









## 2022 Campion Matriculation

Campion College commenced the academic year on Monday 28 February with our annual Matriculation Mass, Ceremony and BBQ. The Mass was celebrated by Fr Robin Koning SJ and he was joined by Campion chaplain Fr Peter Kruk OP and theology lecturer Rev Dr Luke Holohan SM.

Following Mass, Dr Paul Morrissey welcomed the 35 students, who signed their names into Campion's Matriculation Book. The matriculation ceremony is a very ancient one in the university world, whereby students are formally registered as students of higher learning. Their names are placed in the registrar (latin = matricula).

#### PAUL'S ADDRESS:

Welcome to Campion College. You have come to Campion College to study the Liberal Arts. Here at Campion, we are committed to the Catholic Liberal Arts tradition whereby an education is truly about the fostering of the life, of the mind, and the pursuit of wisdom.



Three pillars of Campion College Australia:

Campion

College President

#### 1. Catholic

First, we are Catholic in the religious sense, motivated by our belief in God and all that is revealed and passed on in the Catholic Tradition. This motivates our mission of learning but also desire to grow in love of God and neighbor. The heart of the College is where we have just come from. But also we are Catholic in the sense of being Universal: universal in our welcome but also universal in our pursuit of truth.

### 2. Intellectual formation

Your education here is formative, formative in that we pursue an education in wisdom. I can honestly say that if you enter into our program with an open mind, a sincere heart, with the desire to learn and an aptitude to study, you will be wiser than you are today. And by this I do not just mean that you will know more about history, literature, philosophical concepts, the Christological debates of the early centuries; of authors and ideas; but you will be able to think and contemplate that which is good and true; that you will know more about yourself (the beginning of wisdom); about society; about fundamental questions; and about God. And this is what a liberal education means - that you will be educated in what it means to be human and that you will have the tools to be lifelong learners and seekers of wisdom.

#### 3. Community

We try to foster a community of learning. This means that learning is not restricted to the classroom or the library. There are so many opportunities for learning including chaplaincy, sport, formal halls, guest speakers, public speaking, debating, and the residential program.

These have been a difficult two years and with so much uncertainty I want to thank you for choosing Campion. I wish you every blessing and happiness for your time at Campion College. I am confident that these will be some of the most memorable and fulfilling years of your life.

#### To families (Post-Ceremony)

Thank you for entrusting your son/daughter to Campion College. We truly believe that what we offer here will not only help our students grow in learning, wisdom and virtue, but will also give them a springboard to go on to great things as leaders/professionals in whatever career path they may choose as well as to give them a wonderful formation for whatever vocation they may be called.

After the official ceremonies were over, a barbecue lunch was held for everyone on campus before students went to class for the first afternoon lectures of the semester.



# EOFY is Near... Donate Today

The End of the Financial Year (EOFY) is fast approaching on 30th June. When you donate to Campion College Australia you are not only helping our cause, you are also getting some benefits of your own. During tax time at the end of the financial year, you are able to claim back your tax deductible donation of over \$2 that you have made to Campion College Australia. We ask you to consider donating to Campion College today so that we may continue to provide a foundational education in the Liberal Arts that integrates the insights of faith and reason.

### Campion Student **Events**

### Campion Classics Week

The annual Classics Week took place at Campion the week of the 28th March. Classics Week, a tradition of long standing, is organised by the students, for the students. It is a celebration of the civilisations of Greece and Rome. This year there were daily sports events inspired by the Greek and Roman games as well as a debate on Thursday 31st March on the subject, 'that Helen was to blame for the Trojan War', adjudicated by Classic Lecturer Mr Thomas Flynn. The negative team was victorious.

The week rounded up with 'chariot' racing on Friday, followed by the annual toga party.



# Where are they now?



### CHRIS McCUMSTIE Class of 2010

After graduating from Campion in 2010 I pursued further studies in education. I completed a Masters of Primary Teaching at Monash University in Melbourne and worked in systemic Catholic primary schools in Victoria and Queensland. In 2019 I began my current role as Head of School and classroom teacher at an

independent classical school in Brisbane. I am married and have a beautiful wife and three lovely children.

My studies at Campion have held me in good stead personally and professionally. Personally, I benefited from a liberal education that opened up for me the treasure of Christian Civilisation. I am sure that my reading over the last decade would have been very different had I not gone to Campion. As a teacher, I try to make good use of the education I received. I was fortunate to go to college and to receive instruction from dedicated academics. I am now trying to do my part to pass on to the next generation the truth, goodness and beauty they exposed me to. With a number of friends and colleagues I am working to grow Classical Education in Australia, which embodies the same philosophy and spirit I first encountered at Campion.

### St Patrick's Feast Day Celebrations

Everything was painted green Thursday 17 March as students gathered together to celebrate the Feast of St Patrick. The Campion College Student Association annual St Patrick's Day party ensured that the Irish-themed games ruled the evening: a potato-peeling competition, Ceilidh (bush) dancing, a baileys coin toss and a best dressed competition.



Irish ballads and folk songs entertained the crowd, courtesy of several students and alumni who came together to play and sing for the evening.



### CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF THE WESTERN TRADITION

CAMPION COLLEGE AUSTRALIA

On Saturday 24 September the Centre is hosting a one-day conference to celebrate and explore the poetry and legacy of the late Les Murray AO. He is regarded by many readers and critics as Australia's most important poet and one of the most significant poets of the twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. His many awards included the T.S. Eliot Prize for poetry, the Queen's Gold Medal for poetry, and the Mondello Prize.

Les was a great supporter of Campion, championing the College's mission in various ways, through endorsements of the BA program and as an honoured visitor to the College.

The conference will explore a variety of topics, including Murray's engagement with questions of faith, national identity, and disability. The day will also include reminiscences of Murray's life (including a reading from a recently completed memoir of the poet by a close friend) and readings from Murray's extraordinary body of work.

**Cost:** \$30

Includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea

**Venue:** Campion College: 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Old Toongabbie

To express interest please scan the QR code below or email Dr Stephen McInerney, the Director of the Centre for the Study of the Western Tradition:

s.mcinerney@campion.edu.au



### Support Campion's EOFY Campaign

As we approach the end of financial year, there are a number of worthy causes one can support. This EOFY, we ask you to consider donating to the cause that is dear to our heart Campion College Foundation!

### **Four reasons to donate to Campion College Foundation today:**

- The Foundation is a private, nonprofit organisation which supports the work and mission of Campion College through fundraising.
- Campion College forms future leaders. Campion's premier liberal arts degree provides a solid foundation for future study and workplace readiness. Graduates successfully pursue careers in teaching, journalism, business, law, medicine, and politics.
- Fund capital projects and our continued growth. Such projects enable the College to welcome additional students to the college each year and share our vision of tertiary education.
- All donations are tax deductible. Campion College Foundation is a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR), approved by the Australian Taxation Office.

**66** An education that acknowledges and works within our Catholic faith and heritage is so important for the formation of our future leaders, helping them be mindful of the importance of integrating their faith with reason. A Campion liberal arts education addresses this perennial forming and educating by enriching the student's personal and spiritual development, preparing them in a unique way for both their work and the rest of their life, fostering a love of wisdom and nourishing them for years to come. I continue to support the College and encourage anyone who can support Campion's work. 99

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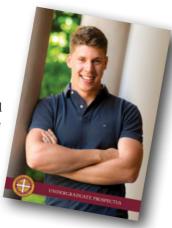
We are pleased to announce the launch of Campion College's new website! Our new website features a fresh aesthetic, new multimedia content and the ability to take a 3D tour of campus. Visit www.campion.edu.au to check it out for yourself.



# **Undergrad**Prospectus

Know someone interested in Campion College or the liberal arts? Our 2022 Undergraduate Prospectus is now available for download at:

www.campion.edu.au/undergrad-prospectus/



### **Orientation** Week

On the 21-25 February, our commencing students enjoyed a week of orientation sessions and social activities to kick-start their first semester at Campion College. While it may not have been as sunny as usual, the overcast skies did little to dampen the spirits of our newest cohort, evident in the enthusiasm that was witnessed at the trivia night and skit show that took place on the second and third evenings. A special thanks is extended to the Student Life Office, CCSA Executive and our Residential Assistants for all their efforts to plan O-Week and make our newest students feel welcome.



# Winter Program

Winter Program is the perfect opportunity to experience what it's like to be a liberal arts undergrad at Campion. Over four fun-filled days, you'll get to reside on campus, take part in a range of social activities and sit in on sample lectures with our history, literature, philosophy and theology professors.

5-8 July 2022





Open to ages 16-20. Local and interstate students welcome!

Free to attend thanks to our generous donors. Spaces are limited! Find out more and register:

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# Stenhouse Hall *Campaign*

Fr Paul Stenhouse MSC



Our new Academic Centre is well underway. The academic centre will have a library, that will be a stunning new addition to the campus, invoking the heritage of our existing campus and providing an inspiring space for scholarship and learning. The plans also provide for seminar

rooms, office spaces,

and special collections. As part of this new academic wing will be a large dining room/event space as well as a lecture theatre, classrooms, and an underground carpark.

There will be four new residential houses built to accommodate the College's growing community of students. 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.

Fr Stenhouse was a passionate supporter of the Campion College works from its earliest days. He served as a member of the Campion Boards, first of the Foundation and later the Institute. Fr Stenhouse was a renowned scholar and had a deeply Catholic perspective of the liberal arts and of the nature of Campion as a Catholic liberal arts institution.

Please consider donating towards the Stenhouse Hall. You can donate online at www.campion.edu.au/foundation/stenhouse-hall or complete the form below and return to us using the replypaid envelope provided.



Last Stage of master plan Chapel, Gymnasium

4 Residential houses



#### **CAMPION COLLEGE MASTER PLAN**



Contact Yvette Nehme,
Director of Development on
02 9896 9318
to discuss in confidence ways
you can support the
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