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Womens Lunch
- students
with Margaret
Cunneen



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Mr Tim Sims
AM and Dr
Paul Morrissey
at St Edmund
Campion
Evening



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the Reunion

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Campion College Women's Lunch Celebrates Women



Guest receiving Roses on arrival



Margaret Cunneen SC Speaker at Campion Women's Lunch

areas of our lives stand as the pillars of the college, students have the liberty and unique opportunity to pursue a degree that sets them up for all aspects of their lives," said Pieta.

The event concluded with a stirring rendition of "Think of Me" from *Phantom of the Opera* by first-year student Miette Salinas Byrne, accompanied on piano by second-year student Reshan Weerakkody, and a call for ongoing support from Campion College President, Dr Paul Morrissey.

"Please support us as we continue this vital mission that we have here at Campion, for the future of our nation," he said. "Your support allows us to maintain our independence and continue to provide a distinctive, liberal arts education that prepares students to make a significant impact in society."

Tayta's Catering delighted everyone with amazing culinary treats, while our students welcomed the women with roses from *Azariade Floral*. Each guest received essential oil spa salts, generously donated by *E's Gift Hampers and Oils*. Guests also had the chance to purchase raffle tickets for a variety of prizes, including a diamond necklace from *Nader Fine Jewels*, roses from *Mr Roses*, pamper packs from *City Cave North Strathfield*, hair packs and vouchers from restaurants and various stores. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all contributors for their generous support.

The Campion Women's Lunch was a delightful afternoon filled with delicious food and the joy of rekindling old friendships or forging new ones. The unwavering support from each guest was truly appreciated and integral to the event's success.

We look forward to welcoming you all again in 2025. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing support, which enables us to fulfill our mission "to provide a foundational education in the liberal arts that integrates the insights of faith and reason".

Yvette Nehme,
Director of Development

Armelle Swan, Sophie York & Diane Scarano



Sarah, Maryanne, Elise and Yvette with guest speaker Margaret Cunneen SC

On Tuesday, June 4th, after a hiatus of several years, Campion College Australia hosted the Campion Women's Lunch, welcoming 100 women to celebrate the college's achievements and hear from inspiring speakers.

Ms. Sophie York, who is a great supporter of Campion College and had served 8 years on the College Board introduced our guest speaker Margaret Cunneen SC. Sophie highlighted Margaret's impressive legal career and personal achievements. She went on to mention that Margaret now works as a defender at the private bar, advocating for justice and upholding high standards. Her story, detailed in her book "The Boxing Butterfly," is a testament to her strength and perseverance.

Margaret recounted stories about her upbringing and family, expressing concern over the current legal and educational systems, which she believes sometimes prioritise agendas and political correctness over justice and fairness. She also reflected on the growing mistrust between genders and its impact on young men and families, advocating for a renewed focus on the faith and traditional values of those

present and exemplified at Campion College to address societal challenges.

"Thank you for the fellowship of you all and thank you for what Campion does for the future, because we certainly need it more than ever," she said.

Following Margaret's inspiring talk, second-year student Pieta Winkels, took to the stage. Pieta shared that she initially planned to attend Campion College for just a year, viewing it as an alternative to a gap year before starting a double degree in Melbourne. However, as the year progressed, she became more dedicated to her studies, joined leadership and pro-life teams, and came to appreciate Campion's emphasis on critical thinking, logical argumentation, and faith formation as a valuable investment in her future.

"In an environment where the social, intellectual, professional and spiritual



Tim Sims AM Discusses *Faith and Demographics* at St. Edmund Campion Lecture

Guests at the Edmund Campion Mass, Lecture and Dinner



Students with Hon Tony Abbott at the St Edmund Campion Evening



Mr Sarkis Nassif, Dr Paul Morrissey and Hon Tony Abbott



On Thursday 20 June, Campion College hosted the much-anticipated St Edmund Campion Mass, Lecture, and Dinner, drawing together students, faculty, distinguished guests and friends of the college. The highlight of the evening was an insightful lecture delivered by Mr. Tim Sims AM, a founding partner of Pacific Equity Partners and a member of its Operating Committee.

University and Harvard University, where he was a Mitsui European Scholar and a Kennedy Scholar respectively, Mr. Sims was honoured in 2019 with a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his philanthropic endeavours.

Highlighting the importance of protecting these values, he remarked, "We are blessed in Australia with an incredible peacetime and civilization which we need to reflect on and defend with wisdom and thought and care."



Mr Tim Sims AM

Mr. Sims, whose distinguished career includes leading Bain & Company's Australasian and African operations and serving on its Global Executive Committee, has made significant contributions to national strategy

In his address, Mr. Sims shared profound insights on navigating life's challenges and the current state of faith in Australia. He remarked on the reluctance of Australians to embrace their faith publicly and offered thoughts on how to revitalise church communities, focusing on discipling groups, welcoming newcomers, showing love in the community and engaging youth.

The Hon. Tony Abbott, who delivered the vote of thanks, praised Mr. Sims for his thought-provoking lecture and contributions to both the business and philanthropic sectors. He also praised Campion College for its continuous formation of young adults, immersing them in "the best that's been thought, and in the ideas, values and thinking that has made our civilisation at its best."

projects and various government committees. A graduate of Oxford

Mr. Sims also reflected on shifting demographic and dialogic trends, noting that millennials are on track to be less conservative than their parents. He expressed concern over the increasing use of condemnation tactics rather than persuasive discourse when addressing controversial issues. According to Sims, these changes pose a significant threat to the health of democracy and the longevity of Australian culture and values as we have known them.

The evening also featured a captivating rendition of "All I Ask of You" from *Phantom of the Opera* by Campion College students, Miette Salinas Byrne, Reshan Weerakkody and Caleb Smith.

The St Edmund Campion Mass, Lecture, and Dinner continues to be a significant event for Campion College, fostering a spirit of intellectual and spiritual growth among attendees. The college community looks forward to future gatherings that inspire and challenge them to live out their faith with purpose and conviction.

Vale James Power Senior

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of James Power Snr, beloved founding fellow of Campion College Australia. His contributions to our college were immeasurable, and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations. Dr. Paul Morrissey, President of Campion College, shared with the students a tribute to his legacy before a College Mass offered for the repose of his soul: "James Power's determination was instrumental in founding Campion College. The college simply would not have existed without his vision and generosity".

Following is an excerpt from James Power's obituary that was published in *The Australian* on 01/06/2024.

In the heart of Old Toongabbie, Sydney's west, stands Campion College, Australia's

first tertiary liberal arts institution, founded by the remarkable James Power. Born on May 16, 1940, in Beaudesert, Queensland, James' early academic endeavours were overshadowed by his passion for rugby. Despite being underestimated by his teachers at St Joseph's Nudgee College, Power's entrepreneurial spirit flourished. From investing in high-rise hotels to creating a successful personalized number plates business, his resilience was unyielding. Yet, his most enduring legacy is Campion College, a testament to his vision and dedication to classical education.

To read the full obituary visit:

www.campion.edu.au/vale-james-power-senior





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- **We educate the whole person:** intellectually, spiritually, and socially. We do not see any separation between the intellectual life and the virtuous life.
- **We are a private institution:** All our funds are obtained from generous supporters who believe in our mission.

The guarantee of monthly funds will continue to assist with all projects and works that support our Mission, to provide a foundational education in the Liberal Arts that integrates the insights of faith and reason.

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2024 Winter Program

Campion College recently concluded its 2024 Winter Program from July 9-12, welcoming 70 senior high school students and recent graduates. The program aimed to provide a glimpse into life as a liberal arts undergraduate at Campion.

It commenced with lively icebreaker activities and a trivia night, fostering a sense of community. Participants engaged in academic sessions across various disciplines, such as history, literature, philosophy, theology, and classical languages, designed to spark intellectual curiosity. Social activities, including bush walking, casual sports, and dancing, complemented the academic experience.

A standout feature of the program was the bonfire storytelling session led by Sonya Kerr, an actress and history enthusiast. Her storytelling, which included Greek myths, Shakespearean poetry, and the art of Vincent van Gogh, captivated the participants around the bonfire. This year also introduced a careers session, highlighting the diverse career paths available with a liberal arts education. The session emphasized the versatile skills and perspectives gained from such an education, preparing graduates for success in various fields like education, politics, law, health, business, media, and ministry.

The program's mock Formal Hall, featuring Genevieve Colman, former CCSA President and alumna, was particularly memorable. Colman shared her personal journey and the significant impact of her liberal arts education, resonating deeply with the attendees. The success of the Winter Program was attributed to the dedication of Campion's academic and professional staff, along with enthusiastic student volunteers. The program left a lasting impact, inspiring participants to contemplate their future paths with greater clarity and purpose.

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Where are they now Anita Kent

**Master of Arts in Liberal Arts –
St John's College, Annapolis**

Anita is originally from Brisbane and graduated from Campion College in 2023 with a Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts and a Diploma of Classical Languages. At Campion, she achieved inclusion in the Dean's List of Merit every semester and was awarded multiple academic and merit-based scholarships. She was highly involved in the culture of the College through her leadership roles as Treasurer of the Student Association and two-year membership of the Classics Society leadership team. Since graduating, Anita has been working in Alice Springs at a primary school, both supporting teachers and working with children in the classroom. With her St John's College, Annapolis, Scholarship, Anita will undertake the College's renowned two-year Master of Arts in Liberal Arts degree and be mentored to secure and participate in an area of interest in Washington, D.C. In the future Anita hopes to pursue a career in education that incorporates her interest in Western Civilisation.



Anita Kent
at Campion
College
Graduation

Timeless Bonds: Campion College's Unforgettable Alumni Reunion



Alumni
at the
Reunion

Campion College proudly hosted its first major alumni reunion Friday 12th to Sunday 14th of July welcoming over 100 former students, along with their spouses and children, back to the campus. The event was a resounding success, filled with nostalgia, learning, and renewed connections.

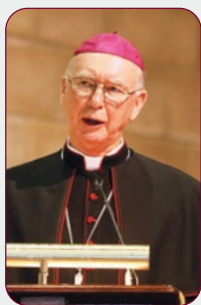
The weekend's festivities kicked off with a bonfire on the Friday night, giving alumni the opportunity to engage in a popular pastime and reminisce about their time at the College, while also seeing the new buildings and changes that have taken place over the years. This was followed by engaging lectures from Angela Schumann (Class of 2014) and Robert van Gend (Class of 2011), sparking stimulating discussions among attendees in tutorial like small groups.

One of the highlights of the reunion was the Formal Hall dinner which was joined by members of the Campion College Board, College President, faculty and professional staff. The evening was filled with laughter, memories, and heartfelt speeches, as old friends reconnected, and new friendships were formed.

Campion College Alumni Association President, Fenelle McLaurin (Class of 2012), addressed the gathering and noted the unique connections that form through studying the liberal arts at Campion College. "When we meet fellow alumni, even if we did not study alongside them, we connect on a deeper level." Fenelle also observed that the reunion had revealed the unique joy Campion alumni experience being with one another, and in particular being back home together at Campion College.

For further information on how an Alumni can support the college please contact me email: t.mattar@campion.edu.au or phone: 02 9896 96303.

Tony Mattar, Alumni Relations Manager



Vale Bishop Kevin Manning

The recent passing of Bishop Kevin Manning is a poignant moment for Campion College, highlighting his vital contributions. In 2001, he provided the College with a 4-hectare campus at Toongabbie. As Bishop of Parramatta and previously Armidale, he formed a strong bond with Campion's co-founders, James Power Senior and Karl Schmude, and supported the College from its early days. Karl Schmude praised Bishop Manning for his foundational support, noting that his foresight allowed the College to expand its facilities and accommodate growing student numbers. Bishop Manning's legacy endures in the thriving environment he helped create. To read the tribute visit:

www.campion.edu.au/vale-bishop-kevinmanning/



Chesterton Conference at Campion

A leading overseas speaker on G.K. Chesterton and a network of Chesterton schools in America will lead the lineup at a forthcoming conference at Campion.

Dale Ahlquist, President of the Chesterton Society in America, will speak at the 2024 Australian Chesterton Conference on Saturday, 2nd November. As this year marks the 150th anniversary of Chesterton's birth, the conference will focus on "The Rebirth of Chesterton – Insight and Foresight".

Among the other speakers will be:

- Campion's Dean of Studies, Stephen McInerney
- Property economist, Garrick Small
- Australian Chesterton Society President, Karl Schmude

Further information on the November conference can be found at the Australian Chesterton website (<https://chestertonaustralia.com/annual-conference/>).



Attendees
at the
Alumni
reunion



Paul
O'Donovan
presenting to
the Alumni

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