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This year we warmly welcomed 7 students from New Zealand who have enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts degree.

The Thomas More Society for the Liberal Arts in New Zealand invited Dr Morrissey to speak at two events in Christchurch, focusing on the importance of a Liberal Arts education. The talks were well attended and showed there is a real thirst for an education that is built upon the great Catholic intellectual tradition and western civilisation.

We asked the students from New Zealand why they chose to travel and study at Campion. Here are some of their responses:

Once I had finished high school, I had decided not to attend university due to concerns with the increasing ideological focus and lack of substance in the majority of courses offered. After working in the construction industry for the last four years I still felt hungry to continue learning. During this period the St Thomas More liberal arts society was formed in New Zealand. Dr Morrissey and the McCabe were invited to

give talks on the importance and continued relevance of the liberal arts tradition in the West and especially in modern society. I enrolled in one of Campion's online courses to gain a better understanding of the courses offered. The Introduction to Western Civilisation raised further questions that I felt I needed to seek answers to. I resigned from my Project management role and enrolled at Campion. I have since enjoyed every day here. Bede Alexander

When I finished school and Covid began it was easy to get demotivated looking at the things normal universities were teaching and propagating. It was only when I found out about Campion that I began to consider again the possibility of studying. Now I'm here I feel a little like Tolkien, and I'm ready to learn. Tomas Mones-Cazon

I looked into the liberal arts because I wanted an education that taught me values, I could apply in my life. I have a desire to learn in an environment where I could integrate my faith and knowledge. When I visited Campion, I could see that everything was ordered towards the good, the true and the

beautiful, even the campus. I really loved that I would be able to go to a lecture and then walk a couple metres to the chapel. Now that I have started, I can see that it is exactly what I had hope for and more. The community around Campion, all the students and staff encourage us to do our best, to enjoy our learning and to put our faith first. Gemma Morton-Jones

In my experience, the universities in New Zealand tend to train people for careers rather than forming them as a person; and they tell people what opinions to form and defend rather than how to form and defend an opinion. Campion offers courses that will form my mind, and more importantly, help me to know and appreciate my Faith more deeply. I love how authentically Catholic Campion is - it's so good to be able to go to daily Mass and to be surrounded by such a wonderful community. I've always enjoyed the humanities, especially literature. To study some of the greatest authors of all time in an environment that will help me achieve sanctity is a dream come true and I'm so grateful and blessed to be here. Anastasia Marambos

Orientation Week

Students attending Orientation Week 2024

19-23 February Campion hosted the Orientation week for the new Campion College students. They enjoyed a week of activities, seminars, introductions and outings as part of O-Week 2024.

The action-packed week, organised by our Student Life Officer together with the 2024 Student Executive and Residential Assistants, aimed to equip our new undergraduates with essential information and resources to facilitate their transition into college life.



First Honours *Graduates*



Lara Rayner - Honours Medallist 2023



Thomas Galouzis - Honours Medallist 2023

Campion College's first Formal Hall for 2024, held on Thursday 7 March, was marked by a special celebration as the College recognised its inaugural honours graduates.

The evening brought together students and faculty to commemorate this significant milestone. Dr Paul Morrissey, President of Campion College, praised the graduates for their dedication and scholarly achievements, highlighting their contributions to academia and the College community.

The honours program provides students with the opportunity to engage in specialised and extended scholarship in either history, literature, philosophy or theology. Graduating from this program signifies not only academic proficiency but also a passion for fostering intellectual growth and inquiry. We take immense pride in the accomplishments of our two graduates and eagerly await the exciting opportunities that lie ahead for them.

If interested in learning more about the Honours course visit: www.campion.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-arts-in-the-liberal-arts-honours

Matriculation Mass and Ceremony

Campion College commenced the academic year with its 2024 Matriculation Mass and Ceremony, held on Monday, 26 January.

The tradition of matriculation dates back centuries, signifying the formal admission of students into the academic community. At Campion College, this tradition is upheld with great reverence, symbolising the commitment of the College and its students to scholarly pursuits.

Families of the newly matriculated students visited the campus for the first time, adding to the festive atmosphere of the occasion.

We were also delighted to welcome seven students from New Zealand as part of the commencing student cohort. Their presence further enriches the vibrant tapestry of cultures and perspectives that define the Campion experience.



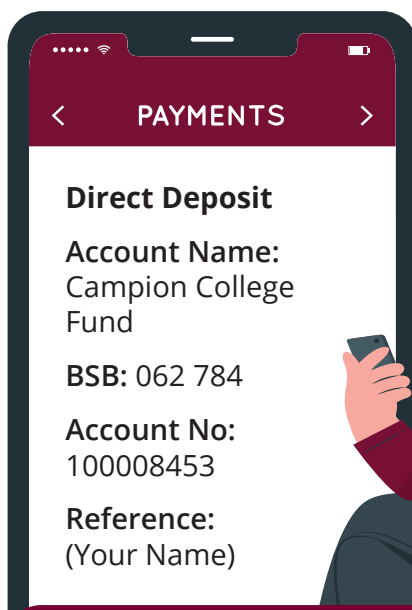
Matriculation - Dr Paul Morrissey and Darcy Laffy

Why support *Campion End of Financial Year campaign*

As we approach the end of financial year, there are countless worthy causes you can support. This EOFY we implore you to prioritise one cause that holds a special place in our hearts.... the 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 successfully pursue careers in teaching, journalism, business, law, medicine, and politics.
- 3. Fund capital projects and our continued growth.** These projects enable the College to welcome additional students to the college each year and share our vision of tertiary education.
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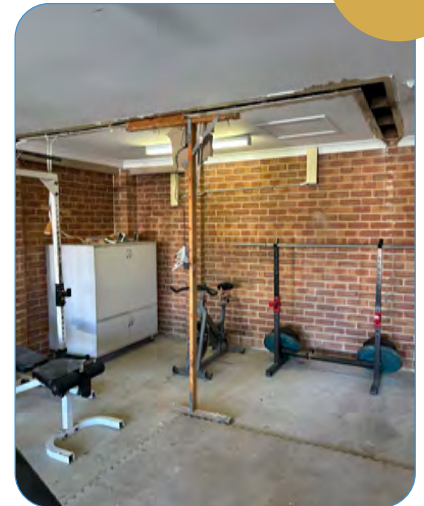


Student volunteering at De La Salle Year 12 Formation Day)

Campus Gym!

Campus Gym - Renovations

The "Campion gym" is undergoing a mini makeover, thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Student Life Office and our student body. As our campus population grows, so does the need for a more spacious and well-equipped gym environment.



Already, a gyprock wall has been taken down, creating a more open and inviting space for students to work out and stay active. But we're not stopping there! The students need to raise \$15,000 for brand-new equipment that will benefit not just our current students, but also future generations of Campion students.

The students have already rallied and raised an impressive \$7,000 towards their goal. Now, we're reaching out to our supporters to help us reach the finish line. Whether you can contribute financially or have new equipment to donate, your support will make a real difference.

To support this exciting endeavour, please contact Yvette Nehme, our Director of Development, at y.nehme@campion.edu.au or give her a call at 02 9896 96318.

Let's come together and create a gym space that inspires health, wellness, and community spirit at Campion! Your generosity will leave a lasting impact on our campus for years to come. Thank you for your support!

Student support

As the first semester commences our campus is buzzing with activity! O-WEEK was a huge hit, giving students the chance to make friends and dive into the Campion experience. From offsite trips to the ice-skating rink, bowling and laser tag, there was something for everyone.

Students were involved in all sorts of extracurricular activities, from volunteering at events like the De La Salle Year 12 Formation Day, to beach days at Bronte Beach. Plus, there's been a social volleyball competition hosted by Waverley Council, and a men's gathering last Friday with a talk from our Student Life Officer, Tony Mattar, that drew over 40 attendees.

As the semester progresses, there's still a lot more in store for the students. Keep an eye on this space for all the latest news!



Retreat By Faustina Yeo

Fifty-seven of our students attended the annual Campion Retreat held at the Benedict XVI centre from Friday 15 - 17 March 2024. It was for a weekend of prayer, reflection and fellowship. The theme of *Integrating Faith Into Your Life* was central to the inspiring talks we received from speakers, Fr Christopher Del Rosario and Helen and Kevin Wagner.

Three of our students, Pieta Winkels, Maria Corson and Peter Rebbechi, who had journeyed to Portugal and the Holy Land last year for WYD23 also shared their testimonies and experiences in a profound talk.

Alongside daily Mass, all night adoration and Bible Study, students also enjoyed sports and team activities. The retreat provided all with the opportunity to grow in the faith and the lessons on how to integrate it into their lives when returning to everyday life.

Why Champion

Caleb Smith -
BA Student

In 2022, I attended Champion's Winter Program, and even though I knew upon leaving that this kind of education was like no other, I convinced myself that in order to pursue the career which I had desired to do, Champion was not the place to go.



In the year of 2023, with the uninformed mentality of "needing a real education", I completed three semesters pursuing a K-12 education course. One distinct memory, which served as a catalyst for where I am now is when my class was half-way into studying a very dry but politically safe contemporary novel, and I thought to myself, "I do wish I was studying The Odyssey instead of this. I wish I was at Champion".

Now it is 2024, I am studying 'The Odyssey' as well as the works of Ratzinger, Herodotus and Aristotle, and I can say with full confidence that Champion is the only place to go.

Caleb Smith



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As the end of the financial is near on June 30th, we kindly ask you to consider donating to Champion College Australia. Your donation not only supports our work but also offers you benefits. By donating, you can claim back your tax deductible donation of over \$2 during tax time. Your generosity enables us to maintain our commitment to providing a foundational education in the Liberal Arts, which integrates the insights of faith and reason. Please consider donating to Champion College today to help us continue our vital work.



9-12 July 2024

WINTER PROGRAM

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

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.champion.edu.au/winter-program**

Campion Women's Lunch



We are thrilled to announce the long-awaited return of our 'Campion Women's Lunch' at Champion College Australia after a hiatus of several years.

Tuesday 4th of June, 12.00pm - 2.00pm

For inquires or to reserve a place contact:
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or call 02 9896 9312.

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