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Campion's biggest ever Winter Program



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New Academic Centre and Residential Halls Celebrated with Grand Opening



Unveiling of plaque - Bishop Columba & Hon John Anderson

College who has been honoured through the naming of Stenhouse Hall.

As the ceremony reached its conclusion, Campion College Chairman, Rev Dr. Adam Walk, extended a Vote of Thanks, acknowledging the collective effort that brought the College to this remarkable juncture. With a flourish, a commemorative plaque was unveiled, etching the day into history.

With the official proceedings concluded, attendees explored the new spaces, admiring the unique design features that have been expertly combined to create an atmosphere that is paradoxically classical and modern.

The day concluded with refreshments and canapes for everyone in attendance, as well as a private evening function for alumni from the Classes of 2008-2022.

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On Thursday the 24th of August, Campion College trustees, supporters, staff and students gathered to celebrate a milestone occasion in the College's history: The opening of our new Academic Centre and four residential halls.

Following the blessing of the new spaces by The Most Rev Columba Macbeth-Green, Rev Fr Dr Tony Percy, Fr Peter Joseph, Rev Dr Adam Walk, Fr Peter Kruk and Fr Luke Holohan, all guests gathered in the Grand Hall for the Opening Ceremony.

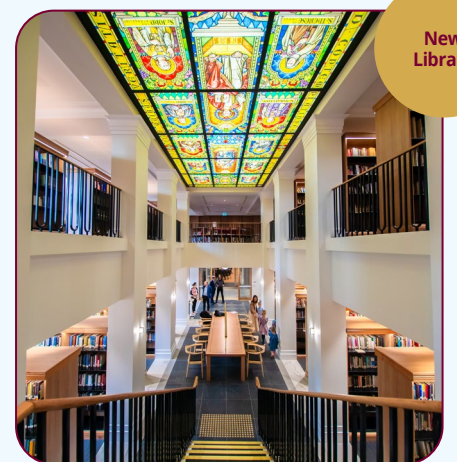
After an official welcome from College President Dr Paul Morrissey and the Rite of Blessing, The Most Rev Columba Macbeth-Green drew parallels between the Gospel narrative and the purpose behind blessing these new spaces. "When we come to bless a building, we're asking God and inviting God to come into that building in a special way to help form people to be able to be apostles of Christ," he emphasised.

Former Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon John Anderson AC, delivered the keynote address, remarking "I'm delighted to be here. It really is something special here today, a significant moment - if the nation only knew it - in this nation's journey."

He discussed the rise of individualism and secularism, highlighting the consequential loss of shared values and the abandonment of the faith that underpinned Western civilisation's success. He then went on to speak of the cultural challenges affecting our nation, stating "Change requires leadership, often not by many people, just by people with a greater wisdom, with a greater learning, and with real courage. And that's why this college is so important in our cultural context. Our engine needs refuelling. This is the place where you can distil and build up stocks of that fuel to inject back into the motor so that our society can again thrive."

The ceremony was enriched by speeches from Mr James Power (Chair of Capital Appeal), Dr Andrew Charlton MP (Member for Parramatta, representing the Hon Jason Clare MP, Minister for Education), the Honourable Damien Tudehope BA/LLB MLC, the Honourable Dan Tehan MP, the Honourable Tony Abbott AC and Ms Teena McQueen, representing Mrs Gina Rinehart, after whom our new library has been named.

A special thanks was also extended to the family and supporters of the late Fr Paul Stenhouse, a cherished friend and benefactor of Campion



New Library



Guests at the Blessing & Opening

Campion's biggest ever *Winter Program is a big success*



Students at the winter program

Campion College has recently concluded its highly successful 2023 Winter Program, which marked the college's biggest-ever program in terms of participant numbers. With an impressive turnout of 76 participants, the program attracted students from five different Australian states, as well as two enthusiastic attendees from New Zealand.

From 4-7 July, participants were treated to an extensive line-up of engaging lectures and social activities, all designed to provide a firsthand experience of what it's like to be a liberal arts undergrad at Campion College. Following icebreaker activities and a trivia night on Day 1, participants launched into a series of academic sessions covering the key disciplines of study at Campion - history, literature, philosophy, theology and classical languages. These sessions were broken up with

fun social activities designed to mirror community life at Campion and included bush walking, casual sports, swing dancing, movie night and a bonfire.

One of the highlights of the Winter Program and a new feature in this year's schedule was the inclusion of an alumni professionals panel during our mock Formal Hall. Participants were treated to an exclusive Q&A with three Campion College alumni - Daniel Kolechi (Class of 2013), Anna Harrison (Class of 2019) and Criostoir McCaughan (Class of 2020) - on their post-Campion experiences in the fields of education, marketing, youth ministry and media. It was especially wonderful to hear of the unique pathways taken by these graduates and the impact of their liberal arts education in their day-to-day lives, and we thank these alumni for graciously volunteering their time to be with us during Winter Program.

QILT SES 2022 results: Leading the way in learner engagement and teaching quality

Campion College has once again demonstrated its commitment to academic excellence, securing top positions across multiple categories in the 2022 Student Experience Results.

According to the latest data released by the federal government's Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT), 98.6% of Campion College students surveyed were positive about their interactions with staff and students. This places Campion College as the #1 institution in Australia for

learner engagement for five years running.

Campion College has also secured the top spot for teaching quality, with 100% of students surveyed rating teaching practices positively. This is well above the national average of 79.8%.

Above average scores were maintained for all metrics, with Campion ranking among the top 10 institutions nationally for quality of experience, skills development, learning resources and student support.

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Year 12 students as well as those who have already completed their secondary schooling are encouraged to apply.

Visit www.campion.edu.au/admission/early-offer-scheme/ to learn more.

Where are they now



SAM LAFFY Class of 2020

Upon completion of my Bachelors degree at Campion, I began working in Federal politics. Agriculture, however, was where I wanted to pursue a career, which led me to my current job as a stock agent. Campion's education has enabled me to think coherently and talk persuasively which helps me build great relationships with my clients in the cattle industry. The benefits of Campion are ageless and it has enabled me to analyse the past, live in the present, discern the future, while remaining objective and steadfast in my beliefs.

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Campion College & Cyp co-host *theology hour on campus*

On Wednesday the 6th of June, Campion College had the great pleasure of co-hosting Theology Hour on campus with Catholic Youth Parramatta. Theology Hour provides a space for deeper formation and connection among young adults in the Diocese of Parramatta.

Deacon Tom Green acted as emcee for the evening and posed questions to our four panelists: Sr M Rebecca Sampang (Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Sisters

of Mary), Fr Andrew Rooney (Assistant Priest at Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown) and married couple Paul and Soizic Morrissey.

Each of the panelists offered practical advice to those gathered and stressed the importance of taking an active role in one's life and vocation.

"Don't wait!" said Mrs Morrissey. "Pray for your vocation now. Live

for your life now. The Lord will reveal himself to you." She also spoke on the importance of moving forward with conviction. "Once you've discerned, do it! Don't be a perpetual discerner. Don't let it wait, go for it!"

If you know someone aged 18+ who would be interested in attending Theology Hour please contact Tony Mattar, Email: t.mattar@campion.edu.au

Dr Anthony Cleary urges revival of tradition and values in education

Dr Anthony Cleary, Director of Mission and Identity for Sydney Catholic Schools, delivered a thought-provoking speech at Campion College's Formal Hall evening on the 10 August 2023.

In his address, Dr Cleary cited John 10:10, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full," emphasising the need for a comprehensive approach to education that goes beyond intellectual growth. He also addressed the etymological roots of the word 'education', explaining the Latin word

'educare' involves drawing out all facets of the human personality.

"A fullness of life is not just about our intellectual, spiritual, social and emotional development and fulfillment, but of course, it is also about our understanding and appreciation of those things which are aesthetically pleasing," Cleary emphasised. Beauty ennobles us, and through the liberal arts we are seekers of what is good, true and beautiful. To read full article visit: <https://www.campion.edu.au/news>



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Chesterton Society Conference

Greg Sheridan & Karl Schmude



Campion will once again be the venue for the annual conference of the Australian Chesterton Society. The 2023 conference on Saturday, October 21, will address the theme of "Chesterton and the Rise of a Counter-Culture". It will focus on various movements in publishing, business, politics, and education that reflect many of Chesterton's ideas, and are today providing a positive response to the anti-Christian trends in culture.

Speakers will include:

- Greg Sheridan, who will discuss the popular interest in his recent books on Christianity in Australia;
- Veronika Winkels, founding editor of Mathilde Magazine, will look at family life and work in "The Cultural Reclaiming of Feminism";
- Michael Mendieta, CEO Hartford College; &
- Karl Schmude will ask: "Would Chesterton have created Campion College?"

The cost is \$75 (including lunch), with a student rate of \$30.

Further information can be obtained from the Chesterton Society's President, Karl Schmude (kgschmude@gmail.com).

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