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Professor Helen Alvaré Delivers Compelling Lecture on Religious Liberty and Family Law



On August 8, Campion College hosted a captivating lecture by Professor Helen Alvaré at the Royal Automobile Club of Australia. As the Robert A. Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at George Mason University, she explored the complex interplay between religious liberty, family law, and cultural shifts.

Professor Alvaré critiqued contemporary family law, arguing that it increasingly prioritizes adult interests over children's well-being. She noted a trend where adult rights, particularly related to sexuality and lifestyle, overshadow the needs of children.

She also addressed how cultural changes have influenced views on sexuality and identity, framing these shifts as a conflict between the new "sexual orthodoxy" and religious freedom. Professor Alvaré emphasized that this orthodoxy often positions

religious institutions as adversaries, stating, "Religious freedom is so regularly also associated with the freedom of communities and institutions."

Advocating for a strong defence of religious teachings, she encouraged Christian institutions to articulate their family norms as expressions of love and divine identity rather than mere moralism.

Drawing on her legal expertise, Professor Alvaré underscored the importance of religious freedom for the common good, pointing out that religious practices foster positive societal outcomes. "We need to express that our religious rights benefit the common good," she asserted.

You can listen to the full lecture <https://www.campion.edu.au/professor-helen-alvare-delivers-compelling-lecture-on-religious-liberty-and-family-law/>

Faith, Psychology, and the Human Person: Dr. Greg Bottaro at Campion College



On September 19th, Campion College welcomed Dr. Greg Bottaro, founder of the Catholic Psych Institute, as the guest speaker at Formal Hall. Dr. Bottaro emphasized the importance of relationships in faith and mental health, stating, "God is calling us to walk with each other."

He highlighted that while science addresses the material aspects of humanity, it overlooks our spiritual dimension. "That's only half the story of who we are," he said, stressing that a purely empirical view is insufficient for understanding the human person.

Drawing inspiration from St. John Paul II, Dr. Bottaro described him as "the most important psychologist of the

last 150 years," noting his insights into human dignity and our ultimate goal of communion with God. He reminded attendees that true healing occurs through relationships—with each other and with God.

Dr. Bottaro concluded by encouraging everyone to support one another, regardless of their field. "Look for ways that God is calling us to understand ourselves and each other better."

Campion College extends its gratitude to Dr. Bottaro for his impactful address, which beautifully integrated faith and reason.

You can listen to the lecture - <https://www.campion.edu.au/faith-psychology-and-the-human-person-dr-greg-bottaro-speaks-at-formal-hall/>

Mary Eberstadt visits Campion

On September 11, Mary Eberstadt visited Campion College to speak with staff and students. Excited to return after two years, she admired the stunning new buildings and library.

Mary honored Father Paul Mankowski, who passed away unexpectedly four years ago. She described him as a remarkable priest—both an intellectual giant and a humble servant. Though not widely known in the U.S., he is fondly remembered in Australia, especially at Campion.

During her visit to Melbourne she met a couple whose deep respect for the priest inspired her to pay tribute. She shared invaluable lessons she learned from him:

- 1. Prioritize What Matters:** Focus on family over online conflict—love and duty come first.
- 2. Courage in Intellect and Faith:** Good writing reflects clear thinking; intellect and faith can coexist beautifully.
- 3. Act Now:** Don't wait to express love or gratitude—seize the moment.
- 4. Resilience:** Father Mankowski's courage inspires us to persevere through challenges.

For those interested, a recording of her talk is available on request. Please contact Yvette at y.nehme@campion.edu.au.

Formal Hall Speakers 2024

Formal Hall at Campion College, held fortnightly, invites students to don academic gowns and engage with notable guest speakers on various topics. This year, we were privileged to host an impressive roster:

Monica Doumit - The Director of Public Affairs for the Archdiocese of Sydney shared a compelling testimony on advocating for Catholic values.

The Hon. Zed Seselja - Former Senator and current Campion Board member, Zed captivated students with insights on the intersection of politics and faith.

The Hon. Susan Carter MLC - Advocating for education and family-centred policies, Susan emphasized the importance of liberal arts in her engaging talk.

Steve Lawrence - The former AFL player inspired attendees with motivational lessons from his sports career, highlighting perseverance and leadership.

Tim Sims AM - At the St Edmund Campion Lecture, Tim provided an enlightening discussion on faith and demographic trends.

Professor Helen Alvaré - Renowned legal scholar, Professor Alvaré captivated the audience with her analysis of religious liberty and family law.

Rev Deacon Adam Walk - As Chairman of the Campion Board, Rev Deacon Walk reinforced community ties with insights that aligned with the College's mission.

Tony Abbott AC - The former Prime Minister inspired attendees, describing Campion as a "point of light" during spiritually challenging times.

Dr. Greg Bottaro - Founder of the Catholic Psych Institute, Dr. Bottaro emphasized the role of faith in mental health during his insightful talk.

Dale Ahlquist - An advocate of G. K. Chesterton's thought, Dale is the president of the American Chesterton Society and co-founder of Chesterton Academy in Minneapolis.

These speakers enriched our Formal Hall experience, fostering meaningful dialogue within the Campion community. To read more visit: www.campion.edu.au/news

Monica Doumit



The Hon. Susan Carter MLC



Presenters at the Symposium

'Shepherd at the Crossroads'

On September 27-28, 2024, Campion College's Centre for the Study of the Western Tradition hosted the symposium "Shepherd at the Crossroads: Converging Traditions in Early Christianity" at the Grand Hall. The event brought together scholars, students, and community members to explore the diverse cultural influences on early Christianity.

In his opening remarks, symposium convenor Mr. Mark Matic emphasised the global and inclusive nature of the early Church, stating that the roots of a global Christianity trace back to Jesus, who reached out to all social and cultural groups. Over two days, nine speakers presented on how the Gospel spread across the Mediterranean and beyond, highlighting the lasting impact of this era on various cultures.

Recordings of the presentations are now available - visit [Campion College Hosts 'Shepherd at the Crossroads' Symposium on Early Christianity - Campion College](#)



Fenelle McLaurin

New Alumni Executive Leadership

After two transformative years as President of the Campion College Alumni Association, Fenelle McLaurin has passed the torch, stepping down from her leadership role. Fenelle's

leadership, which began in 2022, was marked by revitalising a dispersed and gradually expanding alumni community. The mission was clear: to foster a vibrant, engaged network of Campion College graduates, bringing them closer to the institution they once called home.

Under her leadership, the Alumni Association launched a variety of successful initiatives including establishing an online alumni lecture series, networking events, and inviting alumni back to the college for the first time as a cohort for the first Alumni Reunion in July.

The reunion saw 150 participants attend in person to hear lectures, attend reading and discussion groups on philosophy and literature, a formal dinner, and a Missa Cantata, with all festivities thoughtfully designed to accommodate alumni families. The weekend also included a strategy and planning session, collaboratively exploring the challenges and opportunities for the Alumni, with a focus on enhancing communication, engagement, events, and networks into the future.

The Campion College community expresses its gratitude to Fenelle and former secretary Bethany Marsh, for all their contributions and looks ahead with optimism. Together with the outgoing Alumni Association executive team, and with this year's secretary and treasurer, Kieran Jackson and Seamus Coulson, we express thanks to Dr Paul Morrissey, the board and staff for continuing to see and support the college alumni community to build and flourish.

Paul O'Donovan is the incoming President of the Campion College Alumni Association.

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While support for the college can take a variety of forms, a 'Gift for the Future' is one of the most powerful ways you can help secure the future of Campion College. By including a gift to the Campion Foundation in your Will, you can help support college activities, projects, residential life and student needs long into the future. You may choose to gift a specific amount, a percentage of your estate or the residue of your estate after providing for family.

A gift in support of Campion College is not an alternative to looking after your family; it is an integral part of safeguarding their future. By joining hands with the college, you contribute to the development of virtuous and compassionate Campion graduates. These graduates will become educators, healthcare workers, lawyers, politicians, evangelists and business professionals... the very people who will ensure the wellbeing of those you love for years to come.

A gift in your will really is a 'Gift for the Future'. You can truly make a difference to the lives of young people and through them, in the lives of those you love.

We asked one of our supporter why he supports Campion. 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: "I strongly recommend the Gift for the Future Campaign".

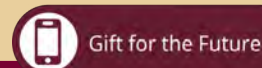
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Campion Memorial Book



During the month of November the Memorial Book, in which we list Campion friends who have passed, will be displayed in the Chapel. Mass will be said for them each Wednesday during the month.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen





We would be delighted to hear whether you are considering leaving
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We are grateful to our Benefactors

We remember our Campion friends and we would like to thank the following benefactors for their financial gifts throughout their lives:

- Dr B Pollard
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Their gifts continue to provide a foundational education in the liberal arts that integrates the insights of faith and reason. We pray for the repose of their souls and all our supporters and benefactors.



Where are they now Cecilia Kent



Cecilia Kent

Cecilia Kent is a student of classical architecture, originally from Brisbane. In 2017, she moved to study at Campion College in Sydney,

and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts and a Diploma of Classical Languages. In 2022, Cecilia completed a Bachelor of Architecture and Environments at the University of Sydney. With her World Universities Ramsay Postgraduate Scholarship, Cecilia will study a Master of Architecture at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend Indiana, focusing on Classical and Traditional principles of design. She is passionate about grass-roots movements towards traditional urbanism and in 2022 founded the Sydney student chapter of Street Level Australia. In the future, Cecilia hopes to serve Australian communities by combining her architectural training with her background in philosophy and history to create beautiful, durable, and sustainable homes and neighbourhoods.

Hollywood Elegance takes Centre stage at Annual Campion Ball



Students at the Ball



Students at the Ball

The Annual Campion Ball, held on September 14, celebrated "The Golden Age of Hollywood" with over 350 attendees enjoying a glamorous evening. Guests donned stunning attire, capturing memories on the red carpet, while the Grand Hall was transformed into a sophisticated ballroom for traditional dancing.

The entertainment blended classic Hollywood charm with lively music, keeping the energy high throughout the night. Mary d'Assumpcao, President of the Campion College Student Association, thanked the Ball Committee for their months of hard work in organizing the event.

The Campion Ball continues to grow, offering an unforgettable experience and fostering community among attendees.

For the full article and photos, visit <https://www.campion.edu.au/hollywood-elegance-takes-centre-stage-at-annual-campion-ball/>



Students at the Ball



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Key admission dates for 2025

Thinking about enrolling in one of our undergraduate or postgraduate courses in 2025? Please keep in mind the following dates and deadlines:

- For students enrolling in the Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts or Diploma of Liberal Arts, Orientation Week begins on **Monday 17 February**. Apply by 24 January 2025. Visit www.campion.edu.au/course/undergrad for more information.
- For students enrolling in the Graduate Certificate in Religious Education (Primary) or (Secondary), classes begin on **Monday 10 February**. Applications close **Friday 31 January 2025**. Visit www.campion.edu.au/course/postgrad/ for more information.

For personalised admission advice or late applications, please contact our Student Recruitment, Christine Vella, on (02) 9896 9303 or via study@campion.edu.au

The Graduate Certificate in Religious Education (Secondary)

The Graduate Certificate in Religious Education (Secondary) is a postgraduate qualification tailored for secondary school teachers seeking professional development.

This course is designed to enhance the expertise of educators with pre-existing secondary education qualifications, equipping them with the essential knowledge, skills, and accreditation to teach religious education in Catholic schools and organisations. Graduates will emerge as independent religious education specialists, adept at adapting programs to meet community needs. The curriculum encompasses a comprehensive body of knowledge related to religious education and adolescent pedagogy, preparing students for professional work in their specialisation and serving as a foundation for further learning.

Participants will gain specialized knowledge in religious education, including contemporary scholarship from theologians and educators, enabling them to address professional challenges and evaluate complex concepts in the field.

To learn more visit: www.campion.edu.au/courses/graduate-certificate-in-religious-education-secondary

7-10 or 14-17 Jan 2025

SUMMER PROGRAM

Summer Program is a unique opportunity for students thinking about enrolment at Campion College in 2025, 2026 or 2027. This program is designed to provide insight into life as a Campion College student and help students to make an informed decision about enrolling.

Open to ages 16-19. Limited spaces!
Register at www.campion.edu.au/summer-program



The year in review

Student life and culture on Campus continues to flourish. Our community continues to grow stronger, with students dedicating their time and energy to ensure everyone feels welcome, heard, and valued.

One of the standout events this year was the record-breaking Campion Ball, which attracted over 350 guests from across Australia. The night was a dazzling celebration of glamour and dance, bringing together our vibrant community in a memorable way.

The theatre society also reached new heights with their biggest production yet, presenting Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing'. This performance showcased the immense talent within our student body and brought the joy of live theatre to campus.

On a more local level, the cuisine community lunches which bring together all staff and student for a fortnightly shared meal continue to foster strong bonds and connections

with fellow peers. We were fortunate to host various organisations, including the Chaplains from the Australian Defence Force, members from the Culture Project Mission Team, Brothers Rugby United Club and many more. These collaborations provide students with valuable insights into career opportunities and enhance their professional development.

Additionally, our men's and women's groups have become a highlight for many students. The men's group hosts a weekly gathering called "Real Talk," featuring guest speakers who share insights on topics relevant to young men today. These speakers range from religious leaders to academics and professionals, fostering meaningful discussions.

As the semester comes to a close and students wrap up their essays and exams, we invite you to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Tony Mattar,
Student Life and Alumni Manager.



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