



Your invitation to the St. THOMAS MORE'S FORUM
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Toxic Culture: the challenge of restoring dignity, worth and value to women and girls.



**Presented by
Melinda Tankard Reist
Director, Women's Forum Australia**

Wednesday 23 April 2008 7:30-9pm

St. Thomas More's School Hall at 30 White Crescent, Campbell followed by a light supper.

The Speaker

Melinda Tankard Reist is a Canberra author, researcher and commentator, with a special interest in issues affecting women. She is a Director of Women's Forum Australia, an independent women's think tank. Melinda is the author of *Giving Sorrow Words: Women's Stories of Grief After Abortion* (Duffy&Snellgrove, 2000) and *Defiant Birth: Women Who Resist Medical Eugenics* (Spinifex Press 2006). Editor of WFA's magazine-style research paper *Faking It: The Female Image in Young Women's Magazines*, Melinda is also working on a new book about girls and popular culture.

Synopsis

'Why should people of faith be concerned about the objectification of women and sexualisation of girls? How should they respond to an issue that attacks the dignity and worth of women, families and relationships?'
In many areas, girls do better. They're ahead of the boys in school. They are in better physical health than their male counterparts. They have a range of options in work and education. They can avail themselves of the rewards of the hard-fought gains of their feminist foremothers without thinking too much about it. Yet despite all the great opportunities on offer, girls are struggling. In an age of "Girl Power", many are feeling powerless. They are facing unprecedented social pressure, their emotional and psychological well-being at risk in ways never before imagined.

Entry : \$10 per person and \$3 per student at school or university and concession card holders.

The objective of the St Thomas More's Forum is to promote thought, discussion and debate on the challenges of faith in the workplace, family and public life in the modern world.

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Advance Program

Wednesday 28 May 2008

Joe de Bruyn

National Secretary/Treasurer, Shop, Distributive and Allied Employee's Association and Member of Federal ALP Executive and ACTU Federal Executive

Wednesday 18 June 2008

Fourth Annual St Thomas More's Lecture

Fr. Mark Raper SJ, AM

Provincial of the Australian Jesuits

"The Mission and Character of Religious Institutions, Then, Now and Looking Forward"

Wednesday 6 August 2008

Hon Christopher Pyne MP

Shadow Minister for Justice, Border Protection & Assisting Shadow Minister for Immigration & Citizenship

Wednesday 17 September 2008

Joint St. Thomas More's Forum Lecture with Australian Catholic University

Professor Greg Craven

Australian Catholic University National Vice-Chancellor

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