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American Author Mary Eberstadt *Visits Campion*

We were delighted to welcome author, essayist and international course adviser at Campion, Mary Eberstadt, in October.

Despite her connection to the college, this was her first visit to the campus, where she met students and gave a private lecture on her life and work, including a Q&A.

Following this, Mary gave a public lecture on her book, *How the West Really Lost God*, in a joint event hosted by Campion's Centre for the Study of the Western Tradition (CSWT) and the Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation in Sydney's CBD.

Tailoring her talk for an Australian audience, she referred to the latest national census, which showed a drastic drop in the number of Australians identifying as Christian, and an increase in those reporting 'no religion'.

"Now, the fact of Western religious decline is nothing new; even so, judging by the 2021 Australian Census, secularisation is now galloping at a pace that even the most prescient observers might not have foreseen," she said.

She went on to examine several proposed theories about why Christian devotion in the West has been in decline for the past 50 or so years, concluding that it derives from, and mirrors, the breakdown of the family unit – especially since the sexual revolution of the 1960s.

"Western Christianity is in decline for reasons that have nothing whatever to do with the truth value of religious belief," she said. "It is not prosperity that makes God harder to see, it's not

science; it's the increasing absence of familial figures, who serve to sharpen the human vision of the divine."

Mary argued that the evidence for the conclusions she came to in her book have become even stronger in the years since it was published in 2014.

The talk was insightful and engaging, and ended on a hopeful note, pointing to the negativity and nihilism that secularism has wrought on society, in direct contrast to the inspiring message that faith brings, which is already bringing new converts into the Church.

Following the talk, Campion president Paul Morrissey hosted a Q&A session with Mary and the audience. The evening ended with a private dinner with Mary and a gathering of friends and supporters of Campion.



Author, essayist and international course adviser
Mary Eberstadt

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Dinner with Mary Eberstadt



Left to right:
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Mrs Mary Eberstadt,
Dr Paul Morrissey
and Dr Stephen McInerney

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Campion Memorial Book



Campion College Memorial Book

During the month of November the Memorial Book, in which we list Campion friends who have passed, will be displayed in the Chapel. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Dr John Casey, a retired medico from Brisbane, relishes the opportunity to contribute to Campion and further the cause of Catholic Education in young Australian adults. He said:

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The Story of the *Campion Skylight*

The Artist's Interpretation

*One skylight, thirty-five panels:
a kaleidoscope of
symbol-saturated colour.*

A simple proposition was made by Campion College to artist and religious, Sr Josephine Marie of the Sisters of Mary Morning Star in August 2021: design a stained glass skylight for the new library, thus reducing the glare of the harsh Australian sun on students studying below.

Sr Josephine immediately got to work on what she thought would be only a few weeks' work – which quickly developed into a major year-long project as she dialogued with Campion through various issues and sought to realise the many desires expressed.

What resulted is something unique: a series of panels of specific saints surrounding two double-panels of the Virgin and Child and Christ the King, seated on His throne. Spoken in the language of traditional stained glass, yet realised with modern means, the ancient and the new come together in this veil of visual storytelling, bathing viewers in the light of faith and wisdom as they engage – book in hand – in their own personal search.

The skylight will be displayed in the ceiling of the new Academic Centre library. In preparation for its instalment, Campion has created a colouring book that features black-and-white images of each panel alongside an explanatory paragraph by Sr Josephine. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, visit:

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Information for Undergrads

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If you're interested in applying for financial aid to help fund your studies and/or on-campus accommodation, the application deadline is 8 February 2023. Please note that you must receive your offer and enrol before you can apply for scholarships.

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Where are they now?



ROBYNE FERRI Class of 2018

When I first heard about Campion College, I felt my heart leap! Due to a strong, consistent desire to work in evangelisation, I quit my job and returned to study in 2016. I can genuinely say that Campion College was three of the best years of my life. Since graduating in 2018, I have very successfully worked in marketing for the largest owner of hotels and resorts in the world.

During the 2020 and 2021 lockdowns, I felt inspired to write a book - currently being edited by Rev Fr Richard Wallace - that has been on my heart for many years, about my own faith journey and the miracles God has performed in my life. I also felt inspired to create my own nascent apostolate, 'Live Catholic Joyful': www.livecatholicjoyful.wixsite.com/live Recently, Our Lord has blessed me with a role as an 'Evangelisation and Formation Coordinator'.



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Les Murray Conference

Poets, academics and friends of Les Murray AO came together to remember the late Australian poet and honour his legacy in a conference held at Campion College on Saturday, 24 September.

'Les Murray: Life, Poetry & Legacy' was led by Dr Stephen McInerney, Director of the Centre for the Study of the Western Tradition and literature lecturer at Campion.

Throughout the day, attendees heard from speakers who knew the celebrated poet, in the first conference of its kind since Murray's death in April, 2019.

The speeches included poetry analysis and fond remembrances, covering topics from Murray's poetry interpreted as "Talking Mosaics" (Dr Theodore Ell) to a reflection on a long friendship conducted by correspondence (Dr M. G. Michael).

The event was well-received, with many attendees saying they enjoyed the chance to honour the poet's legacy. If you would like to join the CSWT mailing list complete your details via the following link: <https://www.campion.edu.au/about/cswt>

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Annual *Campion Ball*

Over 300 guests descended on the Western Sydney campus on Saturday 10 September, coming from as far afield as Western Australia, Tasmania and South Australia, as well as closer to home.

Campion's main building was transformed into a medieval castle, with ivy-covered walls, crenellated 'towers' and large banners flanking the entrance, with decorations put together in just two days by the Campion College Student Association (CCSA).

CCSA President Genevieve Colman, along with the other members of the student ball planning committee, had a daunting task ahead of them, never

having attended, let alone planned, a Campion Ball before.

"The whole thing really looked really magical," Genevieve said. "It was fantastic, and we were really pleased, especially considering our lack of experience."

In opening the ball, Campion President Paul Morrissey congratulated the committee on putting together such a spectacular event. "This is a night of great joy, and I really encourage you to enjoy yourselves and have a great time," Dr Morrissey said.

The ball featured some new elements not seen before, including a 'magic

mirror' photo booth, a wandering minstrel, fire-twirling and a DJ booth, which followed the live music.

"The ball committee worked together very well, with Abbey Pereira in charge. Everyone had a can-do attitude, staying up late on Friday night getting everything done." Genevieve said.



Campion Ball Guests

Just missing out on *Cardinal's Cup*

Campion College faced off against eight other universities and seminaries in the Cardinal's Cup indoor soccer competition at the University of Sydney last Saturday, 1 October.

Placed in a group with University of Technology Sydney and University of NSW, Campion was victorious in the group stage after having beaten UNSW in a close game, coming back from being 1-0 down to win 2-1. Campion next faced UTS, beating the team comfortably 5-1.

Having emerged from the group stage Campion went down in the quarterfinals to USYD 2-1 in a closely matched game. With one final chance to gain the only remaining spot left in the semifinals, Campion once again took on UTS. Both teams remained scoreless until the last ten seconds of the game, when UTS won the ball in Campion's half and scored a goal seconds before the full-time whistle – knocking Campion out of the competition.

The Campion team may not have been able to walk away with the trophy, but teammates can hold their heads high knowing they played well. Big thanks to all the members of our team: Ambrose Doodeman, John-Paul Canavan, Joseph Nunes, Jude Clarke, Mattias Seisdodos, Oliver van Rensburg, Simeon Casey, Sophie Dignam, Xavier Warmbrunn and coach Samuel Butterworth.

Ambrose Doodeman - Campion Sports Rep

Cardinal's Cup Team



Talent Night

Saturday 18 October, Campion students come together to perform for each other and guests in an evening of musical numbers, theatrical renditions and poetry readings.

The event afforded Campion students a chance to take a break from their studies and either perform or be entertained in an intimate evening of poetry, song and theatre.



Talent Night Performers

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