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2023 Champion *Matriculation*

On Monday the 27th of February, Champion College welcomed 42 new undergraduates to the college during our Matriculation Mass and Ceremony.

The annual ceremony took place at the front of the campus, where students were robed in academic gowns and signed their names into Champion's Matriculation Book. Dr Morrissey then addressed the students and spoke about the unique educational experience that lies ahead:

"I can honestly say that if you enter into our program with an open mind, a sincere heart, the desire to learn and an aptitude to study, you will be wiser than you are today.

By this I do not just mean that you will know more about the specific things that you will study; but you will be

able to think and contemplate that which is good and true; that you will know more about yourself (which is the beginning of wisdom); about society; about fundamental questions; and about God.

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."

Dr Morrissey also took the opportunity to thank the families of our new students for supporting their children in pursuing study at Champion, before inviting all present to a BBQ lunch.

We extend our congratulations to our new students and look forward to seeing the wonderful things you will achieve as Champion undergrads!



Dr Paul Morrissey, President of Champion College



Family and friends at Matriculation

EOFY *Donate Today*

The End of the Financial Year (EOFY) is fast approaching on the 30th June. When you donate to Champion 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 Champion College Australia. We ask you to consider donating to Champion College today so that we may continue to provide a foundational education in the Liberal Arts that integrates the insights of faith and reason.



Stained-Glass Skylight *Is Installed*

Champion College President, Dr Paul Morrissey, recently had the pleasure of witnessing the installation of the skylight in the new college library.

The skylight, which contains 15 pictorial panels, surrounded by an additional 20 panels containing phrases in Latin and English, was carefully installed one piece at a time over a period of three days. Following the installation of the metal frame, each piece of the skylight was carefully lifted into position and remains held in place through the force of gravity.

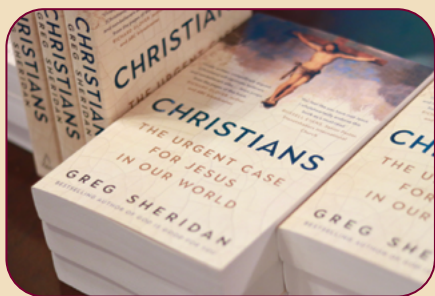
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Installation of the Skylight

Mr Greg Sheridan Delivers *Public Lecture on St Paul*



On Wednesday the 29th of March, *Campion College* had the great pleasure of hosting a public lecture on the *Letters of St Paul* at *The Athenaeum Club* in Melbourne. Our guest speaker for the evening was Mr Greg Sheridan, author of *God is Good for You*, editor at *The Australian* and a longtime friend of *Campion College*.

“The Jewish world – which he knew very deeply and was a very passionate follower of – which gave him monotheism and the relationship with God. The Greek world – whose classics he read and language he wrote in – from which he got rationality and the insights of the great Greek philosophers. And the Roman world – of which he was, unusually for an early Christian, a full citizen – which gave him access to globalisation and to a global vision.”

Mr Sheridan went on to assert that with the exception of Christ, no one was more important to the spread of Christianity than St Paul.

“Paul invented a new way of being a human being... He saw the world transformed by the presence of Christ and he would never judge things except by the standard of Christ.”

The evening concluded with a poignant reflection on St Paul’s diminishing presence in broader scholarship despite his significance in the ancient world and enduring influence throughout the centuries.

To watch the video of the Lecture visit: www.campion.edu.au/blog/works-that-make-the-west-the-letters-of-st-paul



Mr Sheridan invited those present to consider St Paul within several historical contexts and remarked on his success within a pagan culture.

“Paul was the first urban intellectual to be part of Christian leadership and he uniquely fused three worlds which he mastered,” said Mr Sheridan.

Where are they now?



LIZ FANNING Class of 2019

Since graduating from *Campion* in 2019, I’ve had the opportunity to pursue various paths in work, travel, and volunteering. In each endeavour, the knowledge and formation in reasoned thought which I received at *Campion* have given great benefits. Currently, I’m undertaking a Master of Occupational Therapy at the University of Sydney, and the academic rigour instilled by *Campion* is proving invaluable. *Campion* helped develop my critical thinking ability, which has enabled me to bring both creativity and a broad historical understanding of society to my current degree. Academic study, Faith formation, and the friendships the College enabled me to receive still forms the fabric of my life, three years after graduating.



Melbourne Alumni Drinks Night

Student Life and Alumni Events

Community Catered Lunches:

Every fortnight, student life and the CCSA host a free community lunch between all the staff and students. Over 20 students volunteer their time to prepare, cook and serve the food. This has fostered a great sense of unity and solidarity on campus.

Melbourne Alumni Drinks Night:

On the back of the Greg Sheridan lecture, Melbourne alumni were invited to a drink’s night at the Garden State Hotel. Students from classes, 2014, 2016, 2019 and more were present. It was a great evening of sharing memories and stories from the alumni present. If you are interested in learning more on how to join the Alumni events, contact Tony Mattar, t.mattar@campion.edu.au



Community Catered Lunches

Support *Campion College* www.campion.edu.au/foundation/donate

Why Support End of Financial Year 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 hearts... **Campion College Foundation!**

Four reasons to donate to Campion College Foundation today:

- 1. The Foundation is a private, non-profit organisation** which supports the work and mission of Campion College through fundraising.
- 2. Campion College forms future leaders:** Campion's premier liberal arts degree provides a solid foundation for future study and workplace readiness. Graduates

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Where are they now?



GEORGINA VON MARBURG Class of 2013

I graduated from Campion College in 2013 and currently reside in the Victorian alpine village of Bright. I'm the Deputy Editor for Australian Mountain Bike Magazine, the leading print magazine in the off-road cycling industry. My involvement in cycling media came off the back of success in the sport itself, including podium results at national level enduro racing. I have a small freelance business, which has included writing and photographing features for adventure publications such as Lonely Planet and Australian Geographic.

Like many graduates of the Liberal Arts, I finished with little idea as to where the degree would take me, and I certainly would never have expected to be leading the exciting and diverse career I have now. I cherish all the things I learnt at Campion, which have not only aided my work but also my personal development. The value of critical thinking, contextualisation, and precise articulation across all areas of life cannot be understated, and Campion remains one of the few champions of these intellectual tools.

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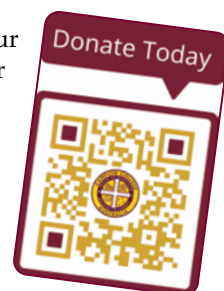
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Campion Orientation Week

From 20-24 February, new Campion College students enjoyed a week of activities, seminars, introductions and outings as part of O-Week 2023.

The action-packed week, organised by our Student Life Officer together with the 2023 Student Executive and Residential Assistants, aimed to provide our commencing undergraduates with the information and tools needed to ease the transition to college life.



Students took part in meet-and-greets with staff, sat in on academic writing and study skills sessions, snacked on Shrove Tuesday pancakes and enjoyed a range of social activities including a skit night, bush dancing and tenpin bowling. They were also given the opportunity to consider how they might perform acts of charity during this Lenten season at a 'Clubs and Volunteering Expo' which took place on Ash Wednesday. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Aid to the Church in Need, Vinnies Youth, Catholic Youth Parramatta, Sydney Catholic Youth, Sydney Catholic Schools and Parousia Media for their presence during this event.

We would also like to thank our student leaders and volunteers, Sophie, Imogen, Elizabeth, Samuel, Xavier, Francis, Julian, Daniel, Anita, Grace, Paniny, Matthew, Michael, Sumika and Jude for their efforts to welcome our new students and for their unwavering enthusiasm throughout the week.

UniMaronite and Campion Unite

On Thursday the 2nd of March, Campion College welcomed over 50 young Maronites onto campus as part of a UniMaronite/Campion College Meet & Greet.

Following a welcome from Campion College Student Association President, Julian Vieira, and introductions from the 2023 UniMaronite Executive, everyone gathered in the Chapel for the Maronite Divine Office. A 'speed meet' icebreaker followed as a Middle Eastern dinner was prepared, with the evening culminating with Eastern entertainment and the announcement of UniMaronite's new branding.

UniMaronite is an intervarsity movement that helps tertiary students grow in their Maronite faith. They currently have chapters within USYD,

UTS, ACU, MQU, NDU, WSU and UNSW. You can follow UniMaronite on Facebook at www.facebook.com/unimaronitert/ and on Instagram at www.instagram.com/unimaronite/

The event proved to be a wonderful occasion for the students to bond over their shared Catholic faith and learn more about the beauty of the Maronite tradition. The CCSA and the UniMaronite community with another event scheduled for the end of April. To find out more about the upcoming events please contact Tony Mattar – t.mattar@campion.edu.au



Young Maronites welcomed at Campion College

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God Works in Mysterious Ways

On Friday 10 -12 March, Campion's annual student retreat took place at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre.

Students attended a total of four talks over the three days, each surrounding the theme "God Works in Mysterious Ways". Each talk offered a unique perspective on vocation discernment and the speaker's personal experiences with God. The Religious Sisters of Mercy spoke about their path to becoming religious sisters. They were followed by Deacon Tony Hoban who explained his role as a Deacon and his experiences working with inmates in prison ministry. The final talk was given by Mr. Charbel Raish who recounted his conversion story and how he came to discern marriage whilst in the seminary.

While the retreat provided ample opportunity for daily prayer, reflection and spiritual formation, it also allowed time for the connections between our commencing and continuing undergrads to strengthen.

Annual Conference:

"Shakespeare and Education"

22-23 September

Campion College
8-14 Austin Woodbury Place
Toongabbie

The CSWT will be holding a special conference on "Shakespeare and Education"

Stay tuned for further details.
cswt@campion.edu.au

High Achievers Pursue *Studies at Champion College*

L to R: Andrew Mathieson, Edmond Stephens, Jerome Lawrence - first year students



Campion College has welcomed a record number of high achievers in its liberal arts program this year, with 25 per cent of new students achieving an ATAR of 90.00 or higher in their Year 12 studies.

College president, Dr Paul Morrissey, warmly welcomed all commencing students in a Matriculation Ceremony at the start of the semester and acknowledged the unique study environment on offer at Champion as a drawcard for high achievers.

“Our Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts has always attracted students from a diverse range of locations and backgrounds but this year it is particularly exciting to see so many high achievers from across the country choosing Champion for their undergraduate studies.”

“High achievers often receive multiple study offers and to have such students choose Champion College, especially in favour of institutions closer to home, is a testament to the quality of our course, academic staff and study environment.”

“We are delighted to be able to recognise the efforts of these students with our modest Academic Excellence Scholarships and extend our sincere thanks to our donors for supporting these students with relocation and tuition.”

High achieving alumni have also returned to Champion this year to become students once again as part of the inaugural honours year class.

“Campion College was delighted to welcome back four graduates into our inaugural Honours program,” said Honours Coordinator Dr Stephen McInerney.

“Honours students are taking part in weekly seminars led by Dr Jeremy Bell and regular consultations with their supervisors as they begin research on their dissertation topics. Various topics in ancient and modern philosophy and European history are being explored.”

Campion’s Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts (Honours) received course accreditation in mid-2022 and provides the opportunity for committed students to undertake specialised and extended scholarship in either history, literature, philosophy or theology.

Current Honours student, Ashleigh Mills, shared her rationale for enrolling in the course, citing a love for history and delight at the opportunity to delve deeper into topics explored in Champion’s three-year Bachelor degree.

“For me, doing Honours at Champion is an opportunity to ‘hone my craft’ as a scholar. Even after three years, I felt like I was just scratching the surface on so many areas of interest. I loved the idea of digging deep into a particular field of history and learning how to research, critique and articulate ideas well.”

“The chance to learn how to read well, write well and think well is such a gift, and something that will impact whatever work I undertake in the future.”

To learn more about Champion College’s undergraduate courses and scholarships, as well as ways you can help support Champion College students, visit www.campion.edu.au.

4-7 July 2023

WINTER PROGRAM

Winter Program is the perfect opportunity to experience what it's like to be a liberal arts undergrad at Champion. 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.

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: www.campion.edu.au/winter-program

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