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Campion the *Number 1 BA in Australia* Four Years in a Row



Australia's first liberal arts college has held its place as the country's number one Bachelor of Arts degree provider for four years running.

Campion College, based in Western Sydney, scored an impressive 96.9 per cent on Quality of Entire Educational Experience in the 2019-2020 nationwide Student Experience Survey, conducted by the federal government's Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT).

Campion not only remains the top BA in the country for quality of educational experience – more than 10 percentage points higher than the highest-rated university – it also retained its number one spot for Learner Engagement in Australia at 95.9 per cent.

Campion additionally held its place in the top 10 institutions across all of QILT's measures, attaining third place overall for Quality of Experience, Teaching Quality, Skills Development and Student Support.

Campion president Dr Paul Morrissey said he was extremely proud of the college's achievement, pointing to Campion's commitment to intimate class sizes and face-to-face learning for its success.

"At Campion we believe that a degree should be a formative experience, in which you don't merely learn facts, figures or theories, but rather to assess them critically, question them, and discuss and debate them both in class and out," Dr Morrissey said.

"In short, we believe in teaching our students not what to think, but how to think."

While moving to online classes for the first time in the first semester of 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions, face-to-face classes returned in August, and have continued in 2021.

"We're very fortunate to have a smaller student body, as it means we've been able to bring all our students back onto campus, with safety protocols in place," Dr Morrissey said.

"So much of the Campion experience is the community, the small class sizes, as well as easy access to the lecturers, and which we believe has contributed to our place as the number one institution for Learner Engagement."

Campion offers a three-year Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts, focusing on four key disciplines: history, literature, philosophy and theology, with optional units in science, mathematics, Classical Latin and Greek.



Matriculation

Campion College commenced the academic year on 1st March 2021 with our annual Matriculation Mass, Ceremony and BBQ. The Mass was celebrated by the college's first graduate, who was recently ordained as a priest, Fr Reginald Chua. He was joined by Campion chaplain Fr Peter Kruk and theology lecturer Rev Dr Luke Holohan.

From left: Rev Dr Luke Holohan, Fr Reginald Chua, Fr Peter Kruk.

Following Mass, which was held outdoors for the first time, Dr Paul Morrissey thanked Fr Chua and welcomed the 34 students, who signed their names into Campion's Matriculation Book.

Dating back to the Middle Ages, the Matriculation ceremony is held to officially welcome new students as members of a university.

Based on a Medieval model of study, Campion holds a Matriculation ceremony every year, in which students are given academic gowns, to be worn at formal events throughout the academic year.

After the official ceremonies were over, a barbecue lunch was held for everyone on campus before students went to class for the first afternoon lectures of the semester.

Entertainment Guide

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Student *Retreat*

Campion's annual student retreat took place the weekend of 12th to 14th March at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale, northwest of Sydney.

The retreat focused on evangelisation under the theme, 'We are called to share the Gospel'.

Guest priest Fr Suresh Kumar spoke on Friday night about his conversion from Islam to Christianity, and then his journey to the priesthood. He was

followed on Saturday by Sr Therese Mills of the Missionaries of God's Love. Both talks delved into the theme of evangelisation and conversion.

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine wrapped up the retreat on Sunday with a talk about Catholic missionary work.

The retreat, run by Campion chaplain Fr Peter Kruk, allowed the students plenty of time for prayer, reflection and recreation, as well as all-night adoration, and confessions.

A highlight of the retreat was the talent show, in which students took to the stage to perform for their peers.



Campion Students at the Campion Retreat 2021.

Active *Listening*

On Wednesday 10th of March, resident counsellor Scott Carrol (Catholic Care) and Campion College Student Association President Campbell Evans ran a lunchtime workshop equipping students with the processes and language of "active listening".

"Australians have a tendency to remain uneducated when it comes to mental health processes!" said Campbell.

"This becomes explicit in our culture of asking 'How you goin' mate?' with no intention of actually hearing the answer!"

In the workshop, Scott and Campbell demonstrated to students' various tools which will allow them to express care for their friends in a healthy and sustainable way.

Lunchtime events and workshops encouraging students to foster personal development and positive habits are a regular feature at Campion College. All students are encouraged to contact our Student Life Officer, Sr M Luka Juenemann, if they have any ideas about an activity or event they think would be of benefit to the student body.

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RE *Certificate*

Following on from a successful launch in Semester 1 2020, Campion is pleased to report sustained interest and growing enrolments in our Graduate Certificate in Religious Education (Primary).

Developed with the expertise of Professor Gerard O'Shea, the 100% online course continues to have broad appeal with a surge in new enrolments from teachers in the Archdiocese of Hobart this semester and expressions of interest from teachers as far as Perth already coming through for our Semester 2 intake.

The Grad Cert consists of four compulsory units of study:

- **RED501:** Historical Context of Catholic Teaching
- **RED502:** Catechesis in Sacramental Theology
- **RED503:** Challenges and Strategies in Religious Education
- **RED504:** Introduction to Biblical Studies

A typical student will enrol in one unit per semester to best balance their study with full-time work, taking them two years to complete the course. Though it is possible to complete the Grad Cert in one year.

Semester 2 commences on Monday 1st August with applications for this intake closing on Wednesday 28th July. If you know a primary school teacher, religious education coordinator, principal or diocesan education officer who may be interested in finding out more about our Grad Cert, please encourage them to visit www.campion.edu.au/grad-cert-primary

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Why Support Campion at the EOFY

As we approach the end of the financial year, there are a number of worthy causes you can support. This EOFY, we ask you to consider donating to the cause that is dear to our hearts... Campion College!

Five reasons to donate to Campion College today:

- 1 We are a private institution. All our funds are obtained from generous supporters who believe in our mission.
- 2 We form future leaders. Campion College's premier liberal arts degree provides a solid foundation for future study and workplace readiness. Our graduates successfully pursue careers in teaching, journalism, business, law, medicine and politics.
- 3 Funds raised go directly to college projects that support student life. We are a not-for-profit and distribute funds to campus works as well as student scholarships and bursaries.
- 4 Fund capital projects and our continued growth. Such projects are integral to our ability to welcome additional students to the college each year and share our vision of tertiary education.
- 5 All donations are tax deductible. Campion College is a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR), approved by the Australian Taxation Office.

Students on Campus.



Mr & Mrs O'Donovan.



“ The profound effect that Campion had on my children who attended the College absolutely convinced me that this type of education is incredibly worthwhile. ”

EDMOND O'DONOVAN,
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Do you know a Year 11 or 12 student with an interest in the liberal arts?

Our immersive, four-day program provides the opportunity to reside on campus, experience college life and interact with like-minded peers. We have a fun-filled program including a bonfire night, movies, trivia, dancing and sports, as well as sample lectures from our history, literature, philosophy and theology lecturers. If you know someone who may be interested, please encourage them to register today. The program is free to attend thanks to the support of our generous donors but spaces are limited! Local and interstate students welcome.

Find out more and register: www.campion.edu.au/winter-program or contact Christine: 02 9896 9303

Where are they now?



KATE OSKI

I graduated from Campion College in 2018 and have been afforded many opportunities thanks to attaining a Bachelor of Liberal Arts and the Diploma of Classical Languages.

For the last two years, I have worked at Independent Schools Victoria as a Project Administrator to assist with the professional development of teachers, principals, through research and conferences.

In 2019, I worked part-time as a Research Assistant for History at the Blockchain and Innovation Hub at RMIT University. I travelled and worked in the United States to write a case study on freedom of speech at the American Institute for Economic Research.

In 2020, I completed my Bachelor of Arts Honours at Deakin University this year and wrote my thesis on Edmund Burke, and his conceptualisation and defence of liberty in the 18th century. I graduated with First Class Honours and am planning to complete a Masters of Historical Archaeology in England next year.

I continue to be actively involved within the Liberal Party as a State Delegate and a Young Liberal Branch President. Within the fields of education, history and politics, voices supporting critical thinking and traditional values are very much needed, and Campion's education has truly prepared me to face such challenges. Class of 2018



AWTEL POWER

I always wanted to study post-graduate Medicine and saw Campion's Liberal Arts to work 'both sides of the brain', as it were, in my tertiary studies. I am exceedingly grateful I did so.

After graduating in 2016 I worked as a wardsman and operating theatre assistant at the Queensland Children's Hospital. I was offered a position at Notre Dame Medical School, 2020 intake, at their Fremantle campus in WA.

I am now in my second year of medical school and have noticed an obvious need for the minds Campion produces. Society needs critical thinking doctors who can thoroughly assess new medical information and make informed decisions with their patients. Since its inception, Campion has consistently produced individuals with a complete understanding of the human person which in medical schools are only recently more fully realising the value of a liberal arts education. Class of 2016

EOFY is Near...

The End of the Financial Year (EOFY) is fast approaching on 30th June. When you donate to Campion College Australia you are not only helping our cause, you are also getting some benefits of your own.

During tax time at the end of the financial year, you are able to claim back your tax deductible donation of over \$2 that you have made to Campion College Australia.

We ask you to consider donating to Campion College today so that we may continue to provide a foundational education in the Liberal Arts that integrates the insights of faith and reason.



SCAN ME

St 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

Campion Wish List

We would like to thank our supporter from Bankstown NSW, for his recent donation of a treadmill. The College is grateful for the gift and the students will put this to good use. We have other items that are on our Wish list that we are seeking, just to name a few:

- New Campion Bus
- Recording studio
- Air-conditioning systems upgrade

We ask that you please consider donating one of the above-mentioned items or contributing funds towards them. For further information on how you can support or a detailed Wish List, please contact Yvette Nehme, Director of Development y.nehme@campion.edu.au 02 9896 9318

Library in Focus: *The World of Edmund Campion*

The Campion library's special collection, the 'World of Edmund Campion' contains over 700 volumes covering the period of Recusant Catholicism from the Reformation up to the mid-19th century. The collection is named after St Edmund Campion, a 16th century Oxford scholar and martyr, and provides a wealth of background material on Edmund Campion's era and the Catholic Church in England.

There are many interesting and unusual works within the collection but of special note is the set of Catholic Record Society volumes. Established in 1904, The Catholic Record Society (CRS) sought to create access to material and records needed for the study of Roman Catholic history in England and Wales. The society published content from a wide range of sources such as records, letters, diaries, registers, and chronicles from the time of the Reformation and beyond. CRS also publishes a series of monographs which are available in the Edmund Campion Collection.

As well as the records and monographs, the CRS publishes a journal originally titled Biographical Studies 1534-1829, then renamed in 1954 to Recusant History, and finally renamed British Catholic History in 2015. The journal is published by Cambridge University Press and



contains reviews, peer-reviewed research and other works on many aspects of British Catholicism. The biannual issues are part of the 'World of Edmund Campion Collection' and contribute to the developing content of this special collection.

While the library's collection is primarily developed around the teaching and learning needs of students and staff, the 'World of Edmund Campion Collection' goes a little beyond this to provide a significant body of work for scholars and others who are interested in Roman Catholic history.

Anyone interested in viewing or accessing CRS publications or other material from this special collection can contact Keziah Van Aardt, the librarian on (02) 9896 9307 or email k.vanaardt@campion.edu.au

Campion @-Week

O-Week began Monday 22nd February 2021, with five days of activities, seminars, introductions, outings and more.

Many of the students lived on-campus throughout the week, meeting the staff and learning about Campion's academic and social life during the day, and enjoying fun activities at night. After dinner, students were treated to a movie night, trivia and a skit show.

They were also given the opportunity to explore the city of Sydney and visit the beach. Despite a somewhat rainy week, the sun came out on Friday, which was spent at Seven Shillings Beach, Double Bay.

