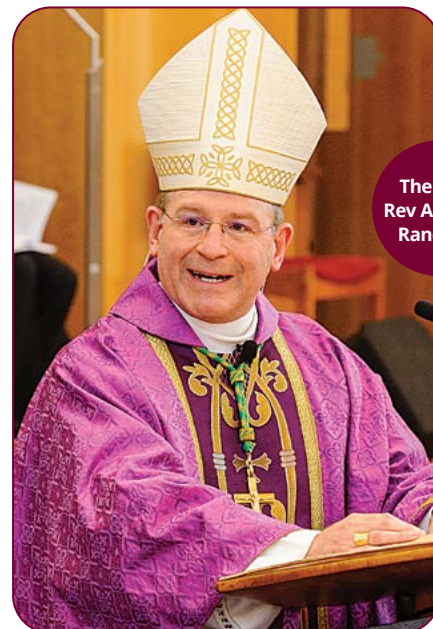
Mr Sheridan, who recently wrote two Christian-themed books, said Campion's three-year liberal arts degree was an antidote to the poisonous spread of modernism, much as his books attempted to be.

"There is a destructive element in the great project of modernism ... and this has been the project of disenchantment," he said. "To erase enchantment, to erase mystery and transcendence from life."

Mr Sheridan said this project rested on two erroneous propositions.

"The first is that God is dead; that science has declared that there is no God," he said.

"The second proposition is that the Bible, particularly the New Testament, is worthless, consists of lies or mythology or incoherent oral tradition



The Most Rev Anthony Randazzo

put down in print hundreds of years after the events it alleges it describes."

Mr Sheridan said that like Campion, his two recent books, *God is Good for You: A defence of Christianity in troubled times* and *Christians: The urgent case for Jesus in our world*, were attempts to answer both propositions.

"Campion today pursues its vocation magnificently, and that vocation is the enchantment of students' lives and the re-enchantment of our culture," he said.

In closing his speech, Mr Sheridan urged the graduates to waste no time in getting busy out in the wide world, quoting Robert Frost by saying they had "miles and miles to go before you sleep".

To read Greg Sheridan's address in full: [www.campion.edu.au/greg-sheridan-we-are-living-in-a-culture-of-disenchantment](http://www.campion.edu.au/greg-sheridan-we-are-living-in-a-culture-of-disenchantment)



Medal Winner Sophia Shogren



Erica Schuman and Greg Sheridan



Diplomate James Griffin with his family

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# Scholarship & Bursary Campaign

## Support a Student to Attend Campion College.

*College scholarships and bursaries reflect our commitment to making our liberal arts degree as accessible as possible.*

While support for the College comes in a variety of forms, we ask you to consider contributing to our Scholarship and Bursary Campaign. This is a very important way you can support our students.

Many students' lives and careers have been positively impacted by having the opportunity to study at Campion, thanks to a scholarship or bursary donated by our generous supporters.

*“As a Campion graduate, I have fully appreciated the value of an in-depth study of Western civilisation in my role as a Digital Producer at Sky News... My first year at Campion College opened my eyes to the complexity of human thought, human history and the human condition. The dynamic interplay of factors on the historical stage such as brokenness and redemption, mind and matter, and faith and reason were brought to life by inspiring lectures and engaging tutorial discussions. I have been impacted and changed by the goodness, truth and beauty that is present not only in the liberal arts but also in the staff and students of Campion.”*

– BRIANNA –

*“Whilst it may have been an alternative pathway to Occupational Therapy, the liberal arts have enriched my understanding of humanity, society and culture and cultivated in me the desire to search for and uphold the good, true and beautiful in every person and everything.”*

– ANNA –

*“After nearly four years with the Regular Army, I'm preparing to apply for RMC-Duntroon to commission as a General Service Officer... My education at Campion has served me well, imparting me with adaptability, flexibility and good public speaking skills.”*

– BRENDAN –

We would like you to consider donating a scholarship or bursary to help make more student success stories like these possible.

Your tax-deductible gift today will provide much-needed financial support for students, building a foundation of learning to keep them tethered to and deeply rooted in the truths celebrated through history.

Young people and their families – especially those from rural areas – make great sacrifices to ensure that they receive the most rewarding undergraduate education in the country, and your support will help enormously. Scholarships based on merit are also offered to help attract high-achieving students to Campion College, to shape their liberal arts education with a Western worldview perspective.

Scholarships and bursaries range from amount starting from \$2,000 - \$10,000 a year. There are various scholarships and bursaries that students receive, just to name a few:

### Scholarships

- **\$8,000 Academic Excellence** - for students who have excelled in their studies.
- **\$6,000 Sporting** - for students who demonstrate sporting excellence.
- **\$4,000 Leadership** - for students who demonstrate innovative and enterprise driven leadership.

### Bursaries

- **\$2,000** supports a city-based student requiring help for daily transport and meals and the purchase of course books.
- **\$5,000** could assist one or more students from the country with accommodation expenses in Sydney and travel costs to and from their family home.

To assure our continuance and growth in producing high calibre young men and women, we are extending an opportunity for you to support our Scholarship and Bursary Campaign.

For further information on how you can support our Scholarship and Bursary Campaign, visit: [www.campion.edu.au/fund-a-scholarship](http://www.campion.edu.au/fund-a-scholarship) or contact Director of Development, Yvette Nehme on phone: 02 9896 9318 or [y.nehme@campion.edu.au](mailto:y.nehme@campion.edu.au)

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## Noreen Mavis Daley *Poetry Prize*

The Noreen Mavis Daley Poetry Prize was endowed by the late Royston Porthouse in memory of his mother. The prize is open to all students currently enrolled in a Campion program of study.

The 2021 Prize was awarded to 2nd Year student Deon Testore. 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

How often have I blackened  
My steps,  
In seas of ash.  
When alabaster mountains  
Offered me glowing fruit.

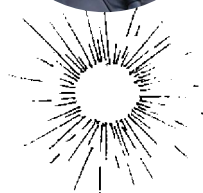


Through the sludge of  
Tears and darkness,  
That marks my countenance  
For death,  
I can still see alabaster mountains,  
Waiting,  
For my ascent.

### ASCENT *By Deon Testore*



But their nourishment  
Was only promised to  
Those who climb.  
And the ash was so readily  
Able to be consumed.



So formless they formed  
Into Plato's forms,  
Their promises seductive and soft.  
With white fists I seized them,  
Bringing them to hungry lips.

But ash is ash.  
Promises and pleasure,  
Crumbled in my grasp.  
And I am left to feed on  
Bitterness, and smoke.



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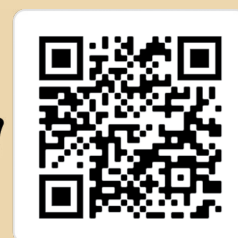
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<https://good2give.ngo/resources/charity-directory/campion-foundation-limited-campion-college/>

## Entertainment *Guide*

Looking to support Campion College? Consider purchasing 2022 Entertainment Membership!

Campion College receives 20% of every purchase made.



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## Campion Awards & Prizes

### Awards and Prizes Program

At the end of 2021 we awarded the following prizes:

#### 20th Century History Prize

Funded by the Bisits family in memory of Mr Adam Bisits. Awarded to Campbell Evans.

#### Literature Prize

Funded by Ryckmans family in Memory of Fr Paul Stenhouse. Awarded to Sophia Shogren.

#### Noreen Mavis Daley Poetry Prize

Endowed by the late Royston Porthouse in memory of his mother. Awarded 'Ascent' to Deon Testore.

The College encourages students to participate in the Awards and Prizes Program. For many this is a chance to showcase their learnings and share their thoughts.

The Awards and Prizes Program isn't possible without the generous supporters who believe in the College's mission, "to provide a foundational education in the liberal arts that integrates the insights of faith and reason".

If you would like to learn more on how you can support our Awards and Prizes Program please contact Yvette Nehme, Director of Development 02 9896 9318 or [y.nehme@campion.edu.au](mailto:y.nehme@campion.edu.au)

## Thank you for being such a big part of our history. Now be part of our future!

Our new Academic Centre is well underway, and we are all very excited to see this next stage of Campion's growth come to fruition.

The Centre will include a large dining hall, which will double as an event space, new lecture theatres and tutorial rooms, a board room, a media room, underground carpark and, most exciting of all, a large, two-storey library.

We are also building four new residential houses that will accommodate the growing residential student body. We at Campion College think it fitting to honour the late Fr Paul Stenhouse MSC by naming one of our residential homes in his memory.

The project is set to be completed later this year. We have been able to secure

Concept New Library Interior



\$12 million of the \$18.5 million to fund our building campaign. Please consider supporting the Capital Appeal Campaign. To learn how you can support visit: [www.campion.edu.au/capital-appeal](http://www.campion.edu.au/capital-appeal) or contact Yvette Nehme, Director of Development – 02 9896 9318 [y.nehme@campion.edu.au](mailto:y.nehme@campion.edu.au)

## Campion Summer Program

*In the second and third weeks of January, more than 50 teenagers and young adults experienced a taste of college life at Summer Program.*

Participants travelled from Coffs Harbour, Albury, Melbourne, Canberra and everywhere in between to enjoy a week of academic sessions and social activities with like minded peers. Rainy weather kept at bay for long enough to enjoy beach swims and coastal walks at Bronte Beach, while the Hamlet lecture from Campion alumna Angela Schumann was a particular highlight for a number of participants.

A special thanks goes out to the students and staff involved in making these programs a success, as well as the generous donors who make it possible for individuals from all across the country to attend the programs free of charge.

If you know someone aged 16-20 who may be interested in attending one of our future programs, please visit [www.campion.edu.au/summer-program](http://www.campion.edu.au/summer-program) or [www.campion.edu.au/winter-program](http://www.campion.edu.au/winter-program)

2022 Summer Program Participants



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Soccer at 2022 Summer Program



# Where are they now?



## SARAH DRIESSEN (RYAN) Class of 2019

*My encounter with gothic cathedrals in a second-year medieval history unit at Campion sparked my interest in historical architecture. This led me to graduate Campion with a Bachelor of Liberal Arts majoring in history in 2019. I went on to study a Masters of Heritage Conservation at the University of Sydney, and finished last year with my final dissertation on the demise of the Victorian parlour room in Australia. Not to my surprise, throughout my Masters, I found myself constantly*

*referring to the skills and knowledge I received at Campion in history, literature, philosophy, and theology to inform my research. I have since married this month and currently work full time as a built heritage consultant. I am forever indebted to Campion for instilling in me a love for the transcendentals, skills in critical thinking and a passion to protect our culture.*



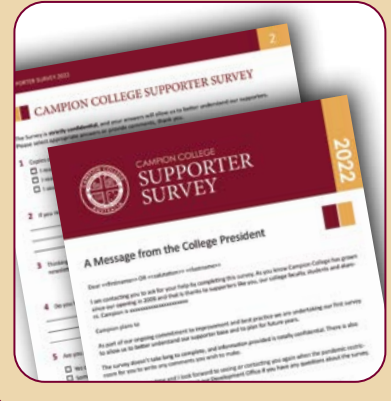
## SIMON PIETER DOODEMAN Class of 2019

*Since graduating from Campion in 2019 with the Bachelor of Arts and Diploma of Languages, my love of learning and the Arts has immensely grown. After taking an ill-timed gap year in 2020 where I spent six months as a missionary with the Sisters of the Immaculata in Tasmania, I felt the call to seek a career in primary education, so in 2021 I started a Masters of Primary Teaching through the Archdiocese of Hobart's new program St Thomas Aquinas Teaching Schools. Studying*

*the Liberal Arts has helped me to understand why we believe the fundamental truths of life, which has enabled me to think independently and discover my own worth and personal dignity which I now use to pass on education to the next generation, which allows all to do all things through Christ who strengthens us!*

# Survey News

Campion College has grown since our opening in 2006 and that is thanks to supporters like you, our college faculty, students and alumni. We will soon be posting out a short survey to our friends and supporters, and would greatly appreciate your taking the time to respond to this. We look forward to hearing from you.



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