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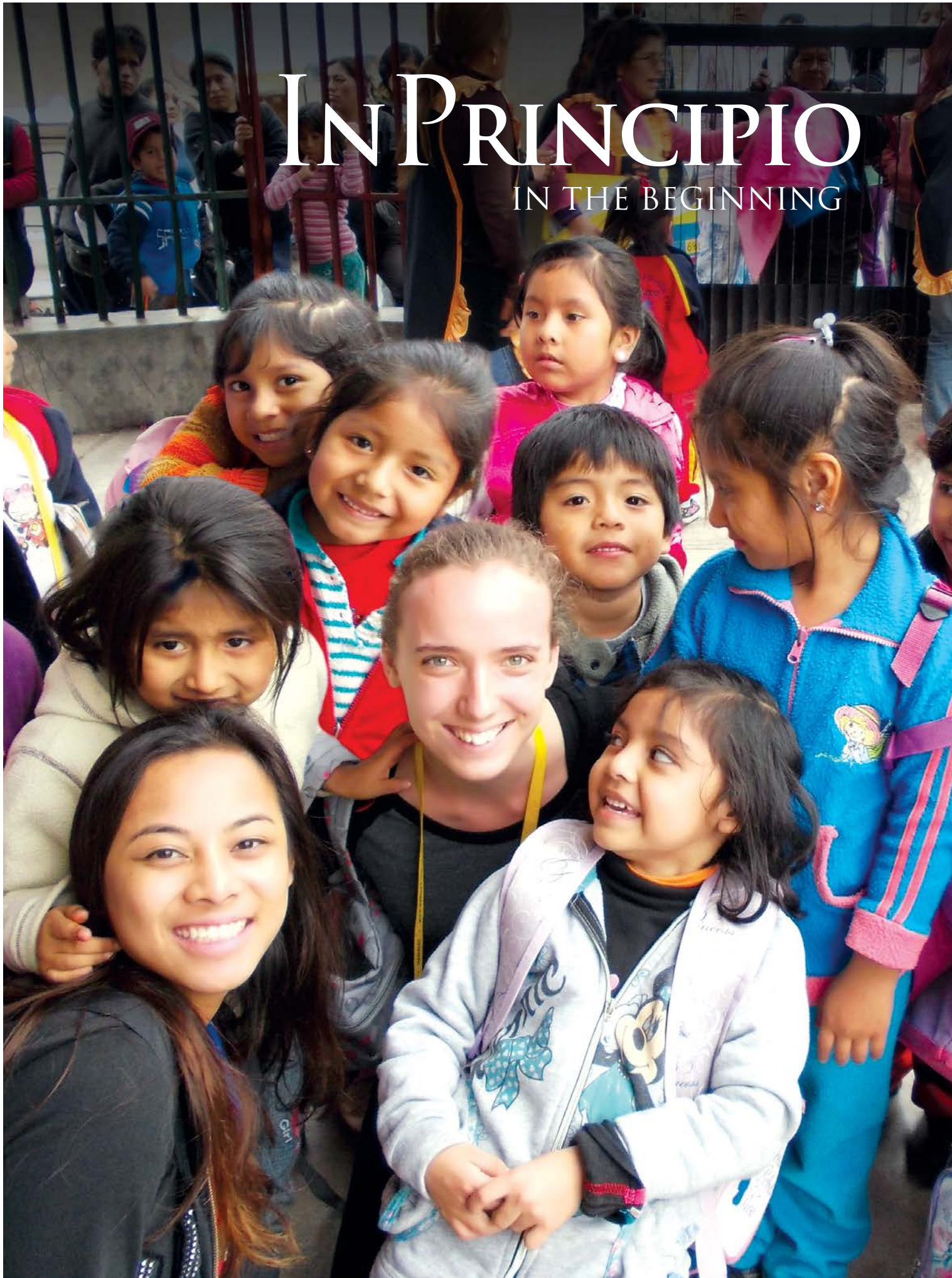
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FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR

Advent is the time in the Church Calendar for both reflection on the first coming of Christ in Bethlehem more than 2000 years ago and expectation and joyful anticipation as we contemplate his coming again.

The liturgical season is mirrored in our University calendar. December marks the end of the academic year of the University, a time where we farewell our graduating students. This year, 1800 students will graduate from Notre Dame: hopefully reflecting fondly on their time with us, and leaving with full and open hearts, wiser but still searching minds, and in joyful anticipation of their futures beyond study at our University.

It was in Advent 25 years ago, that a group of committed Western Australian Catholics anxiously awaited a significant event of their own. After a number of years of dedicated, committed, passionate and entirely voluntary work, they were awaiting the realisation of the first part of their dream of creating the first Catholic university in Australia. On 21 December 1989, this part of their dream was realised with the passing of The University of Notre Dame Australia Act by the Western Australian Parliament. I am reliably informed by a number of those involved at the time that Christmas of 1989 was a particularly joyous one.

There were many significant world events in 1989 which rightly take their place in the annals of history. The falling of the Berlin Wall, the Tiananmen Square Massacre and the fall of communism in Poland – an event for which Blessed Pope John Paul II was so instrumental. Compared with these events, the passing of our Act of Parliament may appear insignificant. And yet, for all those who have ever been involved with Notre Dame, and for those generations who – God willing – will become involved with Notre Dame, the passing of this Act is extremely significant and one which we will celebrate next year in a variety of ways.

Our 25th anniversary celebrations in 2014 will rightly salute all those who made this University happen – and then kept it going, for without them, the University as an actual operating entity, with campuses, staff and students spread across Australia would not exist. While we will celebrate the human achievement and endeavour of those who have given so much over the last 25 years (and more), we will do so in the full knowledge that the true credit for this University belongs with God. Without God's intercession in the world in the Person of Christ, without Mary's "yes" to Archangel Gabriel, without Christ's death and resurrection, we would be nothing.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Holy Mother to whom this University is dedicated, pray for us.



Professor Celia Hammond

Join in Notre Dame's 25th anniversary celebrations!

In 2014, Notre Dame celebrates its beginnings with the anniversary of the signing of The University of Notre Dame Australia Act in 1989 with the State Parliament of Western Australia.

We invite you to share some of the highlights, special achievements and long-time memories you experienced as a Notre Dame student or as a valued member of the Notre Dame community.

Please email your ideas and memories to:
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UNIVERSITY NEWS

Job success a cornerstone of Notre Dame degrees

Students from The University of Notre Dame Australia graduated in 2013 knowing they have a higher possibility of securing a job, compared with the national average.

Data from the 2012 Graduate Destination Survey, a branch of the Australian Graduate Survey, shows that the total percentage of Notre Dame Bachelor degree graduates in full-time employment is almost 10 percentage points higher than the national average of all Australian universities.

Results highlight that 85.6 per cent of Notre Dame's Bachelor degree graduates secure full-time employment shortly after graduation, compared to the national average of 76.1 per cent.

Notre Dame has consistently attained full-time employment rates for graduates above the national average since 2007.

The University attributes its higher than average success rate in this area to a range of strategies including well developed and embedded internship programs.

Bachelor of Education graduate from the Fremantle Campus in 2012, Maddie Rawlings, gained employment as a teacher with St Matthew's School in Narrogin, Western Australia, as a result of her practicum placement in the Wheatbelt town in her final year of study.

"From my time in remote and rural schools in WA, I have experienced the importance of being flexible. Living and teaching in small communities, you must understand the significance of the community and the role it plays in what and how you teach," Ms Rawlings said.



Medicine students Joe Jabbour, Mitchell Milanovic, Anthony Notaras; Dean of the Sydney School of Medicine, Professor Christine Bennett; Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor, Professor Hayden Ramsay; Vice Chancellor, Professor Celia Hammond; The Honourable Tanya Plibersek; and Chancellor, Terence Tobin QC.

New Auburn Clinical School good news for local health and jobs

Medicine students studying at The University of Notre Dame Australia now have access to some of the best clinical learning facilities in the country with the recent opening of the state-of-the-art Auburn Clinical School in New South Wales.

In addition to training Notre Dame's medical students, it will be a national centre for clinical research. Students will also be given bedside training by staff at the adjoining Auburn Hospital.

The School's research facility includes a biostatistics centre to evaluate complex models of care, ambulatory care consulting rooms, two laboratories for microbiology, and cell biology research for the training of medical students and hospital staff.

Other features of the facility include:

- An ambulance crib room and bay;
- Academic offices, a student study room, three consulting rooms, a simulation lab and two student meeting rooms; and
- Extensive research facilities including two wet labs, a dry lab, a tissue culture room, sterilisation room and lab offices.

Minister for Health and Medical Research, The Honourable Tanya Plibersek, opened the School in July 2013. She said the Auburn Clinical School was good news for the health workforce of Sydney's south west and meant more residents would gain access to essential local health services and skills.

"The most important feature of a Notre Dame Education degree is the amount of hands on time and experience in the classroom. The course gave me the confidence to handle any classroom situation, and a definite edge in the competitive job market."

Torrie Browne
Master of Teaching (Primary)

Five stars for The University of Notre Dame Australia for seventh consecutive year

For the seventh consecutive year, The University of Notre Dame Australia has received five-star status in *The Good Universities Guide 2014*.

Notre Dame has retained five-star ratings in **'Teaching Quality'**, **'Overall Graduate Satisfaction'** and **'Generic Skills'** for seven consecutive years. For 2014, the University was also awarded five-stars in the category of **'Staff-Student Ratio'**.

Notre Dame's strong ratings are based on graduate experiences at the University. To receive a five-star rating, graduates need to have rated their courses higher than 80 per cent of graduates in similar fields from other higher education institutions.

The Good Universities Guide said, **"Notre Dame...is among the highest rated universities in the country for graduate experience."**

Vice Chancellor, Professor Celia Hammond, said she was delighted with the consistent five-star ratings Notre Dame had received from this highly influential publication.

"The consistency of these significant results, particularly in the areas of **'Graduate Satisfaction'**, **'Generic Skills'** and **'Staff-Student Ratio'** is testament to the commitment of our outstanding staff and evidence that we are providing students with the best possible opportunities to achieve their potential," Professor Hammond said.

"We believe our consistently high ratings in *The Good Universities Guide* reflect the University's continued pursuit of its *Objects* and commitment to value each student as an individual. As a university, we strive to provide each student with an excellent education that enriches the whole person."

To read more about Notre Dame's results, please visit www.nd.edu.au/5star



Notre Dame's rural health training program wins top Australian award

The University of Notre Dame Australia has been recognised by the Australian Government's Office for Learning & Teaching (OLT) for the establishment of a medical education program which aims to close the gap between rural and remote Australians and their future doctors.

A world first in the education of student doctors, Notre Dame's Rural and Remote Health Placement Program (RRHPP), a collaboration developed by the University's School of Medicine in Fremantle, was one of only nine programs to be recognised with an 'Award for Programs that Enhance Student Learning' at the OLT Australian Awards for University Teaching held in November 2013.

The RRHPP's core focus is developing medical students' understanding of, and empathy for, the health needs of rural and remote Australians. The program also encourages medical students to practise in rural and remote Australia after graduation.

The RRHPP is unique in that medical students learn about regional health issues in real-life contexts from regional families, Shires and community organisations who are recognised by the University as expert teaching partners.

"This award recognises and celebrates the participation of Wheatbelt and West Kimberley communities which contribute so much to educating our future doctors," RRHPP team member, Professor Donna Mak, said.



Ruth Webb-Smith, Professor Donna Mak, and Natalie Davey and Deanne Lightfoot.

"Lecturers at Notre Dame provide a wealth of knowledge and put their students first. By sharing their expertise in their field, they have equipped me with the tools to succeed and confidently enter the workforce."

Madeleine Ottaviano
Bachelors of Laws / Commerce (Finance)

Persistent Pain: A National Health Priority

Following the launch of The Churack Chair of Chronic Pain Education and Research, The University of Notre Dame Australia welcomed one of the world's leading pain specialists, Professor Michael J Cousins AM, to give the annual Dean's Lecture on its Fremantle Campus.

Professor Cousins, Director of the Pain Management Research Institute at the University of Sydney, Royal North Shore Hospital and Northern Private Pain Centre, delivered the lecture on 'Persistent Pain: A National Health Priority' to medical professionals, staff, students and community members in October 2013. Also in attendance for the Dean's Lecture was the CEO of Painaustralia, Lesley Brydon.

Professor Cousins presented an overview of the specialty of pain medicine and discussed new and evolving treatments for pain. He also highlighted the social and economic burden of chronic pain and argued that access to pain relief was a basic human right.

"Chronic pain is an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience associated with actual or potential tissue damage or described in terms of such damage. It is also pain that persists beyond the expected healing time," Professor Cousins said.

"If this is a chronic disease, it ought to be treated in the paradigm that other chronic diseases are treated, and people with chronic pain should not be discriminated against in gaining access to that necessary treatment."

The Churack Chair of Chronic Pain Education and Research will enhance Notre Dame's Medicine students' understanding of chronic pain and rehabilitation as a core component of their integrated curriculum.

Thanks to the generous support of Geoff and Moira Churack (who have donated \$1 million to establish The Churack Chair of Chronic Pain Education and Research) and the support of additional donors, the University is well placed to reach its fundraising target of \$3 million in the coming months.

Individuals or organisations wanting to learn more about The Churack Chair are encouraged to contact Shelley Mason on (08) 9433 0614.

Geoff Churack, Lesley Brydon, Professor Michael Cousins AM and Moira Churack at the annual Dean's Lecture on the Fremantle Campus.



Vice Chancellor explores feminism and faith

The equality of dignity of men and women; equality as a citizen, and the feminine genius were all topics of discussion during a lecture delivered by Vice Chancellor, Professor Celia Hammond.

In September in Perth, Western Australia, Professor Hammond spoke on the topic 'Catholic Feminism: An Oxymoron?' to the newly-established Dawson Society for Philosophy and Culture.

In her lecture, Professor Hammond discussed the question 'Can you be a Catholic feminist?' After briefly exploring the popularly referenced 'Three Waves of Feminism', Professor Hammond touched on the evolving role of women in society.

Professor Hammond followed with an exploration of key Church teachings on women which start in Genesis and become more fully fleshed-out within the teachings of Blessed Pope John Paul II.

"Men and women are equal in dignity and they are different. One is not greater than the other – they are complementary. We all – men and women alike – should have an equal opportunity to develop our own gifts and talents so that each of us can participate in society for society's benefit, for the common good and for our own fulfilment," Professor Hammond said.

"We are called to be a gift of ourselves – to contribute as a woman. And the Church has made it very clear that our society will only flourish when we have the contributions of both man and woman. So this is not a question of justice – but of necessity."

Professor Hammond concluded by suggesting that a Catholic can only be a feminist if feminism is re-cast as a movement that recognises the dignity of all human life; one which encourages women to be true to who they are; and one which, rather than seeing men and women as enemies, sees them as collaborators.

The Dawson Society was co-founded in 2013 by Daniel Matthys and Notre Dame alumnus Thomas Gourlay. The Society's monthly lecture series is inspired by the late Christopher Dawson, described as the greatest English-speaking Catholic historian of the 20th century, and his thorough research into Christianity and culture.



Vice Chancellor, Professor Celia Hammond, interacts with guests at the Dawson Society lecture.

Notre Dame's legal minds win national advocacy competition

A trio of Law students from The University of Notre Dame Australia's Fremantle Campus have won the 2013 Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) National Mooting Competition – a national advocacy tournament comprising the best legal minds studying at Australian universities.

Reflecting the University's commitment to professional training, Rodney Worth, Jarrad Goold and Nathan Fawkes were judged the most outstanding advocacy team. In addition, Rodney was also successful in winning Best Speaker at the competition.

Notre Dame was one of 27 teams from 16 universities that participated in the national competition held in Brisbane.

The Notre Dame team competed in five challenging moots each covering a different area of practice. These included pension entitlements, workers' compensation, immigration and tax.

This is the second time that a Notre Dame team has won the prestigious advocacy competition. Rodney said that the team was extremely well prepared in researching and presenting their submissions.

"I am incredibly proud of what our team has achieved and that we have been able to return the honour of winning this moot to Notre Dame," Rodney said.

"Our success is a testament to the emphasis that Notre Dame places on practical legal training and, in particular, the development of oral and written advocacy skills."

Jarrad and Nathan said they were proud to represent Notre Dame and Western Australia at the tournament.

They said having the opportunity to work as a team over the 10-week period was invaluable as they each had particular skills and insights into their case studies which improved their advocacy skills immensely.

Dean of the School of Law in Fremantle, Professor Doug Hodgson, said Notre Dame's success in various national and international moot competitions was due to the numerous advocacy and trial advocacy units offered to students as part of their course.



Photo: Robert Hiini, The Record

Real-life learning puts future nurses at the forefront

Notre Dame's nursing students will be better prepared for the practicalities of the operating theatre thanks to a new educational initiative in the School of Nursing on the Sydney Campus.

The School has transformed one of the nursing simulation rooms into a functional operating theatre – albeit without the patients – to ensure Notre Dame's nurses are trained in the area of perioperative nursing.

This initiative will assist Notre Dame's undergraduate nurses to be better prepared during the professional practicum experience and if they select a career as a perioperative nurse.

Notre Dame remains one of a small number of tertiary providers offering perioperative nursing as an essential component of the undergraduate Nursing degree.

Associate Professor Tracey Moroney, Dean of the School of Nursing in Sydney, said the initiative would assist new graduate registered nurses to be aware of the complexities and practicalities of perioperative nursing.

"Providing students with simulated learning experiences allows us to replicate the real world of the practice environment and this ultimately prepares our students for practice as registered nurses," Associate Professor Moroney said.



Prince of Wales Award to foster research in education law

A lecturer in the School of Education on The University of Notre Dame Australia's Sydney Campus, and member of the Australian Defence Force (ADF), Flying Officer Tryon Francis, has received a 2013 Prince of Wales Award.

The Prince of Wales Award acknowledges select ADF Reservists for their dedication and commitment to Reserve service and provides a development opportunity for ADF Reservists to enhance their individual experience and knowledge in their chosen civilian occupation or profession.

Award recipients are granted up to \$8000 to attend training courses, conferences or industry placements in Australia and internationally.

Mr Francis used his Award to attend the Education Law Association Conference in Denver, Colorado, in November to examine and research how school principals were trained in education law in the USA.

Mr Francis said he hoped that with additional research in the field, he could design a course in education law for current and aspiring school principals in Australia.

"In Australia, there is no legal requirement that a school principal undertakes any additional qualification apart from initial registration requirements, whatever they may be," Mr Francis said.

"The aim of my research is to give power and confidence to Australian school principals in making the correct legal decisions when it comes to student and staff disputes. I'm hoping that the subject of education law will eventually be part of tertiary studies for future teachers and school principals."

A former school teacher and Law graduate of Notre Dame, Mr Francis said his decision to join the ADF was one of personal and professional development.

Throughout his four year tenure with the ADF, Mr Francis has held roles at Headquarters Air Force Training Group and Defence Explosive Ordnance Training School. He is currently the Officer in Charge of Initial Training 25 Squadron – Training Flight.



Photo: Perth Convention Bureau

Glenda Cain

Notre Dame lecturer recognised for excellence in service-learning

Glenda Cain, Senior Lecturer in Notre Dame's Fremantle School of Education, was announced as the annual recipient of The University of Notre Dame Australia Professional Development Award for excellence in the field of service-learning at the 2013 Perth Convention Bureau Aspire Awards Ceremony.

Mrs Cain was recognised for her influential work in reviewing the framework underpinning Australian Curriculum English, focussing on how it addresses the literacy needs of current students. Her work has also led to the development of a service-learning course of study for pre-service teachers.

A teacher in the fields of early childhood, primary and tertiary education for 31 years, Mrs Cain says service-learning "is a wonderful aspect of teaching that provides so many opportunities for people to make a difference in the lives of others".

Mrs Cain plans on using her award to travel to the USA and present her current doctoral studies at the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement.

"By presenting at this international conference, I will be able to share the work that is being done at The University of Notre Dame Australia in education and service-learning," Mrs Cain said.



Flying Officer Tryon Francis

Physiotherapy Dean recognised for contribution to sports medicine

Professor Peter Hamer, Dean of the School of Physiotherapy, on The University of Notre Dame Australia's Fremantle Campus, has been awarded The John Bloomfield Award for his outstanding contribution to education in the field of sports medicine at the 50th anniversary celebrations of industry body, Sports Medicine Australia.

For his dedication to sports science and sports medicine in Western Australia, Professor Hamer was also awarded an honorary life membership to the WA Branch of Sports Medicine Australia.

Professor Hamer has been instrumental throughout his 30-plus year career in promoting, researching and orchestrating the core work of Sports Medicine Australia, including sports injury education and management, for the thousands of WA athletes and club volunteers who partake in sport each week.

Professor Hamer believed his most significant achievement was passing on this knowledge and enthusiasm for health care to the current Physiotherapy cohort at Notre Dame.

"I take great pride in seeing every graduate achieve what they set out to achieve, particularly knowing how much hard work they put in to reach their goals," Professor Hamer said.

"I am very fortunate to have staff in the School of Physiotherapy who all share this dedication to ensure our students receive the highest levels of contemporary and evidence-based theoretical knowledge and practical teaching experiences throughout their degree."



Professor Peter Hamer is congratulated by Professor John Bloomfield AM on winning the award named in his honour.

Historic diary launched where it was written 183 years ago

An historic diary, written by one of the first women to come to the Swan River Colony in 1830, was launched at The University of Notre Dame Australia's Fremantle Campus in November.

Bought at an auction in 2012 for \$200,000 by the State Library of Western Australia, the diary of Mary Ann Friend documents the rats and fleas, ship wrecks, exotic meals and the profound love she had for her husband, Captain Matthew Curling, from her arrival in Fremantle more than 180 years ago. The diary also contains some of the earliest surviving paintings of Fremantle after colonisation.

Notre Dame partnered the State Library of Western Australia, Western Australian Maritime Museum and Fremantle Chamber of Commerce in the launch of the diary after more than 12 months spent restoring it to its original state.

The diary was initially discovered by Associate Professor Deborah Gare, Coordinator of the History programme in

the Fremantle School of Arts and Sciences, in London. She has since conducted extensive research into the life of Mary Ann Friend and was influential in the diary's return to WA.

"In her journal, Mary Ann Friend described Fremantle as town which, '...strongly resembles a Country Fair and has a pretty appearance, the pretty white tents looking much like booths — at present there are not above five or six houses'," Associate Professor Gare said.

"The diary is also significant to Notre Dame as Friend's painting of the West End includes the Leake family home on the corner of Cliff and High Streets — now almost certainly the origins of the University's Fremantle Hotel."

The University's film students, led by Communications Lecturer, John Reed, and Associate Professor Gare, produced a documentary on the history of Mary Ann Friend and her diary. The film will now play alongside the public display of the diary in the WA Maritime Museum until March 2014.

Mary Ann Friend

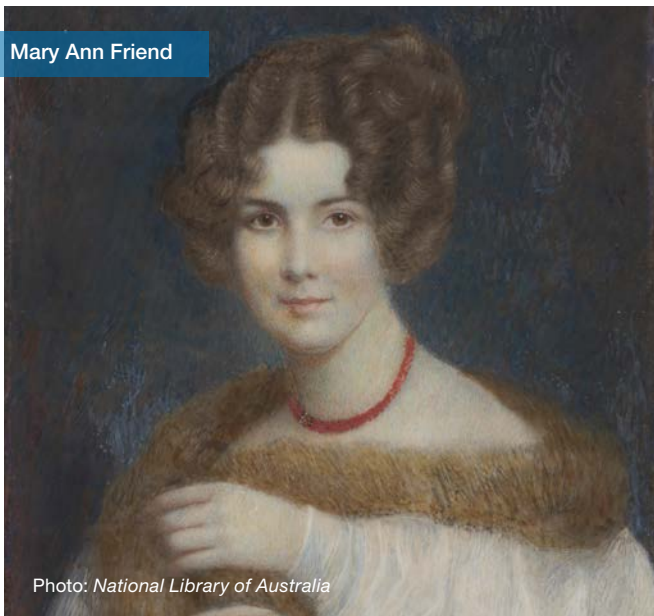
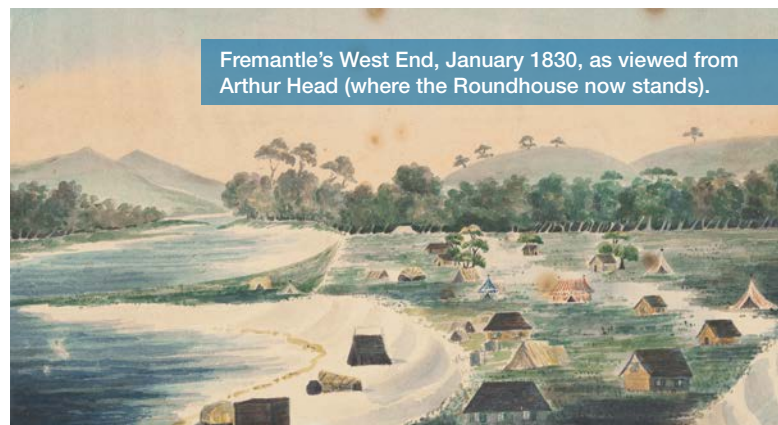


Photo: National Library of Australia

Fremantle's West End, January 1830, as viewed from Arthur Head (where the Roundhouse now stands).



BROOME NEWS

Exciting new opportunities in education and research for Broome Campus

The University of Notre Dame Australia's commitment to training and research in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, and the promotion of reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the broader Australian community, is set to grow from 2014 as its Broome Campus enters an exciting new era.

Over the coming years, the Broome Campus will be transformed into a *Pathways, Training and Research Hub* to offer unique opportunities for students and staff in the areas of education and research.

This transformation has been spearheaded by the appointment of a new leadership team for the Campus. Professor Keith McNaught will assume the role of Executive Director and Head of the Broome Campus, while Sally Clark, Assistant Dean in the School of Nursing and Midwifery, has been appointed Deputy Head.

"Notre Dame's commitment to its Catholic mission in Broome and the Kimberley remains resolute," Vice Chancellor, Professor Celia Hammond, said.

"We believe transitioning the Broome Campus to a multi-faceted Hub is the best and most appropriate way for the University to continue its important work in the Kimberley.

"It sets us on an exciting path – a path that allows us to build on our established local strengths while seeking out other opportunities that best meet the community's needs."

Some of the initial core areas of focus for the University include:

- Building and strengthening the University's Vocational and Education Training offerings in Broome and the wider Kimberley region;
- The introduction of training and development courses for professionals working in the Kimberley region – particularly in Health and Education. An initial focus will be on the Reading Recovery literacy programme, utilising the newly constructed training facility; and
- Continuing commitment to the Nulungu Research Institute, with further development of its research activities and cultural awareness training.

"I have no doubt that with the University's continuing commitment, and with the support and contribution of staff, partners and stakeholders, we can continue offering a quality learning experience, excellent pastoral care for our students and make a significant contribution to the Kimberley," Professor Hammond said.

e-Learning hospital to deliver valuable learning outcomes for Nursing students

A new e-learning hospital, specially designed for students enrolled in The University of Notre Dame Australia's Diploma of Nursing programme, was launched on the Broome Campus in 2013.

The Maryanne Martin Hospital was developed by the School of Nursing and Midwifery on the Broome Campus in collaboration with eLearn Australia – an independent e-learning provider.

The Hospital provides Diploma of Nursing students with a comprehensive nursing training experience, complete with evidence-based practice, online resources and links, workbooks, dynamic interaction and assessments. This is in addition to receiving first-hand knowledge provided by academics using the web based classroom two mornings a week.

Assistant Dean in the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Sally Clark, said the Maryanne Martin Hospital will provide an alternative pathway for Aboriginal health workers to enhance their skills and knowledge in the Diploma of Nursing programme.

"Enrolled nurses who require further proficiency in medication or intravenous therapy will be able to complete the necessary units in the Hospital, increasing their scope of practice and opportunities for employment," Mrs Clark said.

"They also meet other Nursing students and educators in our web based classroom as well as spending

time in the clinical laboratory on Campus to practise their skills."

The Maryanne Martin Hospital is named after the first Aboriginal registered nurse/midwife in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. Maryanne Martin has devoted her life to working as an emergency relief nurse in several regional communities in WA.



Sr Jennifer Farrell SGS; Dean of the School of Nursing and Midwifery on the Fremantle and Broome campuses, Professor Selma Allix; Maryanne Martin and Sally Clark at the launch of The Maryanne Martin Hospital.



Irene Van Zelst and Eva Samuel Lancy deliver humanitarian aid in the Philippines.



The thoughts and prayers of the Notre Dame community are with the Philippines and its people during this challenging time following the recent tragedy caused by Typhoon Haiyan.

RELIEVING POVERTY PLIGHT KEY FOCUS FOR NOTRE DAME FIRST-YEARS

A passion for delivering social justice, emergency relief and a smile to the faces of many people in challenging personal circumstances was the impetus for a mission trip to the Philippines for two first-year students.

Irene Van Zelst, Bachelor of Education (Secondary), and Eva Samuel Lancy, Bachelor of Arts (Major: Social Justice), who study at the University's Fremantle Campus, spent three weeks in the Philippines delivering humanitarian aid as part of the not-for-profit group, Ikthus Redeemed Community (IRC). They also attended the 4th University Scholars Leadership Symposium in Manila in August 2013.

While studying in high school at Southern Hills Christian College, both students realised the extent of the global issue of poverty through the College's annual mission to the Philippines.

With a burning passion to once again offer their assistance to the underprivileged, Eva and Irene spent a fortnight delivering humanitarian aid in a rural community in Bacolod City, roughly 600km south of Manila.

The main project for the IRC team was the construction of the Bacolod Orphanage – a development costing roughly \$40,000. In addition to donating their time, Eva and Irene raised \$10,000 to kick-start proceedings through hosting sausage sizzles, morning teas and a fundraising dinner.

"In Bacolod, we also helped with the livelihood of the local community by baking, packaging and selling bread, as well as collecting and selling chicken eggs. Because the city doesn't attract many foreign visitors, when we walked through the streets selling their products in the local language, profits almost doubled," Irene said.

"We also bonded with community members in learning their dialect, went on an outreach ministry, taught in a local school and assisted as a Sunday school leader."

Eva and Irene also networked and collaborated with close to 1000 university students from across the world at the 4th University Scholars Leadership Symposium. The aim of the symposium is to groom aspiring leaders to become excellent global citizens in alleviating the plight of the poor.

"The inspiring guest speakers took our breath away in sharing their wisdom and experiences. They encouraged us to dream and start making a difference today, while we have the opportunity to do so," Eva said.

"The invaluable friendships we made with people from across the world is something we will carry with us for the rest of our lives."

Eva and Irene both hope to attend the 5th University Scholars Symposium in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in August 2014.

NOTRE DAME PILGRIMS SHARE THEIR WORLD YOUTH DAY 2013 EXPERIENCES

“Go and make disciples of all peoples.” (Matthew 28:19)

– Theme for World Youth Day 2013.

More than 40 students from The University of Notre Dame Australia were part of an estimated three million pilgrims in Brazil to celebrate World Youth Day (WYD).

World Youth Day is a celebration of faith that brings together young people from more than 150 countries. Close to 60,000 volunteers were on hand to help direct pilgrims throughout the city of Rio de Janeiro over the week-long celebration – the same city that will play host to the FIFA World Cup and Olympic Games over the next three years.

At the Mass on Copacabana Beach, Pope Francis told the capacity crowd, some of whom watched proceedings on the 33 large outdoor screens, to “go forth and build a new world”.

“World Youth Day is something that I will never forget. Not just the few special experiences I have shared in this testimony and the many others that I haven’t, but simply the time spent with so many people who have inspired me,” said Justine Ralph, a student at Notre Dame’s Fremantle Campus.

Here are some of the stories from Notre Dame’s pilgrims in South America.

Fr Lam Vu Chaplain, Broadway and Darlinghurst

“The culmination of the WYD celebration was the prayer Vigil and the final Mass on Copacabana Beach. We began the morning with an 11km walk from ‘Aussie Central’ to Copacabana. A young Brazilian man in a wheelchair captured everyone’s attention on the night. In front of a shocked crowd, he told the story of his accident and how he had been in a coma. Confined to his wheelchair he said: “This is my cross, the cross the Lord sent me to come closer to him, and to live more openly his grace and love”. After the prayer Vigil, many of us remained behind on the beach for the sleep out. The sight of the stars of the Southern Cross made us Aussies feel much more at home.

I was inspired by Pope Francis’ simplicity – his direct messages and his off-the-cuff remarks to us. In his homily, Pope Francis reminded the young pilgrims of the theme of this WYD: ‘Go and make disciples of all peoples’. He said: “With these words, Jesus is speaking to each one of us, saying ‘It was wonderful to take part in World Youth Day, to live the faith together with young people from the four corners of the earth, but now you must go, now you must pass on this experience to others’.”

Rian Galliot Student, Sydney Campus

I have been blessed with the opportunity of attending the recent celebrations on the pilgrimage of World Youth Day 2013 in Rio de Janeiro. To say that it was life changing is an understatement of all World Youth Days and fails to adequately describe the true experience.

World Youth Day has already borne a change in my life. After three years away from ministry, feeling that it was time for me to move on, I felt a call to return to it – though this will take more reflection and preparation in order to get back into the swing of things. I know that the lessons from Rio have only just begun.

Will it be difficult? Yes it will be. Will I go through darkness? Surely. Will I need your prayers? Undoubtedly. For my goal is greatness, not for myself, but for God – that His name will be glorified and that people will encounter Him when they encounter me. He is my treasure, He has to be, because, “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”.

Justine Ralph Student, Fremantle Campus

The first half of the trip consisted of mission work in Peru. It consisted of building a set of stairs up a steep hill covered in unstable rocks. We helped by creating a human chain up the hill, from the cement pit to the top stair and passed buckets of cement up the chain to be put into the stairs. While doing this work, I realised the importance of trusting that God will provide in times of struggle.

World Youth Day is one of those experiences that completely changes you. It turns everything you thought you knew about yourself, your faith and the world upside down and you are left totally stunned, overwhelmed and exhausted. But it is one of the most worthwhile things you will ever do and you will come out of it with lifelong friends and experiences that you will hold onto for the rest of your life.

Carla Beshara Student, Sydney Campus

I heard of a little boy from the pre-school who attempted to jump on the bus as the Sydney school students were leaving. If only mankind would be open to the stranger, which is God, just as these villagers accepted us strangers into their lives. These brave people taught us how to knock down the door that we often have closed – that door that allows us to love. It was with these thoughts we worked the mission sites, eager to make their lives that little bit more comfortable. It was strenuous, energy consuming, tiring, and even mentally draining. But it was worth it – seeing the villagers, the children, even the dogs using the steps at ease.

It was this experience of helping in the shanty towns, whether doing the catechesis with the children and students, or working on one of the mission sites, which essentially shaped this entire pilgrimage.



Photo: Alphonsus Fok



Notre Dame pilgrims: Fr Lam Vu, Justine Ralph, Jessica Touma, Sam Azzi and Steaphanie Azzi, Victor Tran, Ellen Murphy, Hugyhen Nugyhen, Anitra Yu, Rian Galliot, Stephanie Llave and Matthew Dimian engaging with local children.

NEW MENTORING PROGRAMME LINKS EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY FOR LAW STUDENTS

Sydney Law students are set to be mentored by some of the finest barristers, solicitors and judges in New South Wales thanks to a unique mentoring initiative recently launched by the University.

The Mentoring Programme at Notre Dame's School of Law in Sydney will provide an important link between Law students and the current professional legal environment, giving students a firm head-start in their future career as a legal professional.

Through the Programme, mentors will assist and guide Notre Dame Law students in several facets of academic and professional life, including attending court and work meetings; goal-setting, career advice and job interview skills; building professional networks; and how to engage professionally with senior ranked legal minds.



Alana Rafter, Simon Lewis (Senior Associate and mentor from Allens), Carly Stephens, Mia McCumstie and Daniel Walker at the Mentoring Programme launch.

The goal of the Mentoring Programme is to improve the competence, professionalism and capability of Notre Dame's Law graduates in the professional world.

"Our Mentoring Programme encapsulates the mission of The University of Notre Dame Australia – to provide our students with real

training for the professions," Professor Quinlan said.

"The Law School is fortunate to enjoy a close relationship with additional legal practitioners interested in developing graduate employment opportunities for our students."

LAW DEAN CHAMPIONS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AT INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

Professor Michael Quinlan, Dean of The University of Notre Dame's School of Law in Sydney, urged Australian lawyers and Catholics to respond "passionately and vigorously" to the words of St Paul to "fight the good fight of faith" in today's society, at an International Congress in Poland recently.

Hosted by the College of Social and Media Culture in Torun, Poland, in collaboration with the Department of the Philosophy of Culture at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Professor Quinlan was one of only 10 distinguished researchers to speak at the 6th International Congress on 15-16 November 2013, attended by hundreds of guests from around the globe.

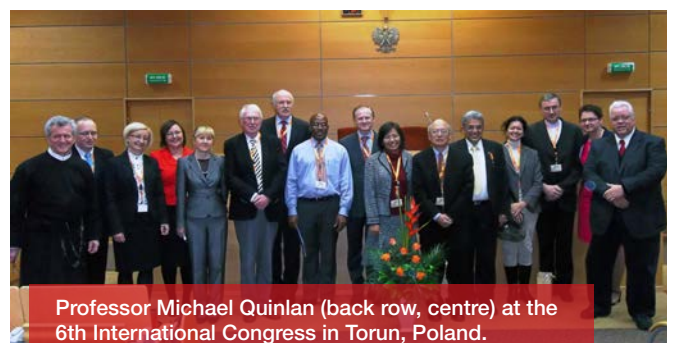
The annual Congress discusses particular issues of relevance to the Catholic faith. This year's Congress was titled; 'Catholics and the Law: Opportunities and Risks'. It provided a unique opportunity to discuss the state of religious freedom and the relationship between the law and morality in their home countries.

During his presentation on 'How the Law in Australia is used and can be used to promote or to harm the Catholic faith', Professor Quinlan discussed the rise of secularism in Australia and how it posed significant challenges to

the Catholic Church and Catholic legal professionals in discussing and adjudicating issues such as marriage, contraception and the right to life.

Professor Quinlan said the Congress was not only an incredible opportunity to hear the similarities and differences between the challenges facing Catholicism around the world, but also provided scope for Catholic academics to learn about Polish Catholicism and culture.

"I have spoken at conferences all over the world, but the organisers of this Congress are to be congratulated on their comprehensive approach to attracting a large audience and keynote speakers in discussing this important issue for today's society," Professor Quinlan said.



Professor Michael Quinlan (back row, centre) at the 6th International Congress in Torun, Poland.



The Honourable Thomas Hughes officially opens The T.E.F Hughes QC Moot Court.

STATE-OF-THE-ART MOOT COURT OPENED AT SYDNEY CAMPUS

The T.E.F Hughes QC Moot Court was officially opened on The University of Notre Dame Australia's Sydney Campus on Tuesday 26 November 2013.

A renowned Australian barrister and former politician, the Court is named in honour of Thomas Eyre Forrest Hughes AO QC in recognition of his significant contribution to Australia's justice system.

This Moot Court will greatly assist Notre Dame's capacity to deliver an excellent standard of professional training to future lawyers by combining traditional advocacy training with up-to-date training in current computerised court processes.

The T.E.F Hughes QC Moot Court features state-of-the-art technology, which is replicated in modern courts of law.



1. The Honourable Thomas Hughes AO QC
2. Dean of the School of Law, Sydney, Professor Michael Quinlan
3. Professor Michael Quinlan, Vice Chancellor, Professor Celia Hammond, The Honourable Thomas Hughes AO QC and Christine Hughes.
4. Nicholas Augustinos, Carolyn Chamberlain and Karen Rowe Nurse.
5. The Honourable Justice Neville Owen, The Honourable Thomas Hughes AO QC and The Honourable Justice Dyson Heydon AC QC.
6. Members of the School of Law, Law Advisory Board – Marie-lyse Eliatamy, John Dunford, Professor Michael Quinlan and Lynne Harman.
7. Associate Dean of School of Law, Sydney, Dr Keith Thompson; Jim Harrowell AM, Frank Esparraga and Matthew McLennan.
8. St Patrick's College, Strathfield, Old Boys– William Dawe QC, Daniel Austin, Stephen Doumit and Geoffrey Watson SC.

MEDICINE DEAN SPEAKS AT AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR'S SERIES IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Dean of Medicine and Chair of College at The University of Notre Dame Australia's Sydney Campus, Dr Christine Bennett, recently travelled to the Australian Embassy in Washington D.C. to speak at the prestigious Australian Ambassador's Speaker Series 2013.

Accepting an invitation from Australia's Ambassador to the United States of America, His Excellency the Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Dr Bennett spoke to a diverse audience of American health professionals, academics, policymakers, diplomats and Australian expatriates.

In the lecture 'The world of health reform: Shared challenges for the United States and Australia', Dr Bennett explored a diverse range of health topics including the differences in health delivery models throughout the world, waste in health care, and the need for free and accessible primary and preventative care.

Speaking of the need to develop and use data in a smart way, Dr Bennett explored what could be achieved if the health sector linked diverse sets of data to allow analysis of health care utilisation patterns. This could potentially reveal much to providers and clinicians "what we don't know, we don't know". Dr Bennett also discussed waste in health care, such as the opportunity cost of over-testing patients and the need for value-based purchasing focusing on outcomes not just activity.

"Paying for health care events from time to time, at individual doctor's appointments for example, doesn't necessarily give you as great a value as a bundled payment for a package of care delivered by a team of health professionals over a period of time. This is particularly the case when you have chronic or complex health problems. Getting value for every health dollar is the big challenge –

payment systems that encourage and support appropriate care, at the right place, at the right time and over time," Dr Bennett said.

With the advent of 'Obamacare' in the United States, the audience was keen to learn of the differences and possible new similarities between the health care systems of Australia and the United States. Dr Bennett believes there is now a growing recognition in America that providing citizens with free and accessible primary and preventative health care can considerably reduce upstream health care costs, and as such is a valuable investment from government.

Ambassador Beazley said Dr Bennett's lecture was well received and helped raise the profile of Australia as a place of shared learning and collaboration for the United States.

"The issues Christine dealt with which go to the core of the maintenance of the health of the population are all handled much more effectively and affordably in Australia than the US. This is a matter of deep concern in the United States as the cost of health has risen to more than 17 per cent of GDP compared to about nine per cent in Australia. Professionals in the United States are anxious to learn and Christine had a great deal to impart," Ambassador Beazley said.

"The objective of the Ambassador's Series is to showcase interesting aspects of Australia's intellectual endeavour through distinguished visitors to the United States. In my opinion, Christine's lecture was one of the most useful and effective lectures held in the series."

The Honourable Kim Beazley AC



The Honourable Kim Beazley AC
and Dr Christine Bennett.



HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN CAMBODIA

Providing health and physical rehabilitation to community groups in Cambodia was a remarkable opportunity for Exercise Physiology students from The University of Notre Dame Australia's Fremantle Campus.

Students offered their skills and expertise to community groups including the Angkor Association for the Disabled, the Cambodian Diabetes Association and the Physical Rehabilitation Centre, and to more than 200 children at Choun Loung Primary School.

At these centres, students provided people with amputations (due to injuries from landmines), polio, cerebral palsy, Type 2 diabetes, club foot and other congenital limb defects, with exercise prescription and additional support required for successful rehabilitation.

"To gain accreditation in Exercise Physiology the students need to be exposed to and gain experience in a number of different pathologies such as cardiac, metabolic, respiratory and neurological conditions," Exercise Physiology lecturer Tanya Blee said.

"Volunteering our services to those less fortunate whilst practising our skills, experiencing a new culture and making a positive difference in someone's life is an invaluable and amazing once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Graduate Diploma of Exercise Science student, Ryan Gaias, said the highlight of the Cambodia immersion was working with people who appreciated his time and knowledge.

"It is the best practicum placement I have done and could possibly do," Ryan said.

"One of the main things I took from the trip to Cambodia was that we generally live above our means as part of a Western society and it made me appreciate the life I have in Australia."

Travelling student, Teagan Bulman, said working with patients at the Physical Rehabilitation Centre in Siem Reap was an unforgettable experience.

"We were there from their first steps until they walked out of the front gates. I believe we have made an impact in their lives. Teaching them the basics of exercise filled our hearts and theirs," Teagan said.

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF PHYSIOTHERAPY EXCELLENCE AT NOTRE DAME

In November 2013, the School of Physiotherapy on The University of Notre Dame Australia's Fremantle Campus celebrated 10 years of educating and graduating outstanding students for careers in the health industry.

In attendance at the special function were staff, graduates and important figures who were integral in the foundation years of the School of Physiotherapy at Notre Dame – including Jenny Edwards, the wife of the late Professor Brian Edwards, and Foundation Professor of Physiotherapy at Notre Dame, Elizabeth Henley (2003-2004). Professor Edwards was the visionary and driving force behind the establishment of the Physiotherapy programme at Notre Dame.

“We are indebted to the late Professor Edwards for his drive, foresight and dedication that saw the programme progress from initial thoughts for a Graduate Entry only programme, to the four-year undergraduate programme that we have today,” Professor Hamer said.

“Brian’s contribution is remembered through the naming of the Brian Edwards Physiotherapy Sciences laboratory and the Brian Edwards Memorial Prize as one of the graduating awards.”

Over the past 10 years, the School and its curriculum have experienced a number of outstanding achievements:

- Accreditation with the Australian Physiotherapy Council until 30 December 2017;
- A graduate employment rate of 94.3 per cent *; and
- The introduction of the only double degree in Australia between Physiotherapy and Exercise & Sports Science in 2008.

Senior Physiotherapist at Wellington Community Health (Collie/Donnybrook), WA Country Health Service – South West, Daniel Mahony, has made a significant contribution in his chosen profession since graduating from the University in 2010.

Mr Mahony is currently Co-Chair of Future Health Leaders, an initiative of Health Workforce Australia, providing advice on national health workforce reform from the perspective of student and early career health professionals.

Future Health Leaders is the first national inter-professional group of its kind in Australia and is a link for health students who are passionate about health advocacy.

In early 2013, he was also a finalist for the Young Leader category in the HESTA Primary Health Care Awards. The Young Leader category recognises outstanding vision, leadership and organisational skills with a demonstrated ability to implement change.

“The staff at Notre Dame’s School of Physiotherapy have been crucial in helping me develop both clinically and personally as a physiotherapist. As a ‘Rural Generalist’ I work across all areas of physiotherapy and the physiotherapy staff at the University are always happy to help, even after graduating,” Mr Mahony said.

*Figure taken from Australian Government website, MyUniversity (myuniversity.gov.au)



1. Professor Helen Parker, Dr Peter Tannock AM, Professor Peter Hamer, Elizabeth Henley, Dr Michael Quinlan, Jenny Edwards and Mike Edwards.
2. Dr William Gibson, Megan Van Selm, Dale Edgar and Meredith Willmott.
3. Raschelle Martindale, Jasmine Dwyer, Catherine Pearce, Rochelle Henryon and Shelley Matchan.
4. Daniel Mahony and Brad Ellem.
5. Joanna Townsend, Aubrey Francis and Nicole Ireland-Naughton.
6. Jacqui Francis-Coad, Emily Loughnan, Amanda Wiener and Susan Edgar.
7. The School of Physiotherapy team at Notre Dame.



PHYSIO GRADUATES PROVIDE SUPPORT TO NOTRE DAME STUDENTS

The University of Notre Dame Australia's Physiotherapy programme is not only training students to become future leaders in their industry, but also further developing the leadership skills to mentor students on clinical placement.

Clinical placements can provide challenges for many students as they apply their theoretical knowledge to real-life situations, with very real outcomes.

However, unique workshops developed by the University's Physiotherapy staff are training graduates and practising physiotherapists to be effective leaders and mentors to Notre Dame students during their practicum placements.

"Students on clinical placement report that their clinical supervisor can be the highlight or the lowlight of their clinical placement," Clinical Education Coordinator, Associate Professor Joanne Connaughton, said.

"Many diverse skills are required to undertake this role effectively, including the facilitating, mentoring and advocating for students while they are consolidating their clinical skills and integrating theory into practice."

Clinical Education Liaison Manager, Susan Edgar, and Associate Professor Connaughton conduct up to 10 discipline-specific Clinical Supervision Workshops annually for physiotherapists supervising students on clinical placements.

The workshops provide participants with a foundation of educational strategies and principles of learning to apply to their workplace learning and teaching environment. The popularity of the Clinical Supervision Workshops has led to an increasing demand for them in recent years, with more than 250 physiotherapists attending these half-day sessions in 2012.

In September 2013, Associate Professor Connaughton and Mrs Edgar also conducted their third Inter-disciplinary Clinical Supervision Training Workshop for the year – funded by an initiative of Health Workforce Australia to increase clinical supervision skills in the health workforce.

Each of these three workshops had physiotherapy graduates from Notre Dame, as well as clinicians who supervise students across the disciplines of Physiotherapy, Nursing and Medicine from Notre Dame and other institutions.

For more information, contact the School of Physiotherapy on (08) 9433 0204.



Attendees of the third inter-disciplinary workshop with Associate Professor Joanne Connaughton and Susan Edgar.

NOTRE DAME STUDENTS RECEIVE CANDIDACY FOR HOLY ORDERS

Since 1994, the School of Philosophy and Theology at the University's Fremantle Campus has had the privilege of educating students for vocations in the Church, and for other vocations in theology and philosophy.

Reflecting this core mission, five Philosophy and Theology students, who are Seminarians at St Charles Seminary in Guildford, Western Australia, have been recommended by the Church for admission as candidates for priesthood in the Archdiocese of Perth.

Simeon San, Renald Panimaya, CJ Millen, and Grant and Stephen Gorddard will devote their lives to continuing the saving work of Christ when they graduate from Notre Dame in 2013 and 2014.

This privilege is effected through the Sacrament of Holy Orders – the Sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ and his apostles is continued in the Church by those committed to His cause.

St Charles Seminary Rector and Trustee of the University, Monsignor Kevin Long, said God's call to service took many forms, with Candidacy being a stage in seminary formation when the Bishop formally acknowledges the authenticity of a seminarian's call.

"These men believe they can best serve God and God's people through fruitful ministry as priests and deacons.

They are now working in the Archdiocese of Perth and the Dioceses of Geraldton, Bunbury and Broome," Monsignor Long said.

"Since the foundational year of Notre Dame, Seminarians from St Charles Seminary have studied at the University. Just as the Fremantle Campus is very proud of the teachers, nurses, lawyers, doctors and other graduates it has produced, so it is also proud of the priests and deacons who have studied within the School of Philosophy and Theology.

"We hope many more young men will both hear and answer this call."

Dean of the School of Philosophy and Theology in Fremantle, Professor Matthew Ogilvie, said he was thankful that the seminarians in Perth are always of the highest calibre.

"They and their formation staff give me great hope for the future of the Church. I am proud that Notre Dame can be place of learning and growth as these young leaders embark on a life serving and spreading the Good News of Christ," Professor Ogilvie said.

Testimonials

Deacon Renald Panimaya

"Before I became a candidate, I reflected back on the 10 years of my seminary life, both in India and Australia, and it seemed like those years went by in a flash. As a seminarian, I experienced constant care in all areas of formation, particularly from The University of Notre Dame Australia, which played a vital role in developing my academic ability."

Deacon CJ Millen

"In 2008, I attended the St Charles Seminary enquiry day where several of my questions were answered on intellectual, spiritual, pastoral and human formation. Having been part of St Charles since, I look forward to making our world a better place as a Deacon."

Stephen Gorddard

"The most important factor was coming to know Jesus more intimately through prayer and sensing this call to become His priest. Living in a community that is so committed to Christ is amazing!"

Simeon San

"I was raised in a small village in Myanmar (Burma) – the youngest child in my family. One day, a Vietnamese Priest from Perth came to my village. I knew nothing about Australia or where it was. A letter from Archbishop Emeritus Barry Hickey arrived soon after inviting seminarians to train for the Priesthood in the Perth Archdiocese. I took this opportunity."

Grant Gorddard

"I was reflecting on the great need that exists in our society for people to come to know God, to know and experience His love for them, and I felt the desire to give everything of myself to Christ and to building up His Church."



Stephen Gorddard, Deacon Renald Panimaya, Grant Gorddard, Simeon San and Deacon CJ Millen.



Fremantle Chaplain, Fr John Sebastian; Archbishop Timothy Costelloe; Vice Chancellor, Professor Celia Hammond; and Acting Academic Head, Fremantle Campus, Professor Selma Allix.



Bishop Anthony Fisher

CATHOLIC BISHOPS DISCUSS IMPORTANCE OF FAITH, REASON AND EDUCATION WITH NOTRE DAME STAFF

Two of the Australian Catholic Church's most influential figures discussed the significance of faith-based education within the context of a Catholic university environment with staff of The University of Notre Dame Australia in October 2013.

Archbishop of Perth, The Most Reverend Timothy Costelloe SDB, and Bishop of Parramatta, The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, were welcomed to Notre Dame to further the understanding amongst staff of the University's Catholic tradition and identity.

Archbishop Costelloe discussed with staff the fundamental question of why the Church was so committed to and engaged in teaching in the areas of education and health care. He said that the Church could contribute to the well-being of the society in which it lived by using its resources to make those essential services accessible for everyone.

"The fact that so many people, both those who are Catholics and those who are not, choose to make use of Catholic schools, Catholic hospitals and Catholic social service agencies, indicates how much the Church's contribution to these areas of our society is valued and appreciated," Archbishop Costelloe said.

Former member of the working group behind the establishment of Notre Dame's School of Medicine in 2006, Associate Professor David Watson, was encouraged by the

Archbishop's call to continually strengthen the University's commitment to graduating excellent health care and education professionals.

"The results speak for themselves as Notre Dame's graduates make their very successful way into medical practice, to say nothing of those entering other health care professions from our other health care related schools," the Consultant Physician of more than 30 years at St John of God Hospital in Subiaco, Western Australia, said.

Bishop Fisher commented that The University of Notre Dame Australia "walks the talk of its mission statement" in ensuring that academic, professional and general staff know what the University is about and can commit themselves to it.

"I was particularly impressed to find the audience included people from all faith traditions and that we were able to have a very open and frank discussion about the identity and mission of a Catholic university in contemporary Australia," Bishop Fisher said.



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STUDENT RESPECT FOR TALL POPPIES

Australian school students display a high degree of respect for their high achieving classmates according to research conducted by The University of Notre Dame Australia's School of Education in Sydney as part of an international study.

This is significant recognition for gifted and talented students within the mainstream educational environment in Australia.

Senior Lecturer, Dr Catherine Wormald, and Lecturer in Primary Education, Julie Maakrun, are investigating perceptions that school students in Years 4, 7 and 10 have of their high achieving classmates.

They were invited by Professor Albert Zeigler from The University of Nuremburg, Germany, to participate in the unique study. This is the first time that the School of Education in Sydney has been involved in an international research project.

Participating students were asked to complete a survey where they indicated their expectations of a fictitious new classmate with respect to three categories – intelligence, social competence and eagerness.

The early findings from this research suggest that there is a positive correlation between a student's confidence in their own ability and learning goal orientation when it comes to accepting a classmate who is a high achiever.

Previous research by Dr Kurt Heller at Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich calls the labeling of the 'gifted' as one of the serious problems in the education of such students due to the risk of social isolation and a development of egoistic attitudes.

"Besides cultural effects, differences concerning the gender of the participating students, the gender of the target students (fictitious high achieving students) and interaction effects were investigated," Dr Wormald said.

"Research data to date has found that the effects of gender and target gender are inconsistent and negligible, but significant cultural differences and perceptions were found. For example, Australian students, as well as Vietnamese and Korean students, held the most positive views about their successful peers."

These initial results have been presented at the 2013 World Council for Gifted and Talented Children Conference in Kentucky, USA, and the 2013 International Research Association for Talent Development and Excellence in Turkey.

"The implications of this research are quite far-reaching in our diverse classrooms," Ms Maakrun said.

"One of the current issues is an understanding of high achieving students in Australian classrooms. Initial data results have indicated that students, in general, are accepting of high achieving students."

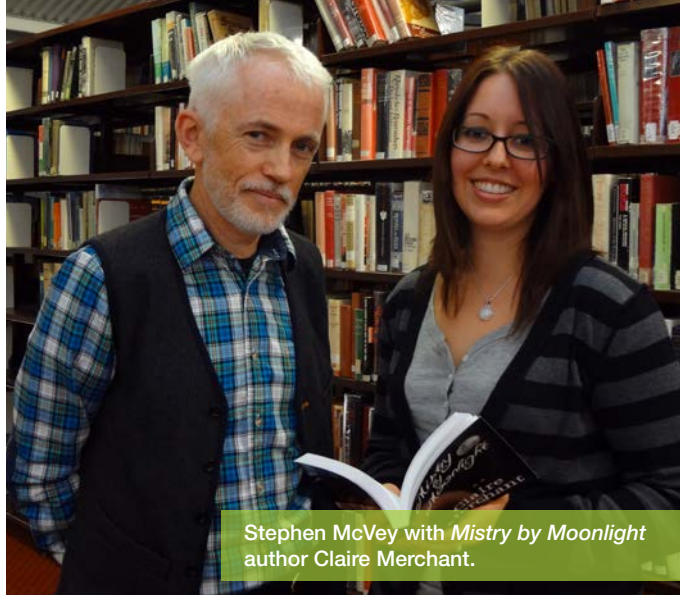
Dr Wormald has a PhD in twice exceptional learners* and she has substantial knowledge in the area of gifted education. She has delivered conference presentations on these topics for the past 10 years. Ms Maakrun became involved in the project as a result of professional dialogue and attendance at a self-regulation workshop hosted at Notre Dame in 2012.

Dr Wormald and Ms Maakrun will continue to work on this project throughout 2014.

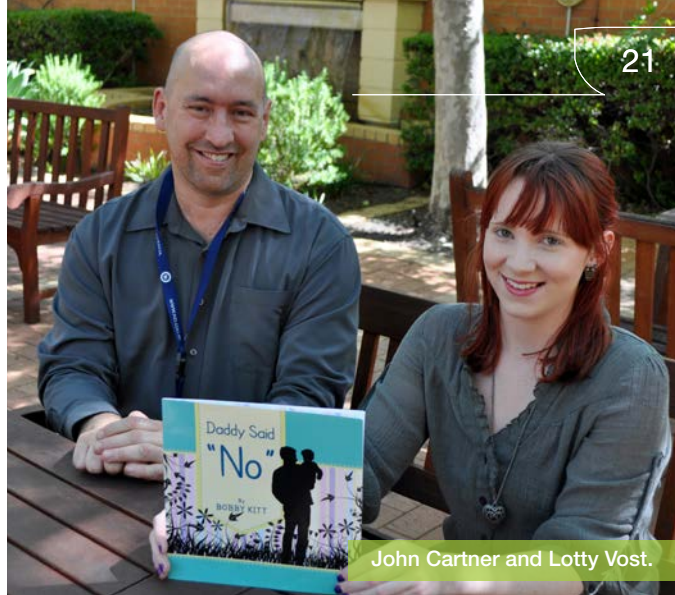
**Twice exceptional learners are intellectually gifted children who have some form of disability.*



Dr Catherine Wormald, Professor Albert Zeigler and Julie Maakrun are part of an international study to investigate perceptions that school students have of their high achieving classmates.



Stephen McVey with *Mistry by Moonlight* author Claire Merchant.



John Cartner and Lotty Vost.



Senior Lecturer in the Fremantle School of Law, Dr Lara Pratt; Dr Daniel Baldino; and Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, Associate Professor Dylan Korczynsky.



Richard King

NOTRE DAME AUTHORS CAPTURE WORLDWIDE AUDIENCE

It has been an exciting year for Notre Dame in the world of literature with a current student, an alumna and two academic staff from the Fremantle Campus having their work published and available for purchase around the world.

University alumna, Claire Merchant; current student, Lotty Vost; Senior Lecturer, Politics and International Relations, Dr Daniel Baldino; and Lecturer, Academic Enabling and Support Centre, Richard King, all achieved literary success in 2013.

Covering a wide range of themes, issues, genres and age-brackets, the Notre Dame community has embraced the works of its authors.

Claire said it was rewarding to know that her first piece of literary work, *Mistry by Moonlight*, could be read by people of all ages in different countries, with different backgrounds and for different purposes.

Having had a passion for writing from a young age, Ms Merchant viewed a career path in literature more realistically after studying a Bachelor of Arts and Diploma of Education (Secondary) at Notre Dame.

Additionally, a children’s book celebrating the word ‘no’ as an expression of growth and familial stability between a child and its father, *Daddy Said No*, was authored by current student Lotty Vost (under the pseudonym of Bobby Kitt).

Dr Baldino’s book, *Spooked: The truth about intelligence in Australia*, delves deep into the conspiracy theories, half-truths, and controversies about the ‘war on terror’, within a context of post-9/11 Australia. Providing insight into the secretive world of intelligence, surveillance and security, the book is a useful resource for students and those interested in foreign relations and intelligence.

In his book, *On Offence*, Mr King, a respected literary critic and academic, discusses the concept of free speech and the way it is perceived in modern society.

He states that his book was founded on three convictions – that the principle of free speech is meaningless unless it included the freedom to offend; that the claim to find something hurtful should be the beginning of the debate, not the end of it; and that the modern ‘fetish’ for sensitivity is corrosive of genuine civility.

Executive Director, Academic Services, and University Librarian on the Fremantle Campus, Stephen McVey, said he was proud of Notre Dame’s authors.

“We feel it is our business to support writers and their work so it is especially pleasing when those writers are members of the Notre Dame community,” Mr McVey said.

MIDWIFERY GIVES BIRTH TO A REWARDING PROFESSION

A career in midwifery can provide registered nurses and other students eager to work with expectant mothers with diverse and rewarding career opportunities, according to Midwifery Coordinator on The University of Notre Dame Australia's Fremantle Campus, Sheena McChlery.

Ms McChlery says that with students exposed to many different clinical sites, including metropolitan and regional areas, as well as community and women's health providers, Notre Dame's midwives develop a high level of critical and reflective thinking skills, technical competence and interdisciplinary teamwork skills which are integral for clinical practice.

"Midwifery is a perfect course of study for registered nurses to add to their professional portfolio. It can provide additional experience in caring for families in a holistic manner using a social model of health; enable them to have the flexibility to work in any environment; and offer scope to work in some overseas countries," Ms McChlery said.

Notre Dame's Midwifery course is run across three semesters, including a core unit (Ethics in Professional Life), research units and clinical practicum which comprises half of their course time. Students also attend teaching at the Midwifery Education Centre in Subiaco, Western Australia, where they have access to state-of-the-art midwifery training technology and simulation rooms.

Ms McChlery said the 30-week clinical practicum placements gave students exposure to real-life scenarios, including wellness and emergency perspectives.

"It is through this hands-on experience that the graduates from our first cohort have been fairly successful in finding midwifery positions whilst still studying at university," Ms McChlery said.

Midwifery students Lisa Whitfield and Rikki-Lee Black agree that following expectant mothers through their pregnancy is one of the most challenging, yet rewarding, areas of study and work.

"One of my lecturers said to me that midwifery will always be one of the most challenging life-long professions to undertake as there is so much personal growth required in the role. But, as I have found out so far, being a midwife is incredibly rewarding," Rikki-Lee said.

Lisa says those practical experiences have provided her with an invaluable opportunity of being part of a woman's birthing journey.

"The practicum placements are amazing as they provide the opportunity to link theory and practical, allowing us to consolidate our skills," Lisa said.



Rikki-Lee Black (foreground) and Lisa Whitfield (background) with patients.

"Combining placements in both metropolitan and rural settings with our wonderful lecturers who value our thoughts and input to class discussions, I believe we are better prepared for graduation and our entry into the 'real world' of midwifery." Lisa Whitfield

Research Abstracts

Dr Gail Ross-Adjie

Doctor of Philosophy
Nurse Researcher

Centre for Nursing and
Midwifery Research

St John of God Murdoch Hospital

Thesis title: The effect of an evidence based bowel protocol on time taken to return to normal bowel function in post-operative total hip and total knee replacement patients.

Dr Elaine Bennett

Doctor of Nursing
Director, Services & Research,
Ngala

Thesis title: An exploration of the past, present and future of nursing in early parenting services in Australia.

Dr Karen Clark-Burg

Doctor of Philosophy
Associate Dean
School of Nursing & Midwifery
Fremantle Campus

Thesis title: Juggling multiple priorities to please: a grounded theory of nurse managers' process of decision-making.

Dr Kylie Russell

Doctor of Philosophy
Senior Lecturer
School of Nursing & Midwifery
Fremantle Campus

Thesis title: The Art of Clinical Supervision Program for Registered Nurses: Its implementation and influence on nurses' knowledge and attitude.

Dr Ce Kealley

Doctor of Nursing
Senior Development Officer, Chronic
Conditions and Musculoskeletal,
Department of Health
Graduated in July 2013

Thesis title: Graduate nurse transition programs in Western Australia: A comparative study of their perceived efficacy.



Dr Karen Clark-Burg, Dr Elaine Bennett, Dr Kylie Russell, Professor Selma Allix, Dr Gail Ross-Adjie and Dr Ce Kealley.

OUTSTANDING NURSING RESEARCH HONOURED AT GRADUATION CEREMONY

A record number of significant doctoral achievements within The University of Notre Dame Australia's School of Nursing and Midwifery were recognised during the 2013 December Graduation Ceremony on the Fremantle Campus.

Higher degrees by research were conferred by Chancellor, Terence Tobin QC, to Dr Gail Ross-Adjie, Dr Elaine Bennett, Dr Karen Clark-Burg and Dr Kylie Russell at the Graduation Ceremony. All received either a professional doctorate or a PhD.

Dr Ce Kealley, Senior Development Officer, Chronic Conditions and Musculoskeletal, Department of Health, also graduated as a Doctor of Nursing at Notre Dame's 2013 July Graduation Ceremony.

The higher degree recipients comprised a small portion of a December graduation cohort in excess of 1000 students in Fremantle. Another 700 students graduated on the Sydney Campus.

Dean of the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Professor Selma Allix, said 2013 had been a year of great pride for the School to graduate five higher degree by research students.

"These students undertook studies whilst working between three and five days per week, and completed their projects in less than five years. We consider this to be a very significant achievement for the School that will generate extensive research outcomes for the University," Professor Allix said.

"Two of the five students are our own academics and the others are senior nurses working in the public and private health care sectors.

"Our grateful thanks to the University's research office for their support of our students. My personal congratulations to each and every one of the students for their achievements and I wish them all every success as they continue on their journey as leaders of their profession."



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NOTRE DAME SPORT

Notre Dame student represents Australia at Summer Universiade

Young water polo superstar and student at The University of Notre Dame Australia's Fremantle Campus, Eliesha Browne, represented her country with pride at the recent 2013 Summer Universiade in Kazan, Russia.

Eliesha, a member of the Australian Women's Water Polo team at the Universiade, finished a respectable fifth position amongst strong competition.

With a dream of one day representing her country at the Olympics, Eliesha says it's exciting playing the game she loves against the best sportswomen in the world.

"The most important thing about achieving your dreams is to never give up," Eliesha said.

"If something knocks you down, you get back up and strive for the dream 10 times stronger."

Eliesha's career highlights

- 2007 – Silver Medal at the Under 16s Nationals;
Bronze Medal at the Under 20s Nationals
- 2008 – Silver Medal at the Under 18s Nationals;
Bronze Medal at the Under 20s Nationals
- 2009 – Bronze Medal at the Under 18s Nationals;
Silver Medal at the Under 20s Nationals
- 2009 – Sixth at FINA World Junior Championships in Russia
- 2010 – Bronze Medal at the Under 20s Nationals
- 2011 – Bronze Medal at FINA World Junior Championships in Italy
- 2013 – Member of the Australian Water Polo team
- 2013 – Competing at World League Rounds for the Australian Stingers

Court relishes international stage

In October 2013, Notre Dame alumnus, Joshua Court, represented Australia with pride at the International Federation of Volleyball (FIVB) Beach Volleyball World Tour in Xiamen, China.

Playing with Damien Schumann, a stand-out player from Victoria, the duo defeated fellow Australians, Benjamin Abbott and Matthew Willmot, in the first round of qualifying matches.

Ranked 15th out of the 18 qualifiers, Joshua and Damien then stunned the second-seed Canadian team of Christian Redmann and Maverick Hatch to book themselves a place in the 32-team men's Main Draw.

Despite not making the finals, the Australian team defeated Austria, and challenged the best players from China and Germany in the group stage of the tournament.

"Not only was this my first World Tour event, we are the only team outside of the Australian Institute of Sport, and with no additional government support, to make the Main Draw of a Grand Slam World Tour event," Joshua said.

"Beach volleyball is my life and I'm looking forward to taking part in National Beach Volleyball Series in 2014."



Notre Dame brings home gold at Uni Games

“Winning gold was nothing short of amazing. With a large cheering squad watching us play our final game, it felt like I was truly a part of Notre Dame. Going to Uni Games is a must do for any Notre Dame student. Even if you aren’t confident at sport, give it a go, because it’s an experience that will definitely have you coming back for more.”

James Scrimgeour, Gold Medallist 2013 Australian University Games.

The University of Notre Dame Australia had a successful 2013 Australian University Games campaign on the Gold Coast, winning gold in the Division 2 Men’s Pairs Beach Volleyball and having two students receive ‘Green and Gold’ recognition for their efforts in touch football.

More than 120 Notre Dame students from the Fremantle and Sydney campuses combined to form a national team to tackle 8500 of the best athletes from universities across Australia.

Participating in his first University Games, James Scrimgeour partnered with Notre Dame Captain, Benjamin Strange, to win gold in the beach volleyball, defeating Griffith University in the final.

The Notre Dame Division 2 Women’s Pairs Beach Volleyball team of Lauren O’Neill and Courtney Franz also successfully reached the Bronze Medal match.

“Every year the Australian University Games experience surpasses the one before it, becoming the best week of my life,” Benjamin said.

“This year I was lucky enough to represent Notre Dame as both an athlete and University captain. Leading Notre Dame into a national university competition is a moment I will never forget.”

Another outstanding achievement was the selection of two of Notre Dame’s best touch football players for ‘Green and Gold’ honours. Athletes recognised with this honour were selected as one of the best players or position players in their chosen sport at the tournament.

Samuel Brisby from the Sydney Campus was selected as one of the best men’s touch football players, whilst Fremantle’s Shanaaz Te Ahuru received the same honour for the women’s touch football competition.

Shanaaz said she was proud to “wear the blue and gold” in representing Notre Dame at the tournament.

“Not only did I get the opportunity to represent my university playing the sport I love, I was also given the opportunity to meet many amazing people from the Sydney Campus and other universities,” Shanaaz said.

Sports Award recipients for 2013

Each year, The University of Notre Dame Australia hosts its Annual Sports Award nights at the Fremantle and Sydney campuses.

The event provides an opportunity for staff and students to recognise the outstanding achievements of the University’s male and female athletes, as well as celebrating other significant sporting achievements for the year.

Below are the award winners for 2013:

Fremantle Campus

Tertiary Sports WA Male of the Year
James Scrimgeour

Tertiary Sports WA Female of the Year
Shanaaz Te Ahuru

Best Touring Team
Women’s Pairs Beach Volleyball
Lauren O’Neill and Courtney Franz

Outstanding Achievement
Chelsea Hall

Female Athlete of the Year
Eliesha Browne

Male Athlete of the Year
Benjamin Strange

Australian University Games
Green and Gold Medal
Shanaaz Te Ahuru

Sydney Campus

2013 Spirit of the Games
Fred Ragg

2013 Captain of the Year
Elise McLachlan

2013 Sportsman of the Year
Matt Overs

2013 Sportswoman of the Year
Georgia Patching

Australian University Games
Green and Gold Medal
Samuel Brisby



The Australian University Games Women’s Soccer team, with 2013 Captain of the Year, Elise McLachlan (Centre).

ALUMNI PROFILE

Dr Andrew Leech

Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery - 2009
Fremantle Campus

Notre Dame's Medical degree was the perfect platform for my future career and progression as a Doctor.

On moving to Melbourne post graduation, I took up an intern position with Southern Health and quickly became absorbed by the pressures of working in a hospital for the first time. I started in a rural job which was a little scary at times, and suddenly became at the front line of looking after patients post-operatively and dealing with emergencies with slightly less support than the big city hospitals. In this first year of working, I covered a wide variety of medicine from psychiatry to palliative care and everything in between.

Following this, I started a paediatric job where I helped look after a paediatric ward and special care nursery, at times taking on a 'registrar' or more senior role when others were not available.

With adrenaline pumping experiences, including resuscitating babies, this job really taught me how to think quickly in critical situations and how to manage the smallest and most fragile of lives. I am now in the final year of a General Practice training pathway and will hopefully obtain my fellowship in this specialty by the end of this year.

Looking back and talking to my fellow Notre Dame graduates, it is hard to believe how far we've come in only a few years. There is no doubt we were given a very good education and one that equipped us for the challenges that we have been faced with and the lifelong career that we are embarking on.

I often think back to key points that were instilled in us during our four years of postgraduate Medicine – not to mention the social benefits of being in such a great part of Perth where I met my beautiful wife!



Annabel Keogh (nee Hay)

Bachelor of Laws (Honours) /
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Major: Politics - 2007
Fremantle Campus

After graduating from The University of Notre Dame Australia's Law School in 2007, I initially worked as Associate to The Honourable Justice Neville Owen of the Supreme Court of Western Australia, assisting in the delivery of the historical Bell Group judgment, one of Australia's longest-running legal proceedings.

Following completion of articles at law firm Jackson MacDonald, I worked as a communications and external affairs advisor both for an international advisory firm and in-house. I specialise in advice related to government relations and regulatory processes and I've worked with major listed and non-listed clients, with particular emphasis on the banking, energy, and mining and resources sectors. I also provide advice as a member of a range of not-for-profit Boards and community organisations, drawing on my legal and public relations experience to assist organisations meet their strategic aims.

Notre Dame's Law programme assisted my career by providing the opportunity to explore the broader impact of law on business and government, particularly subjects such as legal philosophy and through the honours programme. Students were encouraged to look beyond the practical and immediate impact of case law on parties, and consider the effect of precedent on future disputes and industry overall. I also enjoyed Notre Dame's supportive environment and genuine interest in students, which provided me both a great education and the confidence to use my experience outside of traditional legal roles.



Jacques Sidonie

Master of Arts Theological Studies (Coursework) - 2012 Sydney Campus

Although I had completed a Master of Business in Financial Services at the end of 2006 at The University of Technology Sydney, I felt there was still a gap in enhancing my Catholic faith. Whilst I was involved in church activities in my parish, it was not until early 2010 that I started my Catholic tertiary studies. One afternoon as I was about to catch the train at St James Station, I saw opposite the train platform this wall advertisement on The University of Notre Dame Australia. The next day I phoned and started the application process. I was admitted as a part-time student in 2011 (as I work full time at the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority). After two years of study and overwhelming support from Notre Dame's academics, I finally achieved my dream, graduating in December 2012 with a Master of Arts — Theological Studies (Coursework). I soon realised that this was just the stepping stone of learning more about my faith.

At the end of 2012, Bishop Peter Ingham of the Diocese of Wollongong instituted me as an Acolyte. At the beginning of 2013, I was appointed by my Parish Priest of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Ingleburn as Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council. I continue to attend courses provided by the staff of the Diocese of Wollongong to strengthen my faith.

Early in October 2013, my wife and I did a pilgrimage tour to Italy (Rome, Assisi and San Giovanni Rotondo). We revisited the Vatican Museum in Rome and the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi. For the first time, both of us visited the new Basilica of St Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo.

Whilst my wife had to return to Sydney, I joined a group of Australians and continued my pilgrimage in Jordan and Israel. I was able to better understand what I had learnt at Notre Dame. I lived my faith in both the Old and the New Testament.



Chris Rosario

Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) - 2007 Fremantle Campus

I am currently a Senior Associate in Allion Legal's corporate practice group with broad experience in mergers and acquisitions, equity capital markets and general corporate advisory work. I have advised in connection with schemes of arrangement, regulated takeovers and private mergers and acquisitions transactions as well as a number of fundraisings including rights issues and placings.

I began my legal career at Allens Arthur Robinson, before joining Allion Legal in 2009. While at Allens, I practised in the areas of commercial litigation (specialising in corporate disputes) and mergers and acquisitions. My experience at Allens included acting for Rio Tinto and other multinational corporations.

Some of the significant transactions, both public and private, that I have worked on include:

- Advising ASX listed Galaxy Resources Limited on its \$500 million merger with Canada's Lithium One Inc, to be effected via a plan of arrangement in Canada.
- Advised ASX and TSX listed Adamus Resources Limited on its \$600 million merger of equals with TSX-listed, Cayman Island incorporated, Endeavour Mining Corporation. Transaction effected through an all-stock merger implemented as a scheme of arrangement under the Australian Corporations Act.
- Advised ASX listed Perilya Limited on its \$110.5 million accelerated non renounceable rights issue (partially underwritten by UBS).

Notre Dame's small class sizes, approachable academic staff and emphasis on practicality prepared me well for the demands and challenges of modern legal practice.

The University of Notre Dame Australia opened up opportunities for me to study overseas, gain real world experiences and pursue my legal interests in a collegiate and supportive environment, with gifted and approachable academic staff.



FROM THE ARCHIVES...

In 2014, The University of Notre Dame Australia will celebrate its 25th Anniversary. Below is an excerpt taken from the very first In Principio magazine published in November 1989.



IN PRINCIPIO

Newsletter of the proposed University of Notre Dame Australia

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In the beginning...

The University of Notre Dame Australia's crest embodies the elements of the sea, the Greek cross, and the Federation Star, in blue and gold.

Centrepiece of the crest is a book bearing the words: 'In Principio Erat Verbum' or 'In the beginning was the Word'.

The 'Word' has profound theological and intellectual significance. In St John's Gospel it is the description given to the eternally existing second person of the blessed trinity. The 'Word' is the vehicle by which everything that is brought into existence.

Father John Neill of the University Planning Office comments: "The 'Word' is the summation of all that is and can be, and expresses not only the origin and perfection of everything we strive to understand, but is also the very and ultimate object of all our intellectual and human endeavour".



Mouat Street, Fremantle, in 1989.



Members of the inaugural Planning Board.

How the proposal was developed

The development of The University of Notre Dame Australia proposal has relied heavily on the encouragement and support of many individuals and organisation.

The idea of an independent Catholic university in Western Australia was first canvassed by Dennis Horgan, Chairman of the Barrack House Group, in the late 1970s.

In 1986, Dr Peter Tannock, Director of Catholic Education in Western Australia, suggested that Mr Horgan should consider supporting the establishment of a Catholic teachers' college in WA.

In the following discussions, the concept of a teachers' college was expanded to embrace the idea of a Catholic university.

With the encouragement of the Catholic Archbishop of Perth, William J Foley, intensive consultations were held culminating in a seminar at Leeuwin Estate, Margaret River, in February 1988. Discussions were held later that month with Father Ted Hesburgh, President Emeritus of Notre Dame University, Indiana, USA, and Father Ned Joyce, Vice President Emeritus. Both voiced great support for the establishment of an independent Catholic university in Australia.

Investigations were made of various models of Catholic universities in other parts of the world. In May 1988, Mr Horgan and Dr Tannock visited Notre Dame Indiana and met with the University's President, Father Edward Malloy, who undertook and provide advice and support for the project.

Later that year, Father Malloy visited Western Australia accompanied by Professor Timothy O'Meara, the Provost of Notre Dame; Father Bill Beauchamp, Executive Vice President; and Father David Tyson, Dean of Student Affairs.

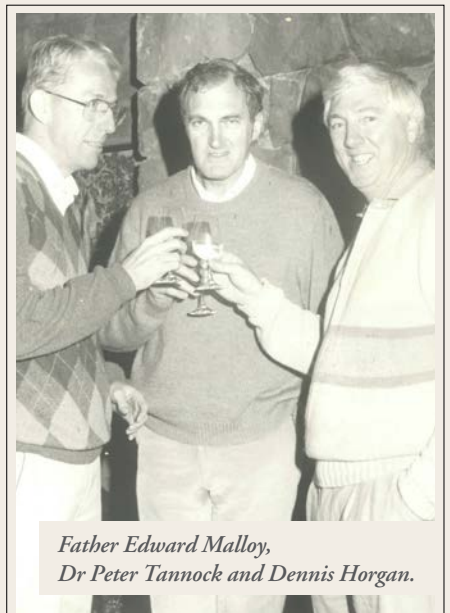
In August 1988, agreement in principle to the establishment of The University

of Notre Dame Australia was announced jointly by Archbishop Foley and the Deputy Premier of Western Australia, David Parker.

Community support and encouragement has since led to the development of a proposal for a university which will contribute significantly to society through the people it produces, the fund of knowledge it develops and the wealth it creates.

In May this year, Professor Geoffrey Kiel was appointed Planning Vice Chancellor, and in July, the Planning Board officially announced its decision to proceed with plans for the new University. Its formal submission to the Government followed in August.

The Planning Board which has guided the University proposal includes Mr Horgan, Dr Tannock, Archbishop Foley, Father Malloy, Father Beauchamp, and Professor O'Meara, as well as Daniel Cardon de Lichtbuer, Dr Michael Quinlan, John T. Ralph and Sister Columba Howard.



Father Edward Malloy, Dr Peter Tannock and Dennis Horgan.

THE OUR LADY (NOTRE DAME) SCULPTURE

The sculpture of *Our Lady* (Notre Dame) was a gift to the University from the University of Notre Dame du Lac (NDUS) as a symbol of that institution's ongoing support, friendship and commitment to the vision of a Catholic university in Australia.

NDUS was instrumental in the establishment of The University of Notre Dame Australia. When the founders of Notre Dame in Western Australia looked abroad to develop an understanding of what a contemporary, Catholic university might look like, they found in NDUS a willing friend and mentor. Without the early guidance and inspiration of the Congregation of the Holy Cross and lay leaders at NDUS, this University, which now has a student body in excess of 11,000 across its three campuses, may not have been realised beyond the initial vision.

In 1993 NDUS commissioned Peter Schipperheyn, one of Australia's leading sculptors, to create this vision of the 'Madonna and Child'. In 1994, Mr Schipperheyn travelled to the Italian city of Carrara, 100km north west of Florence, to hand-pick the marble for the sculpture.

On 12 March 1995, Rev William Beauchamp CSC, former Executive Vice President of NDUS and current President of the University of Portland, officially welcomed and blessed the sculpture that represents the unbreakable bond between the two universities of *Notre Dame*.

In his address during the unveiling ceremony, also attended by then President of NDUS Rev Edward 'Monk' Malloy CSC, Fr Beauchamp compared the beginnings of the two universities and professed his belief that Notre Dame, like NDUS in its early years, had been graced by Mary's protection. He prayed that this protection would continue.

Our Lady resides at the top of the ramp leading into Notre Dame's inaugural building (ND1) on Mouat Street in Fremantle which, at the time of the University's first classes in 1992, contained the College of Education, teaching rooms, a library, staffing offices and the Vice Chancellery.



As an area of high traffic for students, staff and guests to the Campus, it was deemed the most significant of locations to have a sculpture of this magnitude.

More than 20 years after its commissioning, *Our Lady* remains the iconic image for The University

of Notre Dame Australia and an enduring reminder of its origins. For current students and staff across Australia, it is a symbol of guidance, love and wisdom for a community of people devoted to Jesus through His Mother's grace.



THE UNIVERSITY OF
NOTRE DAME
A U S T R A L I A

The Objects of The University of Notre Dame Australia are:

- a) the provision of university education within a context of Catholic faith and values; and
- b) the provision of an excellent standard of –
 - i) teaching, scholarship and research;
 - ii) training for the professions; and
 - iii) pastoral care for its students.

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