

Graduating
Class 2023



Students
at Reveillon
2023



Professor
Tracy Rowland,
occasional
speaker



Summer
Program
9-12 Jan 2024
group

Campion's BRAVO

Vol. 23 | No. 1
Lent Term / Summer | 2024

CATHOLIC LEARNING
IN THE LIBERAL ARTS

PO Box 3052, Toongabbie East, NSW 2146
8-14 Austin-Woodbury Place,
Toongabbie, NSW 2146 Australia
Phone 1300 792 747
foundation@campion.edu.au
www.campion.edu.au/foundation



Graduation Mass *and Ceremony*

On 13 December 2023, the campus buzzed with excitement as graduates and their families gathered for the 16th Campion College Graduation Ceremony.

This marked a joyful return to an on-campus graduation, with the Mass and Ceremony hosted in the new Academic Centre. Group photos captured the graduating students inside The Gina Rinehart Library and against the backdrop of the College's historic main building.

The College Medal was awarded to Warwick Stacey. Julian Vieira, outgoing Campion College Student Association president, delivered a heartfelt valedictory speech.

Most Rev Daniel Meagher, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Sydney, celebrated the Graduation Mass, and Professor Tracy Rowland delivered the occasional address highlighting the importance of the Catholic intellectual tradition. Here are some excerpts from her address:

As graduands of Campion College, you too will have been through a process leading you into an ever deeper appreciation of the light of the truth, and today we honour you and your parents and grandparents and all those who have been your guides, your Lucy, your Beatrice and your Virgil, along the way.

Since you have received a broad liberal education, not a narrow technical education, you will also understand that truth is only one transcendental property of being. The others are goodness and beauty, also affirmed by the Catholic intellectual tradition. For a culture and indeed an institution to have a Catholic ethos all three transcendentals need to be in operation. To have the truth without goodness and charity is to have a very lop-sided and unattractive personality, to have beauty without truth and goodness is to be a mere aesthete, and to have goodness without the truth is to be gormless and vulnerable

to social manipulation. Part of the process leading to today's moment of honour has been your immersion in a culture of an institution that has fostered your participation in all three transcendental properties.

The kind of education you have received here at Campion probably didn't include sleigh rides in the snow, but there would have been other opportunities to enjoy friendships and to learn from one another. There is a passage in St. Augustine's Confessions that I think could well describe undergraduate life here at Campion. St. Augustine spoke of:

"Conversations and jokes together, the mutual rendering of good services, the reading together of sweetly phrased books, the sharing of nonsense and mutual attentions, occasional disagreements without strong feeling such as a man might have with himself, and though very rarely, actual dissension as a seasoning of our many points of agreement, teaching each other and learning from each other, impatient longing for those who were away and joyous reception on their return – these and similar indications proceeding from the heart of lovers and mutual friends, through the mouth, the tongue, the eyes and a thousand integrating movements, fusing our minds together as if by kindle-wood and making one out of many."

Such a fusion or sense of unity is possible in an institution where truth, beauty and goodness are held in high regard and mutually understood by the faculty, the students and the administrative staff.

To all of you who have received the finest Catholic tertiary education available in Australia today my warmest congratulations – *Lucaet Lux Vestra* – may your light shine brightly for the world - and to your parents and other benefactors my congratulations to them for having the wisdom to send you to Campion.

You can listen to Professor Tracey Rowland graduation address here - www.campion.edu.au/2023-graduation-address

Official party, Academic Staff, and Board Members at Graduation Mass and Ceremony



Graduate - Niamh Coulson, Mr & Mrs Coulson



Rev Dr Adam Walk (Chairman) and Graduate Andrew Mathieson



Elizabeth Nunes and family at Graduation 2023



Students and Staff Farewell 2023 *at Reveillon*

Students at Reveillon



Another academic year came to an end as Campion celebrated its annual Reveillon dinner on Thursday 23 November 2023.

Following Mass in the Chapel, students and staff gathered in the Grand Hall for an evening of reflection, camaraderie and acknowledgement of the many great events and achievements that have marked 2023.

Following the announcement of the incoming Residential Assistants and Student Association Executive, outgoing Dean of Studies, Dr Luciano Boschiero, shared his reflections on the past 18 years at the college. His address was met with laughter and the occasional teary eye as he shared funny anecdotes and fond memories, reminding each and every person in the room of the significance and uniqueness of the academic community at Campion College.

Third-year students Anita Donaldson and Matt Selbst then had the honour of delivering the third-year address, complete with heart-warming tales of their time at Campion, plenty of in-jokes and a creative slideshow for theatrical effect!

good2give®

Campion Foundation Limited (Campion College) is now listed on the [good2give](https://good2give.org) website. It is a not-for-profit that makes it easy for businesses, their employees and customers to support the communities and causes they care about. We encourage you to support Campion College. Every gift you make your organisation matches. Visit: good2give.org/giving/donors

Awards & Prizes *Program*

At the end of 2023 we awarded the following prizes.

20th Century History Prize

Funded by the Bisits family in memory of Mr Adam Bisits.

Awarded to Marygrace Duketow.

Literature Prize

Funded by the Ryckmans family in Memory of Fr Paul Stenhouse.

Awarded to Warwick Stacey.

Ted O'Halloran Latin Prize

Funded by Anne Gray and John O'Halloran in memory of their father, Ted O'Halloran.

Awarded to Aeowyn Elmer

Fr Julián Carrón Prize for Theology

Funded by Dr Matthew Tan

Awarded to Francis Zaar.

Frank Sheed Public Speaking Competition

Funded by a Campion friends.

1st place - Matthew Selbst

Runner up - Andrew Mathieson

Tom Cooper Book Grant

Funded by Mrs Pat Cooper

Awarded to Matthew Selbst

Students on campus



The College encourages students to participate in the Awards and Prizes Program. For many this is a chance to showcase their learning 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 on 02 9896 9318 or y.nehme@campion.edu.au

Support a student's journey at *Campion College*

College scholarships and bursaries reflect our commitment to making our liberal arts degree as accessible as possible. The Scholarship and Bursary Program ensures students receive assistance during their time at the College.

Many students' lives have been positively impacted because of the Scholarship and Bursary program at Campion, and this is thanks to our generous supporters.

"I am so grateful for this scholarship as the financial backing has allowed me to fully focus on excelling in my studies. This scholarship has provided a strong sense of stability throughout the year, thus enhancing not only my education, but also my enjoyment. The nature of the scholarship also means that I will be supported for the entirety of the 3-year course, allowing me to live away from my home in Melbourne with a strong sense of security."
Jerome

"I received this scholarship due to my background in both classical ballet and piano. Receiving this scholarship not only allowed me the recognition for the hard work that I have put into these disciplines, but also relieved some financial strain while studying full-time." Elizabeth

"Thanks to your generous support I have been fortunate enough to focus deeply on my studies without much of the financial burden that comes with being a student. It has enabled me to more fully and deeply dedicate myself to my studies." Thomas

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.

I encourage you to explore the possibility of establishing a scholarship, bursary, or contributing to the Campion College Scholarship fund, ensuring support for as many students as possible.

Scholarships and bursaries range from amounts of \$3,000 - \$10,000 a year. There are various scholarships and bursaries that students receive.

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:

- \$3000 supports a city-based student requiring help for daily transport and meals and the purchase of course books.
- \$4000 could assist one or more students from the country with accommodation expenses in Sydney and travel costs to and from their family home.

For further information on how you can support our Scholarship and Bursary Program you can complete the form below, visit: www.campion.edu.au/fund-a-scholarship or contact Director of Development, Yvette Nehme on 02 9896 9318 or y.nehme@campion.edu.au

INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THE CAMPION COLLEGE Scholarship/Bursary Campaign

BRAG Vol.23 No.1

To find out more about how you can support our Scholarship/Bursary Campaign complete.

your details below and return in the reply-paid envelope enclosed or email: foundation@campion.edu.au

Title: _____ Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone/Mobile: _____

For further information contact: Yvette Nehme, Director of Development
02 9896 9318 or email: foundation@campion.edu.au

Privacy Statement: The information provided by you will only be used for the purpose of giving you information and activities about Campion Foundation Limited and Campion College Australia. For further information visit www.campion.edu.au

Summer Program

Campion College recently concluded its 2024 Summer Programs, which ran across two weeks in January, each hosting around 40 participants. These programs offered students a unique opportunity to experience life as a liberal arts undergraduate, complete with on-campus living.

Over four fun-filled days, participants were treated to sample lectures in disciplines studied at Campion College - history, literature, philosophy, theology and classics. Beyond academics, the participants enjoyed a variety of social activities, with mock Formal Hall, swing dancing and 'Summer Strokes' standing out as highlights.

A special thanks is due to our student and alumni volunteers -

Jonathan, Patrick, Michael, Isaac, Reshan, Elizabeth, Edith and Victoria - whose dedication played a pivotal role in the success of the program. Their enthusiasm, guidance, and willingness to share their personal college experiences added immeasurable value to the program. We'd also like to thank Charity Power (Class of 2021), Julian Vieira (Class of 2023) and Madeleine Anthony (Class of 2019) for their words of wisdom during our mock Formal Halls.

As we reflect on the success of this year's programs, we are reminded of the vibrant spirit and the sense of discovery that Campion College embodies. We look forward to continuing this tradition and welcoming new participants in our future sessions.

Introducing Jess



We are thrilled to introduce Jessica Issa as the new Student Recruitment Officer at Campion College. Jessica is the key contact for

liaison between schools, parishes, youth groups and the college. Please get in touch if you'd like Jessica to arrange an information session or expo stall at your next gathering or event.

Email: j.issa@campion.edu.au
Phone: (02) 9896 9302

Group photo
16-19 Jan 2024
- Summer
Program



Summer
Program
activity



PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION - All donations are tax deductible

BRAG Vol.23 No.1

Please return this section with your donation in the reply-paid envelope enclosed.

I would like to make a donation to Campion College for the sum of:

\$100 \$250 \$300 \$500 \$1,000 Other \$ _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone/Mobile: _____

Cheque (made payable to Campion College Fund) Visa Card Master Card

Card Number: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Expiry Date _____ / _____ / _____

Name on Card: _____ CVC: _____ Signature: _____

I would like further information on:

Becoming a Regular Donor Supporting the Scholarship/Bursary Program

Privacy Statement: The information provided by you will only be used for the purpose of giving you information and activities about Campion Foundation Limited and Campion College Australia.

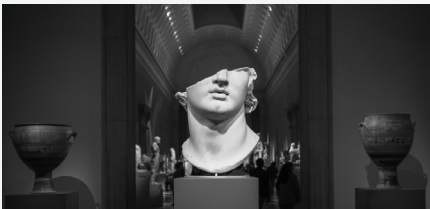
Campion's top blog content of 2023

Have you explored the latest offerings on the **Campion College blog**? The blog features an array of resources including lecture recordings, guest speaker videos and topical articles. Here are four of our top articles:



A brief history of the college's St Edmund Campion statue

Learn more about the life-size statue of the scholar and martyr-saint after whom the College is named.



Cultural Gems: 10 Museums Every Liberal Arts Student Should Explore

In celebration of International Museums Day, we explored 10 must-visit museums for liberal arts students.




400 Years of Pascal's Genius: Examining his enduring contributions to science and society

In commemorating the 400th anniversary of the birth of Blaise Pascal, we examined five of his greatest contributions to the world.



A brief history of chess and the West

In celebration of International Chess Day on the 20th of July, we compiled some highlights from the history of chess in the Western World.

 Read more at:
www.campion.edu.au/blog

Global Perspectives

Mary (local student with Noelle, MaryGrace and Nadya (exchange students))



In 2023, three students from Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College in Canada graced Campion College with their presence. As the semester concludes, we caught up with them over a cup of tea for an insightful chat about their enriching exchange experience.

Join us for an exclusive glimpse into the Global Perspectives Semester Exchange at Campion College.

Watch the full discussion below:
www.campion.edu.au/blog/seat-of-wisdom-student-perspectives

Campion's Brag is a quarterly newsletter named in honour of the manifesto of St. Edmund Campion's mission of faith.

It is edited by Yvette Nehme (Director of Development) and compiled by Angela Grabski (BlackRhino Creative) on behalf of the Campion Foundation.

Saint Edmund Campion Pray For Us

St Edmund Campion, you were enlightened by God with remarkable gifts of intellect and learning and blessed with an unconquerable faith in Christ and His Church.

God gave you fortitude to uphold the truth even unto martyrdom. Help us by your holy and heroic example to be faithful to the truth in all things, to harvest our talents wisely and generously whatever the cost, and to persevere in love and service of God and of others.

St Edmund Campion, pray for Campion College, founded in your name. May it be ever recognized by the quality of its learning and the constancy of its faith in Christ and His Church. Amen

Donate Online
by scanning the QR CODE
it is easy, safe
and secure

