



Graduation Class 2024



Dr Paul Morrissey,
President
Rev Dr Adam Walk,
Chairman
Senator Jacinta
Nampijinpa
Price, Graduation
Speaker



College Medalist -
Colin Shah and
Chairman Rev
Dr Adam Walk



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Graduation Mass and Ceremony



Fr P Kruk, Fr C Power, Rev Dr A Walk and Fr L Holohan - at Graduation Mass



2024 Graduation occasional speaker - Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price

“Education gives you freedom,” declared Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price, Senator for the Northern Territory and Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians, as she delivered the occasional address at Campion College’s 17th graduation ceremony on 17 December 2024. Speaking to the graduating class, Senator Price challenged students to embrace their education as both a privilege and a responsibility to live lives of courage, conviction, and service.

“Your education gives you freedom—freedom to choose, to contribute, and to build something meaningful,” Senator Price told the graduates. “Not everyone in this world has had the chance to receive what you’ve been given, and it’s now your responsibility to give back.”

Drawing on her mother’s powerful story, Senator Price shared how education became a lifeline, transforming her mother’s life from one defined by cultural limitations to one of success and influence. “Raised in accordance with traditional Aboriginal customs, my mother stared down the

barrel of a polygamous marriage at just 14 years old. But education changed everything. It empowered her and gave her choices. She never took that freedom for granted—and neither should you.”

Addressing the challenges of today’s culture, Senator Price encouraged graduates to stand firm in the values they have learned at Campion College. “Far from being ashamed of our heritage, we should recognise that it has shaped what is best about Australia and the Western world. These values—freedom of thought, equality before the law, and respect for the dignity of every person—are what have allowed our society to flourish.”

In a world often divided by identity and ideology, Senator Price called on students to embrace their role as future leaders. “Whether or not you hold a formal title, you have a role to play. You are the future of this country—parents, teachers, employers, and politicians. The world needs people who are willing to speak the truth, even when it’s uncomfortable. If you say nothing out of fear of upsetting others, you’ll end up saying nothing of weight or significance at all.”



Graduating Student Samuel Butterworth and family

Senator Price’s words resonated deeply with graduates, who celebrated their achievements in the college’s new academic centre, marking both the culmination of their studies and the beginning of their next chapter. Colin Shah, awarded the College Medal for academic excellence, expressed gratitude on behalf of the Class of 2024 for the education and formation they had received and echoed Senator Price’s sentiments on the duty to give back: “We leave here armed with the wisdom of 2,500 years of the Western tradition. Though the world may resist these values, we are called to live them out with courage and conviction.”

As the ceremony concluded with a blessing from Reverend Fr. Conor Power – a graduate of the Class of 2008 and Principal Celebrant of the Graduation Mass that took place beforehand – the graduates were reminded of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Senator Price’s parting words served as both encouragement and a call to action: “The world needs people who are willing to stand firm in the truth. Don’t underestimate the importance of saying what needs to be said and doing what must be done.”



Graduating students at ceremony



Graduating student Rebekah F Flynn and Chairman Rev Dr Adam Walk

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Support a Student's Journey: Help Fund a Scholarship or Bursary

At Champion College, we believe in making the liberal arts education as accessible as possible. Through our Scholarship and Bursary Program, we offer vital financial support to students, helping to ease the burden of tuition, accommodation, and daily living expenses. The Scholarship program have made a significant impact on many students, opening doors to a life-changing education in an environment that fosters both intellectual and spiritual growth.

But none of this would be possible without the support of our generous donors. Your contribution plays a pivotal role in ensuring that Champion College remains an of opportunity for all young people.

How You Can Help

You can make a lasting difference in the lives of students eager to take on the challenges and opportunities offered by a Champion College education. Whether you decide to establish a new scholarship or contribute to the Scholarship Fund, your donation will have a direct, transformative impact on our students.

To learn more about how you can support our Scholarship and Bursary Program, please:

- Visit our website at www.champion.edu.au/fund-a-scholarship
- Contact Yvette Nehme, Director of Development, at 02 9896 9318 or via email at y.nehme@champion.edu.au
- Complete the form below and return in reply-paid envelope enclosed

Your generosity ensures that Champion College continues to fulfill its mission to **provide a foundational education in the Liberal Arts, integrating the insights of faith and reason**. This equips our students to become visionary leaders, with a solid academic foundation and a deep sense of purpose, ready to make a lasting impact on the world through the guiding principles of faith and reason.

Join us in supporting the students at Champion College and help make their journey a reality.

The Impact of Scholarships and Bursaries

Our scholarships and bursaries play a crucial role in helping students focus on what matters most: their studies and personal growth. At Champion College, we offer a range of scholarships and bursaries just to name a few:

- **Academic Excellence Scholarship:** Recognises students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement.
- **Leadership Scholarship:** Awarded to students who show exceptional leadership qualities and a drive for innovation.

Bursaries:

- **City Student Bursary:** Provides support for students from the city, covering daily transport, meals, and course materials.
- **Rural Student Bursary:** Assists students from rural areas with accommodation costs and travel expenses.

Each scholarship and bursary help reduce financial stress, enabling students to thrive academically and spiritually.

Why Mr. John Fraser Supports the Scholarship Program

Mr. John Fraser, a dedicated supporter of Champion College, shares why he supports our Scholarship and Bursary Program:

"Champion College provides a terrific opportunity to support young people in attaining a broad-based education in a Christian environment. In particular, it affords young people from the country areas of NSW and Victoria a real opportunity to access top-level academic teaching, all within a spiritual framework.

It is a very realistic alternative for students seeking a broad-based liberal arts education."

Young people and their families, especially those from rural areas, make great sacrifices to ensure that their children receive a rewarding undergraduate education. Your support will go a long way in helping these students realise their dreams. I encourage you to consider establishing a scholarship or bursary, or contributing to the Champion College Scholarship Fund, ensuring that as many students as possible can benefit from this transformative educational experience.



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Where are they now

Mr. Rainier Juanta, FSSP, Class of 2019

After graduating from the College in 2019, I studied philosophy at the University of Notre Dame in Sydney but deferred my studies to start a Master of Secondary Teaching through Excelsia College. While studying online, I worked as a secondary teacher at Saint Mary MacKillop Colleges in Wagga Wagga.

In August of 2023, I entered my first year of seminary formation with the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter at Ezechiel

House in Sydney. I received First Clerical Tonsure last year on October 19 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton, Nebraska, where I am completing the rest of my six years of formation.

Campion's academic program has provided me with a solid foundation for my seminary studies. More importantly, however, its authentic Catholic culture encouraged me to start taking my faith more seriously, which in turn led me to the seminary. I will always be grateful to the College for nurturing within me a great love for learning and for God.



Molly McDonald, Class of 2022

After leaving Campion, I entered the workforce by jumping into politics, securing a position based on my education at Campion. Since then, I have worked in various political offices, demonstrating the value of my education through my work. Having a holistic understanding and appreciation of Western culture through Campion's approach to education has aided me in navigating the political landscape. The rigorous academic environment taught me how to analyse complex issues and

strengthened my communication skills—particularly the ability to express ideas clearly and persuasively, which is crucial. My study of philosophy and theology instilled in me a strong ethical framework that guides my decision-making. Campion's close-knit community taught me the importance of collaboration and working effectively with others, skills that are essential in any professional setting. I have recently begun my role as Secretary/Research Assistant in the NSW Legislative Council, where my education continues to prove invaluable.



Students at Réveillon

Réveillon

On Thursday, 21 November, Campion College marked the end of the academic year with its annual Réveillon Dinner—a cherished tradition and the final formal dinner for students, staff, and faculty. The evening was especially significant for our third-year students, who are preparing to graduate and embark on the next chapter of their lives.

The highlight of the evening included a heartfelt and humorous speech from graduating students Xavier Warmbrunn and Samuel Butterworth, who reflected on the unique experiences, friendships, and milestones that have shaped their time at Campion College.



Discover Humanitas

Explore the rich heritage of Western Civilisation with Humanitas, Campion College's liberal arts mini-magazine for youth and the young at heart! Copies are included with each issue of *The Brag*, and you can also sign up to receive *Humanitas* via email at campion.edu.au/humanitas

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



Students at Summer Program

Summer Program Brings Liberal Arts to Life

In January 2025, Campion College welcomed over 100 Year 11 and 12 students to its campus for the annual Summer Program, offering a hands-on experience of life as a liberal arts student.

The program featured thought-provoking discussions on Plato's Apology, a fascinating lecture on Sherlock Holmes, and an exploration of Australia's cultural shifts in the 1960s. Participants also delved into the Greek alphabet and attended a session with College President Dr. Paul Morrissey on "the human person," sparking meaningful conversations about what it means to be human.

Beyond academics, the week was packed with engaging activities, including trivia, dancing, and on-campus escape rooms. The program's centrepiece was the Formal Dinner, where an alumni panel shared insights into the wide-ranging careers of Campion graduates. Panellists Kieren Jackson (Class of 2008), Molly McDonald (Class of 2022), Brianna McKee (Class of 2019), and Jonothan Lethbridge (Class of 2022) inspired students with stories of how their liberal arts degrees continue to influence their professional journeys.

The Summer Program gave students the clarity and confidence to take the next step toward enrolling at Campion College. We look forward to welcoming many of this year's participants back as future students.

If you know a Year 11 or 12 student with an interest in the humanities or considering studying at Campion College, encourage them to express their interest in Winter Program: www.campion.edu.au/event/winter-program



Students at Summer Program

Guiding Students Toward Fulfilling Careers

Campion College is proud to announce the launch of The Compass Program, an initiative that builds on our pre-existing career preparation services by offering students a more cohesive and integrated framework for career discernment and professional development.

"The Compass Program takes the support we've always offered our students and builds a cohesive framework for blending their liberal arts skills and God-given talents into fulfilling careers," said Campion College President Dr. Paul Morrissey. "Our graduates don't just excel in their professions; they contribute meaningfully to society, embodying the values they developed here."

With two interactive workshops each semester, students will explore topics such as personal and professional growth, goal setting, post-Campion pathways and the practical application of their liberal arts education.

The Compass Program is also supported by the Alumni Mentoring Program, professional panels and internship/work experience opportunities that allow students to gain practical experience and build connections in their chosen fields.

Learn more at www.campion.edu.au/why-campion/career-prospects

Take A Virtual Tour

Interested in taking a tour of campus but can't join us in person? Our virtual tour experience allows you to view our campus from every angle with our 360° interactive tour!

Fill out your details in the form below to check out our lecture theatre, tutorial room, chapel, dining hall and residential areas. Visit www.campion.edu.au/virtual-tour for further information.

If at any time you would like to ask questions or receive personalised admission advice, please contact Christine, student recruitment on (02) 9896 9303 or via study@campion.edu.au.



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Awards & Prizes Program

At the end of 2024 we awarded the following prizes.

20th Century History Prize

Funded by the Bisits family in memory of Mr Adam Bisits.

Awarded to Colin Shah

Ted O'Halloran Latin Prize

Funded by Anne Gray and John O'Halloran in memory of their father, Ted O'Halloran. **Awarded to Ambrose Button**

Fr Julián Carrón Prize for Theology

Funded by Dr Matthew Tan. **Awarded to Colin Shah**

Frank Sheed Public Speaking Competition

Funded by a Campion friends. Two topic options:

1. That student-led learning has been a failure.
2. That "social justice" is unjust.

1st place: Colin Shah

2nd place: Anastasia Marambos

3rd place: James Power

Tom Cooper Book Grant

Funded by Mrs Pat Cooper. **Awarded to Zoe Warmbrunn**

The Lord is Our Shepherd

Funded by Mr & Mrs Fennell. **Awarded to Elizabeth Boerdam**
Awarded to Joanna Shannon

The College strongly encourages students to engage in the Awards and Prizes Program, offering them an opportunity to highlight their academic achievements and share their insights.

This program thrives thanks to the generosity of supporters who share the College's commitment to its mission: "to provide a foundational education in the liberal arts that integrates the insights of faith and reason."

For those interested in learning more about how to contribute to the Awards and Prizes Program, please reach out to Yvette Nehme, Director, at 02 9896 9318 or via email at y.nehme@campion.edu.au.



Foundations in the Classics: A New Homeschool Initiative

Launching in 2025, the *Foundations in the Classics Homeschool Program* is an initiative of Augustine Academy Director and Campion College alumnus Ben McCabe. This program offers homeschoolers aged 13-17 the chance to explore Western Civilisation through literature, philosophy, and theology classes held on the Campion College campus.

Running across four 10-week terms, the program focuses on pivotal eras in history—Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance, and Modern—through weekly classes and engaging discussions of extracts from great authors and thinkers.

For more details, visit www.campion.edu.au/event/fitc or contact Ben McCabe at 0450 729 077.



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