

Welcome to Year 7 in 2019!

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Year 7 Students

We hope that the year has begun well for you and your family, and that your daughter is excited to take up the opportunities offered to her as she starts her secondary school journey.

Please find below a list of important upcoming dates and other general information to help students and families settle into the year. We wish your daughter a very fulfilling and successful time at Avila and partnering with you in her education.

Yours faithfully



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YEAR 7 CO-ORDINATOR



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Key Year 7 Events

Orientation Day + School Photos | Friday 1 February | 8.35am-1.10pm

Compulsory for all students, the Orientation Day covers important matters including homeroom classes, timetables, emergency response training and locker/lock allocation as well as school photos. Students must wear blazers for photos. All Year 7 parents are invited to morning tea from 8.30-9.30am.

Year 7 Parent Information Evening | Thursday 7 February | 7pm

Parents' attendance at this evening is essential as important information will be delivered and you will have the opportunity to meet your daughter's homeroom teacher.

Year 7 Camp at Marysville | Tuesday 12 - Friday 15 March

Compulsory for all students, this is an opportunity to learn in an outdoor setting. Students will participate in a range of activities designed to challenge them and assist them in making friends in their year level.

Parent-Student-Teacher Meetings | Thursday 28 March or Monday 1 April | 3.30-8.30pm

We look forward to discussing your daughter's progress at the Parent-Student-Teacher Meetings. If you have a more general concern in the meantime, we encourage you to contact the specific Subject Teacher, her Homeroom Teacher or the Year Level Co-ordinator.

General Information

Avila College Uniform

All students are expected to commence school in the correct school uniform. Please check that your daughter's appearance and her uniform are consistent with the College's uniform policy that was included in your transition pack.

If you have had difficulty obtaining any items, please inform your daughter's Homeroom Teacher in writing. All uniform items need to be labelled.

Regular Communication

A number of channels and platforms are provided to parents so they can stay up to date with their daughter's progress and in touch with the latest news and events from the school.

These include PAM (timetables and reports), CareMonkey (medical details and permissions), the Avila App and our Facebook page. A fortnightly newsletter is also emailed to all parents.

Traffic Management

Providing a safe environment for all Avila students is a high priority and we ask for your support and co-operation when dropping off or picking up your daughter.

During the beginning of each year, we experience a high volume of traffic and we ask that drivers please follow the clockwork route for drop offs and pick up. Please see the diagram attached.

Year 7 Camp

A dynamic and interactive outdoor experience, Year 7 Camp is an essential part of the Discovery Learning Program. Held at scenic Marysville, the Camp focuses on sustainability and sustainable living.

Students are also introduced to a range of outdoor education experiences and activities including: canoeing, abseiling and an overnight campout. This program is run in conjunction with the Outdoor Education Group (OEG).

Sports Trials and Training

Avila students have the opportunity to try out for different sporting teams during the year. Some teams have trials and/or training starting in February. If your daughter is interested, they can ask the PE teachers for more details.

Avila College Term One Events

Friday 1 February	8.35-1.10pm	Orientation Day + School Photos	<i>Compulsory for all students</i>
Tuesday 5 February	9-10.30am	College Assembly	<i>Parents welcome</i>
Thursday 7 February	7-8pm	Year 7 Parent Information Night	<i>Parents only</i>
Tuesday 12 February		Y7 Swim Day	<i>Excursion</i>
Friday 15 February	9-10.30am	Opening School Mass	<i>Parents welcome</i>
Thursday 21 February		Y7 Reflection Day	<i>Compulsory for all students</i>
Tuesday 12 March – Friday 15 March		Y7 Discovery Learning Camp at Marysville	<i>A cabin-based experience designed to build independence and teamwork</i>
Wednesday 27 March	TBA	Swimming Carnival at MSAC	<i>Compulsory for all students. Y7 students will be bussed to and from the venue.</i>
Thursday 28 March + Monday 1 April	3.30-8.30pm	Parent Student Teacher Meetings	<i>Early dismissal on both days at 1.30pm</i>
Friday 29 March		Year 7 Immunisation	
Friday 5 April	All Day	Staff Professional Learning Day	<i>Student Free Day</i>

Drop Off and Parking

For the safety of all students, drivers need to follow a clockwise route when dropping off or picking up students. Cars are not permitted past Portsmouth Street to the end of Charles Street.

