From the Principal

Dear members of the Avila community,

Last Friday I, along with the Year 12 Religious Education Staff and Year 12 students, was involved in a Reflection Day. The day provided a chance for our senior students to put their studies aside and reflect on the presence of God in their lives. The students and staff undertook a number of activities led by various staff and at the end of the day we celebrated Mass with Fr Jim Clarke. The booklet that was used throughout the day had a wonderful quote on the front page that can speak to all of us as we journey through life:

*Life is like a camera…*
*Focus on what’s important,*
*Capture the good times,*
*Develop from the negatives,*
*And if things don’t work out,*
*Take another shot.*

I would like to thank Carmela Marino, Acting Director of Faith and Mission who planned the day, as well as all the staff involved on the day. I know the feedback indicated that students really gained a lot from the day. The banners that were produced by the students which linked to Nano Nagle, St Teresa of Avila, Avila College and the Year of Mercy will take pride of place in the Year 12 corridor and then be used at the Avila Day Eucharist later in the year.

Yesterday we came together as a school community for our Annual House Swimming Carnival at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC). This venue was consciously chosen again because it provides tiered seating for all students and staff, as well as important cover and protection from the sun. Given this rather unusual hot Autumn weather, it was a blessing that everyone was undercover. Congratulations to Nagle house as well as all students who participated on the day. Thanks and acknowledgement also go to Tim Ross, Sports Co-ordinator, the Physical Education staff and the student house and sports captains for their efforts on the day. Well done to Chisholm house that was also awarded the House Spirit trophy.

During the past two weeks students and staff have been involved in a range of activities that have seen their gifts and talents on display. On Monday 22 February student leaders from Years 8-12 were involved in an all day workshop to build team effectiveness as well as leadership skills. Thanks in particular to Andrew Gutteridge, Student Leadership Co-ordinator, for his work with our student leaders in planning and implementing the program. A large group of students and staff participated in the annual Music Camp from Friday 26 – Saturday 27 February culminating in a wonderful concert on the Saturday night. Thanks and appreciation to all involved in particular Roxane Lascaris, Music Co-ordinator and the Music staff for their efforts. We also had many students collecting for the annual Red Cross Door knock appeal on Sunday 6 March around the local streets of Mount Waverley. It highlights our faith in our young people who are prepared to undertake community service and consider the needs of others. Thanks to Christine Kralj, Deputy Principal Wellbeing for coordinating this event and to the staff who assisted with transport on the day.

**Community news:**

Thoughts and prayers are extended to Maureen Adams (staff member) following the recent death of her father-in-law.

With blessings to everyone in this year of Mercy,

Louise Gunther
Principal

Cover image: Students preparing for their race at the Swimming Sports Carnival

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**Prayer**

God Our Father

You formed us from the dust of the earth

And brought us to new life in Christ’s resurrection.

We ask you to change our hearts

As we journey through the Lenten period.

Help us to see Jesus in all we meet

And to serve him in all persons

Especially the poor, sick, the lonely and the needy

By your grace, may our prayers and sacrifices this Lent

Help us to grow closer to each other and to you.

As one family in Christ.

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord

Amen

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**Calendar dates**

**Wed 9 March**  Proud Race Day

**Thu 10 March**  Year 10 Reflection Day

SCSA Tennis

PFA Meeting, 7pm

**Fri 11 March**  Avila hosts the Fire Carriers Conference

**Tue 14 March**  Labour Day

**Tue 15-18 March**  Year 7 Camp

Year 9 Camp

Yr 10 Community Service

Canberra Study Tour

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Avila College acknowledges the Wurundjeri people, the traditional custodians of the land on which the College is built.
LEARNING AND TEACHING

Overdue Assessment

Over the past few weeks, teachers have been providing continuous online feedback to students in the Learning Areas of Simon. Many parents and students who have looked at the feedback on Assessment Tasks have responded positively. However, as this is a new system for many teachers, there have been some unexpected little glitches in the set up of some of the Assessment Tasks. These errors have led some parents and students to become concerned that tasks were overdue. Teachers are currently working to rectify problems in using the calendar feature of the Assessment Tasks module in Simon.

If parents have concerns about overdue tasks, they are asked to check with their daughters first. If the student seems genuinely unaware of an overdue task, the student should check with the teacher.

We expect that this problem will be resolved before the end of term and thank parents who have alerted us to it. We ask for your patience as we learn about the idiosyncrasies of this system that will enable teachers and parents to work more closely to support students’ learning.

Oral Reports Years 7 - 12

3:15 – 8:30pm Thursday 14 April
3:15 – 8:30pm Tuesday 19 April

One of the forms of reporting used at Avila College is the Oral Report meeting. In many schools Oral Reports are referred to as Parent-Teacher-Student interviews. The Oral Report meetings at Avila provide opportunities for students, parents and teachers to discuss an individual student’s progress and to work together to develop strategies to enhance learning.

Bookings have now opened for Semester One Oral Report meetings. Parents need to make bookings using the Parent Access Module (PAM). All parents should have their usernames and passwords for PAM. If parents are unsure of their PAM details, they may ask their daughter to retrieve them via a link on the student portal of SIMON. Instructions are provided on the following page.

Mindful of the parents’ busy lives, we have scheduled two dates for all students in Years 7-12 in the first fortnight of Term 2. Parents should select the day and time suits them best. To provide teachers with a break between finishing teaching for the day and commencing Oral Reports, classes for students will conclude at 1:10pm on Oral Report days.

All Oral Report meetings are held in the Hall with a few staff, whose surnames commence with a letter towards the end of the alphabet, located in the front (stage area) of Bunjil. Interviews are usually only five minutes in length so if a longer appointment is required, the five minute meeting may be used to identify a suitable alternative time to chat with a specific teacher. Each teacher will have many parents to meet with at the Oral Reports so parents are asked to assist teachers by being aware that only five minutes are allocated. If a student has a particular teacher for multiple subjects, only the one appointment slot should be booked. If more time is required, a date can be arranged for that to occur subsequently. Students are expected to accompany their parents to the meetings to discuss their learning.

We urge parents to book early to secure their preferred time slot. If circumstances change, parents can return to the booking program and alter bookings up to 5:00pm on Wednesday 13 April. If there are concerns or problems with booking interviews, parents should contact the IT Help Desk at the College.

Madeleine Franken
Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching
How to book your Parent Teacher Interviews using PAM.

Login into PAM at http://pam.avila.vic.edu.au

If you can’t remember your login details please ask your daughter to find them via SIMON.

She will need to go to School Links on the left hand side of SIMON.

Click on the link at the bottom of the next screen.

Your daughter will need to log in using her SIMON login details.

Your PAM details will appear below.

Now you are ready to login. Once you have logged in you should see this screen. Click on the Parent Teacher Interviews link in the top right corner.

Select the subject, the time and click on Book Now. When you are finished you can print your times out.
ADMINISTRATION NEWS
Traffic Management
Because safety is a key issue for all our Avila students, we ask for support and co-operation from parents when either dropping off daughters or picking them up at the end of the day. In order to assist with this process, we ask that parents refer to the diagram below and follow a clockwise direction when dropping off or picking up students. Please look closely at the diagram at right that identifies:
- Parking areas for parents
- Drop off areas
- Bus parking only
- Staff parking only
- Flow of traffic

For the safety of all students, staff and parents, we ask that no cars come past Portsmouth Street to the dead-end part of Charles Street. We also ask that you are mindful of neighbours’ access to their driveways.

We urge parents to please follow the recommended route when dropping off or picking up their daughters.

*Donna Bell*
Director of Administration/VCE

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YEAR 12 REFLECTION DAY
Life is a journey…not a destination. This was the theme and the key discussion point for this semester's Year 12 Reflection Day held on Friday 4 March. Students were called to reflect on their time so far at Avila College and on what they hoped to take with them as they move towards the next stage of their lives. Girls were challenged to think about what qualities they would pack in their suitcase for the next stage of their life journey.

The day was filled with discussion, music, singing and time for reflection. The girls worked together as a year level focusing on Nano Nagle as role model for young women today. The day concluded with designing new banners for the College focusing on Nano Nagle, St Teresa of Avila, the Year of Mercy and the Avila College community. These banners will be part of our Avila Day Celebration Mass in October. Father Jim Clarke joined us to celebrate Mass encapsulating the core focus of the day.

*Carmela Marino*
Acting Director of Faith and Mission
HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Annual House Swimming Carnival was held on Monday 7 March. As always this is a fantastic opportunity for us to not only embrace the school's House culture and spirit but to also celebrate the wonderful swimming talent we have at the College.

It was pleasing to see so many students actively involved on the day, whether it was swimming, assisting on pool deck, or simply supporting their fellow competitors in the stands. The Points Swim as well as the introduction of the new “fill the bucket” race were highlights of the day with excellent participation in both events. The race for House honours was keenly contested all day, with Flynn, Chisholm and MacKillop competing desperately to wrestle back the trophy that Nagle won last year. However, in the end it was Nagle that was again victorious and continued their recent domination of the event. Congratulations not only to Nagle, but to all students involved on the day. A special thank you to all staff for their hard work in helping to make the day a great success.

Tim Ross
Sports Co-ordinator
YEY 12 FORMAL
The red carpet was out for the annual 2016 gala event – the Year 12 Formal!
The evening was hosted by Avila College at Brighton International, an impressive venue which was fitting for the elegantly attired girls and their respective partners.

In the lead up to the event, the Year 12 corridor “buzzed” with an atmosphere of sheer excitement and glee. Laughter and admiration were at their peak as girls shared their experiences in anticipation and preparation for their upcoming special occasion, a milestone to be celebrated and enjoyed.

When asked about some of the highlights, students were quoted as saying:
“Tandoori Thursday and Fake Tan Friday were so much fun”, “the food was awesome”, “new and special friendships have been forged”, “the whole year level came together and had a fun filled night”, “the staff can actually dance – Mrs Zammicheli had some serious moves”, “what a truly brilliant and memorable night”.

Congratulations must be extended to all students and their invited friends for the impeccable manner in which they presented and conducted themselves.

The evening saw the successful culmination of much preparation and planning. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to all the people involved in making the evening possible; in particular the VCAL students and Ms Dunn for co-ordinating the evening, the staff who attended and to all the parents/guardians who contributed to making the evening a memorable one for their daughters.

Anna Marvelli
Year 12 Co-ordinator
DEBATING NEWS
The DAV Debating is underway once again and this year we have an amazing 20 teams competing in the St Kevin’s zone. This zone has expanded with our students competing against St Kevins, Xavier, Genazzano, Sacre Coeur, Melbourne Grammar, Presentation Convent Windsor and Melbourne Girls’ College. For many of our debaters this was their first competitive debate and they are to be congratulated on overcoming their terror and debating most knowledgeably. Ten of our teams had full points at the end of the night.

A special congratulations goes to the students who received the Best Speaker Award: Catherine Pagliaro, Melanie Linden, Tamara Ryan, Dinelle Hettiarachchi, Olivia Gomatos, Emma Faraone, Elena Di Silvestro and Prabhloyan Gill. Well done!

Christine Valladares
Co-ordinator of Public Speaking and Debating

THE LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR
The Lions Club is a special organisation who selflessly do much needed social work in their communities. Each year they run a competition to choose the “Youth of the Year” in each district, zone, and state ... until they have a national winner. It is an excellent competition that encourages young people to see them themselves as changemakers in the world.

This year Avila was represented by Catherine Pagliaro (last year’s City of Monash Youth of the Year) and Emma Spencer, both pictured right. Both of the girls were intelligent, dignified and friendly ambassadors for Avila on the day of the competition. The judges told Catherine that she just missed on winning by a whisker and Emma was chosen as Public Speaking Winner on the day. Well done to both girls and congratulations to Emma, who as a Year 11 student will have a chance to compete again next year.

Christine Valladares
Co-ordinator of Public Speaking and Debating

GRIP LEADERSHIP DAY
On Tuesday 16 February, a group of Year 10 and 11 leaders attended the ‘GRIP Student Leadership Conference’ at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. Many schools from all over Victoria came together to discuss ways on how to benefit our school community through our leadership roles.

Through out the day we listened and took part in some fun games, discussions, and lectures which had an emphasis on:
- Being a proactive leadership team
- Making your speeches dynamic
- Making your events dynamic
- How to motivate others

During the day we also got to meet other leaders from different schools to discuss our differences and similarities, and what events and other activities they do at their schools which could be brought into Avila. The day was packed with lots of fun yet informative advice, which made it a very cool atmosphere to learn in.

After leaving this conference we all came away with 4 important qualities in how we can contribute to our leadership team and role:
1. To be respectful- of other people’s opinions and views, and try to consider everyone’s ideas.
2. To be relational- to create and build relationships with those on our leadership team, students of various year levels and staff.
3. To be reliable- to be organised with tasks set and complete those actions on time, as well as be responsible and trustworthy.
4. To be resilient- to try new things, and if you fail, get back up, be honest about it and try again.

We got to take away many ideas and tactics from this day, which we can now bring back to Avila and hopefully apply and reinforce in our leadership roles.

Roisin Selvarajoo
Year 11 Student
YEAR 8 UPDATE: LIVING AND VALUES PROGRAM

In Year 8, we are dedicated to developing our students’ ability to develop their understanding of self, others, and the broader world around them. Throughout the year, the program will work to educate our girls as to the importance of maintaining healthy relationships, and developing the emotional intelligence to guide them through their early teenage years with resilience, compassion, and respect.

As we are all aware, social media is central to many young people’s relationships. Our recent visit from our local Victoria Police Youth Resource Officer was a critical component of our LAV program. The presentation focused on positive engagement with social media, the laws regarding social media use, and strategies to ensure that any use of social media is safe and respectful. It was an engaging and insightful experience, and we hope that our Year 8 cohort continue to participate in the program with the maturity and self-awareness they demonstrated on this day.

We encourage our parents to engage in dialogue with their daughters about their experience of the presentation, and other aspects of our Living and Values Program this year.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead.

*Samuel Carroll*
Year 8 Co-ordinator

**Victoria Police Youth Resource Officer Presentation- Cyber Safety**

On Tuesday 1 March, Amanda Fahey from Victoria Police came to talk to the Year 8s about cyber safety through different social channels. Amanda explained the importance of how we publicly represent ourselves online. This gave us an opportunity to reflect and re-think the ways we approach social media.

As Avila girls, we are aware of our expectations through social media and on the Internet.

Amanda facilitated an understanding of the importance of cyber safety on social media and how it can be taken for granted as technology is continuously advancing.

Above all, it was a privilege to have Amanda come in to sharpen our awareness which gave us further insight into the crucial importance of cyber safety in today’s society.

*Delani David*
Year 8 Student

Pictured above: Amanda Fahey from Victoria Police with Mr Sam Carroll and some Year 8 Students
YEAR 9 UPDATE

This year our theme for Year 9 is “I am never sure what is coming next, but I am an open minded person and I welcome any challenge.” We hope that this year, we can become open-minded young women and welcome the challenges thrown our way, in and beyond our school life. So far this year, we have been settling into a new environment and new routines. We have been preparing ourselves for the adventure of our upcoming camp and looking forward to the challenges that it brings. Many of us participated in the Red Cross Door Knock Appeal on Sunday 6 March, Orchestra Camp, Craft Club, Game Club, Public Speaking and Sport. As Year 9 students our opportunities are endless and we encourage each of you to ‘be open minded’ and try something new.

Year 9 Student Leaders

Back row: (L-R) Ms Bauman (Yr 9 Co-ordinator) Chiara Smith (Faith and Mission), Charlotte Nunn (Art), Emma Gare (Music), Monique Louey (Sport), Sinead Kelly (Public Speaking and Debating).

Front row: Chloe Smith (Drama), Sarah Ang (Flynn), Tricia Cowan (Nagle), Jessica Fulfaro (MacKillop), Molly Feeley (Chisholm), Mr Isma (Yr 9 Assistant Co-ordinator)
YEAR 9 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

What’s been happening?

This semester in Food Technology I have enjoyed learning new recipes. I have learnt many new cooking techniques this year such as folding, using an electric beater and piping. These have being reflected in my cooking at home as I have made macarons, sponge cake and sour cream lemon shortbread. I enjoy the creative side of Food Technology such as label making, cake decoration and food presentation. I like how every lesson we do something different; it doesn’t feel like you’re learning because you’re having fun. This is why Food Technology is a great subject to choose for Year 9. Food Technology is a subject that is very important to me and I look forward to doing it next year as well.

Jess Vincent, 9 Blue

In Food Technology we started the term with focusing on Australian themed food. We cooked Anzac Biscuits and Lamingtons, which tasted amazing while also learning new techniques such as the double boiler! Also we did theory work on the history and information on Australian Cuisine, which I really enjoyed learning about and cooking, especially when it's our own cultural food. Secondly, we cooked Lamb and Pumpkin pizza. I really enjoyed cooking the pizza because it’s something I love to cook at home. Using different combinations of ingredients made cooking more fun and interesting. Then we moved on to our design task of making creative labels for our passionfruit curd. We cooked our passionfruit curd in class and presented it in jars with our labels on them. I really enjoyed cooking the passionfruit curd and was fascinated by the process of cooking it as we watched it transform from a runny liquid to a thick mixture. Now we are focusing on Asian Cuisine and we have experienced the smell, flavour, appearance and texture of spices, herbs, sauces, noodles and oils which are used in Asian foods. We will be cooking more Asian dishes in class using those ingredients which I am excited to do as I love Asian dishes and I’m also excited to learn how to use some new ingredients in Asian meals.

Alicia Maracantanio, 9 Orange

This semester in Food Technology we are learning about and producing dishes from around the world. Thus far we have investigated Australia and are now moving onto Asia. I am really enjoying this subject as I find it interesting learning about different cultures and their foods, then, of course, getting to eat all the amazing creations that are made. At the moment I have made ANZAC biscuits, Lamb and potato pizza and Passionfruit curd, which were all delicious and fun to make. I can’t wait for what the rest of the semester brings!

Charlotte Greenaway, 9 Pink

VCAL EXCURSION TO FARESHARE

On Monday 29 February, the Year 11 and 12 VCAL classes went to FareShare. FareShare is an organisation, which works with other charities cooking healthy meals using recycled excess food from restaurants and supermarkets, such as Woolworths. When we arrived at FareShare in Abbotsford, Pollyanna gave us a brief history of FareShare to introduce us to our job for the morning. Over the next 3 hours we made 1000 meals for charities such as The Salvos, Father Bob and Rosie’s Soup Van. We were split into 2 groups and while one group made quiches, the other group made sausage rolls. Everyone learnt how to package up the food. After that, of course, came the very strict cleaning process. We had a rewarding and satisfying experience volunteering at FareShare. We became more aware of how much food we actually waste every day and how it could be better used.

Michela Mandarino and Bianca Leone
VCAL Students
MEET THE COLLEGE CAPTAINS

Caitlyn Quinn
From the time I started at Avila way back in Year 7, I’ve always taken every opportunity that the College has given me. Needless to say that has meant very few lunch times free over the past 5 years. From Creative Arts, Year 10 Drama Festival, being a member of the Reconciliation Group to DAV Debating, numerous public speaking competitions and swimming in every event at the House Swimming Carnival, I’ve put my hand up for everything. This year I could not be prouder to be College Captain and have the opportunity to engage with so many students from Avila, across all year levels. I look forward to endorsing student voice this year and giving back to the college that has empowered me to be a young woman of change.

Danielle Darbyshire
My name is Danielle Darbyshire and what a privilege it is to be the College Vice-Captain: Faith and Mission, for 2016. I feel incredibly blessed to be given this opportunity and to work with such a fantastic group of leaders who really embrace every opportunity the College offers. Since commencing at the College in 2011, I have been involved in a large array of activities and extra curricular events: Red Cross Door Knock, SRC Expo, Creative Arts, Biggest Morning Tea, Netball, Soccer just to name a few. I have also had the opportunity to attend many conferences around the country with a highlight being the Presentation Schools Conference in Yepoon, Queensland in 2014. This year, I hope to inspire students at the College with my goal for 2016 to live out the theme “It’s Up To Us,” by working together with staff and students to enhance their faith experience, as well as work together to create a positive change in the local and wider community for those most vulnerable and least fortunate. I want to encourage girls to put themselves out there and work together with others, as it isn’t until we do so, that a positive change can be made. It truly is “Up To Us” to be the voice that speaks out against injustice in our world.

Amelia David
My name is Amelia David and I feel incredibly honored to serve Avila College as College Vice-Captain: Community for 2016. From the moment I entered the Avila grounds I felt a great sense of warmth and support from staff and students who have nurtured me to be the proud ‘Avilonian’ I am today. I can’t believe that my time at Avila has come to its final chapter, but I look forward to working with such an energetic and passionate leadership team to create this sense of belonging for fellow students. Throughout my time at Avila I have immersed myself in many aspects of school life including several music groups, Reconciliation Group, Avila/ Mazenod Musical, Red Cross Door Knock, Debating, Public Speaking, Creative Arts and Young Vinnies. As Vice-College Captain Community I feel greatly privileged to be leading a community that has given me so many opportunities over the years, alongside College Captain, Caitlyn Quinn, and College Vice Captain: Faith and Mission, Danielle Darbyshire. So bring on 2016, a year that’s ‘Up to Us’
PFA NEWS

PFA Meeting
Thank you to those PFA members who attended the first meeting for 2016. A very warm welcome was extended to new parents who came along to the meeting, we appreciate their support.

Mothers Day Breakfast
The PFA will be hosting a Mothers Day Breakfast in the Gathering Space at the College from 7.30 – 8.30am on Thursday 5 May. The event is for both Mothers and their daughters. It seems like a way off but it will be here before we know it. The cost is $10 per person and bookings can be made via the College website, www.avila.college.vic.edu.au News and Events, Bookings.

National Australia Bank International Women’s Day Function
The NAB has organised a special function to commemorate International Women's Day on Tuesday 8 March. PFA Committee member Maria Frizziero works at the NAB and she has kindly arranged tickets for some students to attend. They will hear from high calibre speakers including, Wendy McCarthy AO, Donna de Zwart CEO, and Alisa Camplin AOM. Circus Oz will also be performing. This is a great opportunity for our students attending and we would like to thank Maria for organizing the tickets.

Year Level Reps
The Year Level Reps are busy organising various social functions for each year level. We thank them for their efforts and more details will follow.

Save the Date
Year 12 Parents and Students Year Level Function
Year 12 Survival Kit
Guest Speaker: Dr Richard Chambers
Psychologist and Mindfulness Consultant Monash University
Date: Wednesday 4 May
Time: 7pm for finger food and refreshments (non alcoholic)
Venue: Ashburton Baptist Church Hall

Bookings will open via the College website soon.

IGA Community Benefits Scheme
Next time you are shopping at IGA/Richies Mount Waverley, be sure to use your Community Benefits Card. IGA donate a portion of sales back to community groups which can be significant over time. If you already have a card make sure you have nominated Avila College as the community group or, if you don't already have one, it only takes a moment to set up; just ask at the check out. Thanks for your support.

Next Meeting
All are welcome at our next PFA Meeting in the Ground Floor Meeting Room from 7pm on Thursday 10 March; hope to see you there.

Wasana Fernando
PFA President

SPORT NEWS

Upcoming Tournaments:

SCSA Tennis
Date: Thursday 10 March
Venue: Boorondara Tennis Club

SCSA Swimming & Diving
Date: Wednesday 23 March
Venue: MSAC

SCSA Cricket
Date: Wednesday 13 April
Venue: Box Hill Indoor Sports Centre

Tim Ross
Sports Co-ordinator
PATHWAYS AND CAREER NEWS

Year 12 students should make an appointment to see a Careers Counsellor about their plans and options for 2017 and beyond. Students are asked to sign up for an appointment in a study period using the Google doc shared.

Year 10 students are encouraged to organise a Work Experience placement during a week of their holidays. Work experience can help students clarify their preferred career choice and it is great to have on a resume for future work or course applications. There are a couple of invitations in this newsletter for girls interested in the IT field or working with animals.

Experience a Day at Melbourne
The University of Melbourne is hosting a special event designed for Year 10 to 12 students and their families, allowing attendees the opportunity to come and explore the Parkville campus and find out more about the range of study options available at the university.

Date: Friday 1 April 2016
Location: Parkville Campus, the University of Melbourne
Registration: Registration is essential. Please register at Experience a Day at Melbourne
For more information, email Rod Nelson rodneyn@unimelb.edu.au

Experience La Trobe Registrations Are Open!
2016 registrations are now open for Year 10 - 12 students and their parents to join LaTrobe for the upcoming Melbourne and Bendigo Campus Experience La Trobe events.

This popular event will be hosted across all campuses on the following dates:

- **Melbourne Campus**, Thursday 31 March & Thursday 7 July
- **Bendigo Campus**, Friday 1 April & Wednesday 6 July
- **Albury-Wodonga Campus**, Friday 6 May
- **Shepparton Campus**, Thursday 2 June
- **Mildura Campus**, Friday 8 July

The full programs are available [online](#) and hard copies and posters will be [sent](#) to all schools later this month. With 103 workshops on offer across our campuses and a range of new exciting inclusions, this event is sure to be bigger than ever! Places are limited so students should get in quick to design a personalised program for the day.

Deakin Explore
Deakin University recently launched an excellent Web App called Deakin Explore. This resource allows students to kick-start their course and career exploration. Students can start with courses that lead to a career, or start with careers to find courses that lead to it. Students can filter courses and careers by what matters to them; each course and career lists others that are similar thus allowing students to broaden their options, and students can save their favourite courses and careers to access later, and even share them by email, Facebook and even Twitter.

Students are encouraged to visit [Explore Deakin](#) and familiarise themselves with this very useful resource.

2016 Go4IT Work Experience Program
Tata Consultancy Services has opened registrations for the 2016 Go4IT Work Experience Program. The week long program is designed to give girls who are interested in IT exposure to CEO Deborah Hadwen, senior leadership team, clients (e.g. Westpac), soft skills including an interview skills workshop and hands on IT experience in coding computer software.

Visit [2016 Go4IT Work Experience Program](#) to find out more, and/or to apply!

Working with animals
Are you interested in Working with animals at one of Victoria’s zoos? Places are available in the school holidays this year as well as work experience opportunities. Click on the link below for details.

[School programs | Zoos Victoria](#)

A copy of the Newsletter is available on Avila’s Careers Guidance site (see link on Simon).

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