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Eradication of Humanities 'At Our Peril'

If you would like a simple and clear artistic expression of why the Federal Government's proposed reform of university funding, especially the reduced support for the humanities, is so wrong-headed, let me draw your attention to a fresco in Siena, Italy.

This fresco, in Siena's Palazzo Pubblico — the city's town hall, if you will, during the Renaissance — is known as The Allegory of Good and Bad Government. It was painted in the 1330s by Ambrogio Lorenzetti and stretches across three adjoining walls. It was commissioned by the governors of Siena and intended to be a reminder of their duties — perhaps something similar is needed in Canberra overhanging the Cabinet room.

The main fresco representing good government contains one large allegorical figure; a male personification of the Common Good. He is surrounded by allegories of Peace, Bravery, Prudence, Magnanimity, Temperance, and Justice.

Beneath him, the citizens of Siena carry intertwined cords, seemingly dispensed by Justice, assisted by Wisdom and Harmony. The people are, in other words, united.

remained so into the modern age. Central to these liberal arts, was Theology.

We find all these studies currently in our humanities departments and emphasised in our liberal arts colleges — yes, even Theology, or at least some version of this which might come in the form of Religious Studies — augmented by modern university disciplines, such as History and Sociology. I don't believe, in my lifetime, I've ever heard a Prime Minister or Education Minister, speak of the importance of virtues in the study of the humanities and its positive effects on society.

I did, however, recently hear a recorded speech by Robert Menzies (founder of the modern Liberal Party that Scott Morrison now leads) in which he railed against job-focused specialisation at university.

If we continue to ignore the fundamental principles and importance of the humane sciences towards achieving good governance, this will only ultimately be to the peril of our tertiary education system, and our society as a whole.

The Allegory of Good and Bad Government.



The Fresco includes allegories of Peace, Bravery, Prudence, Magnanimity, Temperance, and Justice.



Above them all, float representations of the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. The effects of a good government, observant of the virtues, is depicted on an adjoining wall. Symbols of manufacturing, construction, trade, and civic harmony abound, as well as a peaceful connection between the people and their land.

Bad government and its results are depicted on the opposing wall. Here, greed, lust, cruelty, and material gain are evidently causing the destruction of the virtues, including the death of Justice and the decay of the land. The message is abundantly clear: to achieve a peaceful, just democracy, the virtues must be upheld and protected.

“...focused on the pursuit of wisdom and the virtues... of Western thought...”

The presence of Wisdom, floating above Justice, is especially important in this respect, because it was well known during the Renaissance that the study of Philosophy (the word literally translated from Latin as 'love of wisdom'), was the pathway to personal growth, good governance, and civic harmony. And to study Philosophy, meant pursuing the combination of language, music, mathematics, rhetoric, and logic. These were the basics of an undergraduate career in the medieval universities, and

At Campion College our liberal arts program is focused on the pursuit of wisdom and the virtues as encountered in the historical and current works of Western thought. The degree provides a broad program of study that is generally undertaken prior to postgraduate studies encouraging professional specialisation. Our liberal arts degree aims to teach foundational skills and knowledge rather than training an individual for a particular profession or technical vocation.

I encourage you to spread the word about Australia's premier Liberal Arts College and why an education at Campion College, is one that will teach you how to think critically, articulate arguments and communicate effectively; skills that are desirable in our future leaders and highly sought after by employers. www.campion.edu.au/why-choose-campion/

Dr Luciano Boschiero, Dean of Studies.

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Read the full article at:

<https://www.campion.edu.au/we-eradicate-the-humanities-at-our-peril-dr-luciano-boschiero/>

Support Champion's Scholarship/Bursary Programme

Campion College Scholarship/Bursary Programme allows us to make our Liberal Arts courses as accessible as possible to all potential students.

Our Scholarships and Bursaries reward students for excellence and assist individuals who might otherwise struggle financially to undertake tertiary studies.

Campion receives no government funding, relying instead on the generosity of those who believe in and support our Mission: "to provide a foundational education in the liberal arts that integrates the insights of faith and reason".

There are many reasons why our supporters contribute to our programme. We asked Archbishop Anthony Fisher why the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney supports us:

"People often talk about education and formation as if it's something that happens once in our lives, and is then 'done and dusted'. But the reality is, we are formed throughout our lives, and our education - the drawing out of our potential - continues on a par. For this reason, education that acknowledges and works within our Catholic faith and heritage is so

important for the formation of our future leaders, helping them be mindful of the importance of integrating their faith with reason. A liberal arts education addresses this perennial forming and educating by enriching the student's personal and spiritual development, preparing them in a unique way for both their work - including whatever area of specialization they may follow - and the rest of their life, fostering a love of wisdom and nourishing them for years to come. I continue to support the College and encourage anyone who can support the scholarship programme to support also."

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

While support for the College comes in a variety of forms, you may consider contributing to our Scholarship/Bursary programme.

This is a very important way you can support our students, especially those who come from interstate, rural and regional Australia. These families make great sacrifices to ensure their children receive the most rewarding undergraduate education in the country. If you would like further information on how you can support our Scholarship/Bursary programme complete the form below or alternatively contact Yvette Nehme, Director of Development phone: 02 9896 9318 / y.nehme@campion.edu.au

*Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP,
Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, with Campion students.*

Students at Campion College.



Interested in supporting the Campion College Scholarship/Bursary Programme?

I would like to be contacted to speak in confidence about supporting the Scholarship/Bursary Programme.

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Campion More Than Triples Scholarship For 2021 Early Enrolments

In view of the financial hardship and uncertainty facing many Australians due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Campion College has decided to increase its Early Enrolment Scholarship from \$1500 to \$5000 per student!

\$5000
EARLY ENROLMENT
SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply as a full-time student commencing in 2021 and accept your letter of offer by Thursday 15 October 2020 to be eligible.

The scholarship is on offer to new students enrolling in Campion's three-year Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts or one-year Diploma of Liberal Arts.

Those wishing to be eligible for the Early Enrolment Scholarship must be Australian residents planning to commence in 2021 as full-time students and accept their letter of offer by Thursday 15 October 2020. Year 12 students applying for an Early Offer will also be eligible to receive the scholarship.

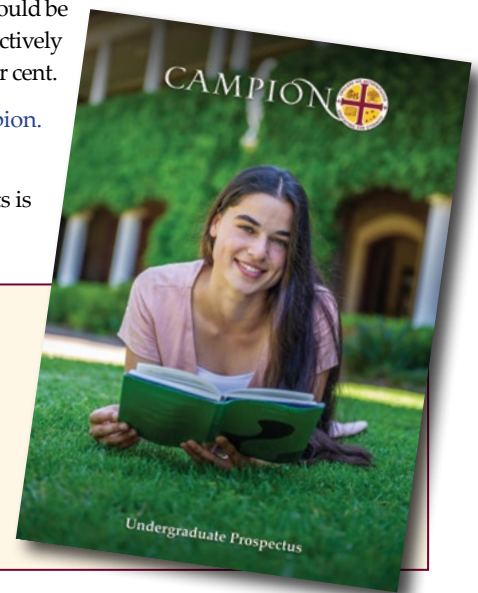
"There isn't a single person in the country who hasn't been touched in some way by this virus or the lock-down," Campion president Dr Paul Morrissey said.

"Many have lost jobs, livelihoods and loved ones. We feel it's important to acknowledge this and to help new students undertake Campion's high-ranking degree, particularly those who might not otherwise have had the chance."

The scholarship can be deposited directly into the student's bank account, or used to reduce tuition or accommodation fees. The latter option would be particularly useful for interstate students as it effectively reduces on-campus accommodation costs by 50 per cent.

For further information, please visit www.campion.edu.au/scholarships/early-enrolment

Information about Early Offer for Year 12 students is available at www.campion.edu.au/early-offer



Campion's New Prospectus is Now Available

Our undergraduate prospectus is your all-inclusive guide to the history of Campion College, our courses, the admissions process and life on campus. Read the section below to find out how to receive your copy today.



Interested in studying at Campion College?

To receive a copy of Campion's undergraduate prospectus, please fill out your details below and post to PO Box 3052 Toongabbie East NSW 2146. Alternatively, you can provide your details to Campion's Student Recruitment Manager on (02) 9896 9303 or via study@campion.edu.au

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Sky News Employs Champion Graduates

Campion's Wish List

Top left to right:
2019 Graduates
Francesca McGinnity,
Edwyn Adeney.

Bottom left to right:
2019 Graduates
Dominica Funnell,
Brianna McKee.

Earlier this year, Campion College graduates Dominica Funnell and Brianna McKee were employed to work as Digital Producers for Sky News. Impressed by their performance, Sky News reached out to encourage additional graduates to apply. As a result, recent graduates Francesca McGinnity and Edwyn Adeney have also joined the team.

We asked Brianna, how her Campion studies assist her in this role, she said: "As a fresh Campion graduate, I have fully appreciated the value of an in-depth study of Western civilisation in my role as a Digital Producer at Sky News. The growing team of Campion graduates at Sky reinforces the value of a Liberal Arts education and the importance of understanding the past in order to understand present events." We are proud of our graduates and we wish them all good luck in their new roles.

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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 Teresa Gambino on behalf of the Campion Foundation.

Dame Lucy Denley DCHS, a Campion College supporter, recently made a gift of a new white board, an item that was on the Campion Wish List. The College is very grateful for her continuous support.

Other items on our Wish List include:

- Classroom digital projectors
- Artwork for new student residence
- Recording studio equipment
- New Campion Bus

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 at y.nehme@campion.edu.au or phone 02 9896 9318.

Below: White board donated by
Dame Lucy Denley DCHS.



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Campion Alum Ordained Deacon

On Saturday, 6 June 2020, Reginald Mary Chua OP was ordained deacon by Most Reverend Terence Brady DD, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney.

Our 2011 Campion Graduate made this important step on his journey towards the priesthood at St Benedict's, where he now serves as a chaplain at Notre Dame University in Sydney.

Br Reginald shares how studying at Campion has influenced his vocation: "I thought of how the fruits of Campion's education seem to continue to spark in me, long after graduation, yet deeper desires for the transcendent, guiding me further up and into a Church, and vocational state of life, which puts at its heart the contemplation and transmission of Truth."



Conference on Chesterton and Woman

The 2020 Chesterton Conference will take place at Campion on Saturday, October 24, on the theme, "Chesterton and Woman: Romance and Reality".

Papers will address such topics as chivalry, Shakespeare's heroines, and the Culture Project. Speakers will include Dr Stephen McNerney and Karl Schmude.

Numbers may be limited because of COVID restrictions. Further information: <http://chestertonaustralia.com/conference.php>



Left to right: Mr Karl Schmude, Dr Stephen McNerney, Fr Paul Stenhouse addressing last October's Chesterton Conference only a month before he died.

Where Are They Now?



IVY MARIE WALLACE

My two greatest passions in life are music and helping people. Since graduating from Campion, I eventually stumbled upon the very profession which would integrate my two greatest passions: Music Therapy. Music Therapy is an allied health profession in which a university trained therapist uses music in a therapeutic way to help people attain their health goals. I completed a Master of Creative Music Therapy and registered as a Music Therapist in April last year. I have been working as a music therapist in a paediatric hospital ever since.

My education and experiences at Campion set the foundation for my pursuit of a profession which I love. Singing in the Schola at Campion gave me the amazing experience of music connecting the earthly with the divine. Immersing myself in the liberal arts compelled me to apply the richness of what I learned in how I help fellow human beings in a considered, responsible and holistic way. *Class of 2009.*



BRENDON THOMAS

I graduated from Campion in 2014, majoring in Literature. Through Campion, I was able to acquire a position teaching various subjects at an English school in France. I then completed a Master of Commerce, majoring in Professional Accounting, and was accepted into the graduate program at the Australian Taxation Office. Currently, I work as a Client Engagement Officer (Audits, etc.) in the Small Business Assurance team. Campion's Liberal Arts degree gave me the skills necessary to make myself a desirable employee. The course fostered in me the usual skills quoted like critical thinking, problem solving, etc. More importantly for me however, Campion enabled me to come out of my shell and gave me the confidence to market myself more effectively to potential employers. Aside from meeting my wife at the college too, I was privileged to meet and live with like-minded people - an increasingly rare occurrence for a Catholic in today's tertiary environment. *Class of 2014.*