

Matriculating
Class of 2025



The
unveiling of
the George
Cardinal Pell
Grand Hall



Mr Mattar
(Alumni Officer)
with the Alumni
executive at
the Alumni and
Student Event

First year
students
at O-Week
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A Momentous Tribute to George Cardinal Pell



Peace” and encapsulates the resilience and fortitude that defined his life.

A highlight of the evening was an address by The Hon John Howard OM AC, Australia’s 25th Prime Minister, with responses from Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and The Hon Tony Abbott AC, former Prime Minister of Australia. Their speeches paid tribute to Cardinal Pell’s dedication to faith, justice, and public service.

“What he gave to the Christian religion and very particularly to the Catholic Church, was a lifetime of service and devotion. He was an intellectual inspiration,” said Mr Howard.

“His tenacity and his strength and his resilience would’ve broken most of us, but not him. And he was sustained in that by his resolute faith.”

Tess Livingstone, a veteran Australian journalist, has extensively covered politics, economics, strategic policy, and cultural issues. Her contributions to *The Australian* and *The Weekend Australian* have shaped national discourse for over a decade, making her uniquely positioned to present an insightful portrait of Cardinal Pell’s life.

The event drew together college friends, supporters, students and many members of the community in a shared moment of reflection on Cardinal Pell’s contributions and the values he championed. Attendees received signed copies of the book as a keepsake from the evening.

Campion College Australia remains committed to preserving the intellectual and spiritual contributions of figures like Cardinal Pell, ensuring that their stories and teachings endure for generations to come.

The event was recorded and is available to view upon request. To request access to the event video, please contact Yvette Nehme, Director of Development, at y.nehme@campion.edu.au.



On Wednesday 26 March, Campion College Australia proudly unveiled the name of its Grand Hall the George Cardinal Pell Grand Hall during a momentous event commemorating the life and legacy of Cardinal Pell. This special dedication recognises Cardinal Pell’s lasting influence as a leader in the Church, his commitment to faith and education, and his unwavering pursuit of truth and justice. This marks the first official naming in honour of Cardinal Pell since his death. **The naming would not have been possible without a major gift from a generous**

anonymous donor, whose support made this tribute a reality.

As part of the event, guests also celebrated the launch of *George Cardinal Pell – Pax Invictis, A Biography*, authored by distinguished journalist and commentator Tess Livingstone. The biography provides an in-depth exploration of Cardinal Pell’s journey from his early years in Australia to his influential role as the Vatican’s treasurer. It recounts his steadfast faith through his trials, wrongful imprisonment, ultimate exoneration, and his passing on January 10, 2023. Pax Invictis is Latin for “Unconquered



O-Week 2025: New Students Welcomed

From 17–21 February, Campion College welcomed its newest students during Orientation Week 2025. It was a vibrant introduction to life on campus.

The week was packed with activities that helped students settle in and connect with one another, from academic info sessions to social highlights like the welcome BBQ, trivia night, and volleyball at Reynolds Park. Explorations of the local area, including a trip to St Mary's Cathedral and the Art Gallery of NSW, added a cultural touch to the week.

O-Week has already shown that this year's cohort is off to a strong and spirited start.



Bridging Generations: Students and Alumni Come Together

Friday, 28 February, the Campion College Student Association (CCSA) and Alumni Association (CCAA) co-hosted a memorable evening of connection and community. The event welcomed alumni back to campus for a panel discussion and networking night, offering current students a unique opportunity to hear first-hand insights from past graduates.

Alumni panellists Paul O'Donovan (2011), Seamus Coulson (2017), and Kieran Jackson (2008) shared stories of life after Campion, reflecting on how their Liberal Arts education influenced their careers and personal growth. They encouraged students to embrace all aspects of college life, both academic and social, as key to shaping their future.

The evening concluded with refreshments and informal conversations, strengthening the bonds between generations of Campion students. With strong turnout and positive feedback, both associations hope to make this a recurring tradition, continuing to build a vibrant alumni-student network.

To re-connect with the Alumni network, contact Mr Tony Mattar, t.mattar@campion.edu.au

Matriculation

Campion College officially welcomed its newest cohort of students on Monday 24 February with the annual Matriculation Ceremony which is an important tradition marking their entry into academic life.

The day began with Mass, where Fr Peter Kruk OP encouraged students to pursue truth, goodness, and beauty through both faith and wisdom. His message underscored Campion's unique blend of spiritual and intellectual formation.

Following Mass, students donned academic robes for the formal ceremony, symbolising their place within the Campion academic community. College President Dr Paul Morrissey welcomed the students, describing their studies as "the great adventure that is higher learning," and reminded them of the college's three key pillars: Catholic identity, academic excellence, and community life.

Surrounded by family, friends, and faculty, the event was a joyful celebration of beginnings. Congratulations to our new students as they begin their journey of growth in wisdom, faith, and fellowship.



In the arms of the Father – 1936 – 2025

Eternal rest grant unto our Holy Father.

With the Church around the world, we mourn the death of Pope Francis and give thanks for his years of faithful service. May he now know the mercy of God he so deeply cherished. May his soul rest in peace.

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 Champion College Foundation!

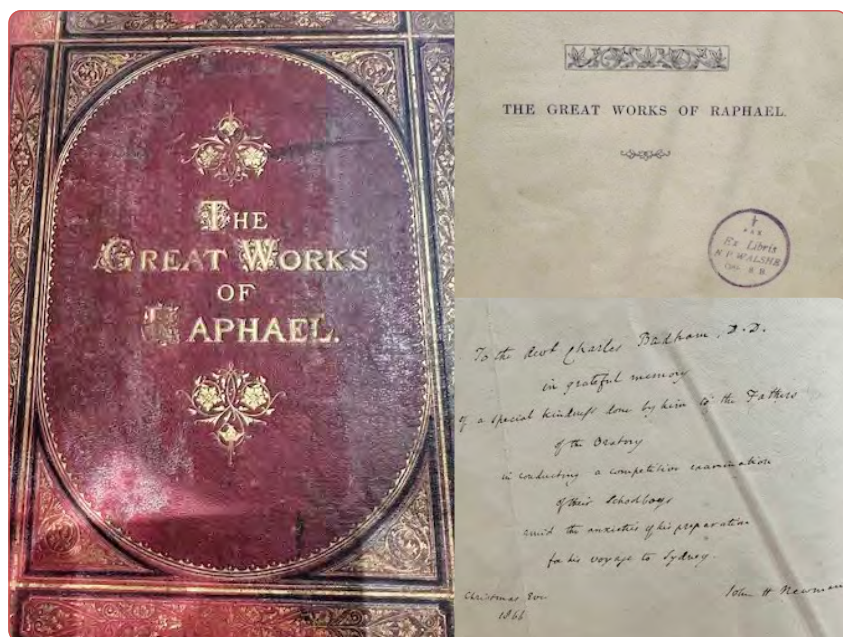
- 1. Backing a Mission with Purpose** Campion College Foundation is a private, non-profit organisation which supports the work and mission of Campion College through fundraising.
- 2. Championing a Liberal Arts Tradition** By supporting the Foundation, you help preserve and promote a rigorous liberal arts education that integrates faith and reason forming well-rounded graduates with the intellectual and moral foundations to lead in today's world.
- 3. Enabling Growth and Expansion** Fund capital projects and our continued growth. Your gift helps fund new facilities and infrastructure that allow Campion to accommodate a growing student body, support academic innovation, and create an environment where learning and community life thrive.
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A RARE GIFT: THE GREAT WORKS OF RAPHAEL (1866) FINDS A HOME AT CAMPION



Campion College Library has recently received a remarkable addition to its rare book collection: The Great Works of Raphael, published in 1866. This beautifully bound volume was generously donated by Karl Schmude, who inherited it from his father, Alf Schmude.

Alf received the book in the 1960s from a Catholic bibliophile, Mr Niall Walshe, and later wrote about it for The Catholic Weekly in 1967. What makes this edition truly special is a handwritten inscription by none other than John Henry Newman, an extraordinary feature that enhances its historical and literary value.

The book has now found a fitting home at Campion, where it will be kept securely in the library. It is on display in a lockable display cabinet. It will also be made available to students studying Newman's works, adding a personal and tangible connection to one of the great Catholic thinkers.

Where are they now?



Elizabeth attended Campion College from 2021 to 2023, and graduated with the Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Theology. During her time at Campion, Elizabeth noted her growth spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually, thanks to the encouragement and support she received from lecturers, peers, and staff alike. This

growth is one of the most remarkable aspects of Campion graduates. The education that students receive not only helps to foster in them a great love for learning, but also cultivates them as a whole person. Since graduating, Elizabeth has continued her work at the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, and has recently begun a Masters in Bioethics at the University of Notre Dame Australia in 2025, with the goal of developing further her passion for the dignity and right treatment of the human person, for which she has Campion to thank.

Upcoming events

Shakespeare Symposium

12 & 13 Sep 2025

The 2025 Shakespeare Symposium will explore the theme "Shakespeare and Philosophy".



STUDY CAMP

8-10 Oct 2025

A week-long study retreat for Year 11 and 12 students in the spring school holidays.



St Thomas Aquinas Conference

11 Oct 2025

In celebration of the 800th anniversary of the birth of St Thomas Aquinas, join us in exploring the theme "Aquinas and the Vita Contemplativa".

For more information on the upcoming events please visit <https://www.campion.edu.au/events/> or email – foundation@campion.edu.au

Humanitas

Humanitas is a quarterly publication introducing teen readers (and the young at heart) to the liberal arts. Humanitas is inspired by the undergraduate program at Campion College Australia. Each issue explores key events, ideas, personalities and works that have shaped Western culture.



The Latin word "humanitas" (literally "human-ness") refers to high culture. It was adopted by Renaissance humanists in the fifteenth century to describe their preferred curriculum for education. "Studia humanitatis" includes languages and literature of all kinds but especially poetry, history, philosophy, and rhetoric.

To subscribe to the online version of the Humanitas visit: <https://www.campion.edu.au/blog/humanitas>



History Week Public Lecture

During History Week 6- 14 September 2025 Campion College is hosting a public lecture titled **"The English Channel and British Political Culture,"** presented by Dr. Jeremy Bell.

Dr. Bell, a distinguished lecturer in philosophy, literature, and history at Campion College, holds a BA (Hons) and MPhil from the University of Sydney, and a PhD from the University of Chicago. His extensive academic background and research make him well-equipped to explore this captivating topic.

History Week 2025, themed "Water Stories," invites us to reflect on how bodies of water have shaped communities, cultures, and histories. This lecture offers a unique opportunity to engage with these narratives and understand their relevance to contemporary political culture. To register for the lecture visit: www.campion.edu.au/event/history-week-lecture

8-11 July 2025



WINTER PROGRAM

Curious about uni life? Winter Program lets you experience it firsthand—four days living on campus, real lectures in history, literature, philosophy, and theology, plus plenty of social events. Stay, learn, and connect with like-minded students while getting a taste of the Campion College experience!

**For Year 11 & Year 12 students
(ages 16-19)**

**Local and interstate
students welcome**

**Attendance is fully funded
but spaces are limited**

**For more information email:
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Campion Women's Lunch 2025

We are delighted to announce that the Hon Susan Carter BA(Hons) LLB(Hons) MLC will be our guest speaker at this year's Campion Women's Lunch.

Thursday, 4th September 2025

11:30am arrival for a 12:00pm start – concluding at 2:00pm

This promises to be a wonderful afternoon with fine cuisine, enriching conversation, heartfelt connection and inspiring moments.

To reserve your place or for further inquiries, please contact:
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