

Welcome to Year 9 in 2019!

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Year 9 Students

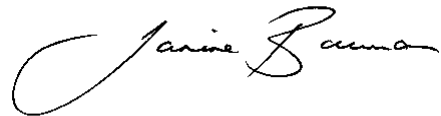
We hope that the year has begun well for you and your family, and that your daughter is well rested and ready to continue her Avila journey.

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 fulfilling and successful year and trust that you will support the work of the College by working in partnership with us.

Yours faithfully



MS MARINA KELLY
YEAR 9 CO-ORDINATOR



MS JANINE BAUMAN
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL STUDENTS

Key Events

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

Compulsory for all students, the Orientation Day includes locker allocation, subject choice confirmations, timetables, emergency response training and school photos. Students must wear blazers for photos.

Year 9 Parent Information Evening | Wednesday 13 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 9 Camp at Lake Eildon | Tuesday 12 - Friday 15 March

An opportunity to learn in an outdoor setting, students will participate in a range of activities.

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

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:

- The fortnightly Avila newsletter
- PAM – Parent Access Module
- Parent-Student-Teacher Meetings
- The Avila mobile app (link to download is on the Avila website)
- Social media platforms – Facebook and Instagram
- CareMonkey

It is important that the College has the most up-to-date contact information for parents, including daytime contact numbers and email addresses. Please check the CareMonkey profile to ensure that all details are correct and update accordingly.

If there are any changes to your daughter's living arrangements or health status please contact the Year 9 Level Co-ordinator Ms Marina Kelly.

Avila College Uniform

All students are expected to return to school in the correct school uniform. Please check that your daughter's appearance and her uniform are consistent with the College's uniform policy. Students who return in the incorrect uniform will have the matter followed up by their Homeroom Teacher.

Examinations

This year will be the first during which your daughter will undertake formal examinations.

There will be one examination day at the end of Semester 1 and another at the end of Semester 2. These examinations are compulsory and serve as excellent preparation for VCE. Dates for the Year 9 exams will be made available at the Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 13 February.

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 their Year 9 Student Leaders or PE teachers for more details.

Avila College Term One Events - Year 9

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>
Wednesday 13 February	7-8pm	Year 9 Parent Information Night	<i>Parents only event. Meet your daughter's Homeroom Teacher and learn about the Y9 Discovery Learning Camp.</i>
Friday 15 February	9-10.30am	Opening School Mass	<i>Parents welcome</i>
Tuesday 12 March – Friday 15 March		Year 9 Discovery Learning Camp	<i>Lake Eildon</i>
Wednesday 27 March	TBA	Swimming Carnival at MSAC	<i>Compulsory for all students.</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>
Wednesday 3 April		Year 9 Reflection Day	<i>Compulsory for all students.</i>
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.

