

Fourteenth Latin Summer School - January 2008

Directors' Report

The 14th Latin Summer School was held from 14 to 18 January 2008 in the Education Building at the University of Sydney. It comprised intensive language study through a wide range of levels from beginners to post-graduates, a series of Guest Lectures and a Special Interest Series of seminars for advanced students. There was a total enrolment of 246 students with 23 tutors and 3 administrators. 95 of the total students were from 26 schools in NSW. For the first time we invited a Visiting Director, James Morwood of Wadham College, Oxford, who participated fully in the Summer School and whose contribution and presence were greatly appreciated by all.

The Summer School was opened by James Morwood who spoke of his early traditional education in the classical languages and challenged everyone to make the most of the week ahead. A tribute was paid by Ian McLeod to the late Rodney Wood who died in 2007 and had participated in many Summer Schools.

The thirteen classes were taught by experienced school teachers, university lecturers, post-graduate students and senior undergraduate students from a wide variety of institutions and we are very grateful to them for their contribution.

Level 1A	Erna Bollard and Mathew Almond - beginners
Level 1C	Anthony Alexander and Hugh Catterson - those returning to Latin after some years
Level 2A	John Coombs and Damaris Wikramanayake - graded readings including Caesar, Catullus and the Bayeux Tapestry
Level 2B	Michelle McVeigh and Fiona Tweedie - a wide variety of readings from Cicero to Harry Potter
Level 2X	Greg Fox and Nicole Condon - Vulgate (Acts), Horace (Odes), Ovid (Metamorphoses)
Level 3A	3A1 - Lisa Aronson - Selections from Cicero's Speeches of invective 3A2 - Chris Ransom - Selections from Ovid, Art of Love 3A3 - Arwen Wilson - Selections from Solinus, Collection of Marvellous Things
Level 3B	Roger Pitcher and Alison Waters - Medieval Latin, Bede,
Level 4A	Terry Ryan - Catullus, Wedding Songs Paul Roche - Seneca, Thyestes
Level 4B	Elizabeth Minchin - Ovid in a week James Morwood - Virgil, Selections from Aeneid 3
Level 4C	Martin Stone - Cicero, Letters, 8.7, 8.8, 8.14, Horace, Odes 3.3, Tacitus, Annals 1.6.39-40, Suetonius, Tiberius 22 Paul Roche - Virgil, Eclogues 1,4,6,10
Level 5	Frances Muecke - Horace V Propertius Marguerite Johnson - Catullus 68

A very interesting and varied series of Guest Lectures was given as follows :

Andrew Miles - Ten Tips For Success In Latin Pronunciation
Paul McKechnie - Lucretius and the Epicureans
Ian McLeod - A Glimpse of Tunisia
Frances Muecke - Horace's Farm
James Morwood - The Oxford Latin Course
Martin Stone - Inventing a principate : how Augustus tried to eliminate design-faults
Edwin Judge - "Propaganda gives the game away" - Leaking the truth in the Age of Augustus
John Coombs - The Voyage of St Brendan

Three Special Interest Series were presented each afternoon for those in levels 4 & 5 :

James Morwood : *Virgil, A Poet in Augustan Rome*
Frances Muecke : *Renaissance reportage*
Dexter Hoyos : *Hannibal's true route over the Alps* and *Practising the sound of Latin* (sound bites and oral practice)

The Latin Summer School is a great week of learning, widening one's repertoire and meeting fellow lovers of Latin in a relaxed atmosphere. Abbeys Bookshop provides an excellent range of books on their three-day bookstall. Profits from the Summer School go towards promoting classical education in schools and universities and funding visits by distinguished visitors from overseas, including the Todd Lecture on 29 May 2008 by Em. Prof. Julia Gaisser

The Latin Summer School was directed by Ian McLeod, catering by Anne Bryant and administrative assistance from David Collison, Peter Boyages and Tim Patrick.