FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Avila community,

This time of the year is always extremely busy as students and staff work towards summative assessment tasks such as examinations and end of semester tests. Our Year 10 and 11 students will undertake examinations from Friday 3 June - Friday 10 June and our Year 9 students will sit examinations for English, Mathematics and Science on Thursday 2 June. We encourage our students to do their very best in these tasks so that they get a sense of achievement in making the most of their abilities and talents in a range of subjects.

My sincere congratulations go to the students and staff involved in the delightful and thoroughly engaging production of ‘An Evening with Peter Pan’. The Besen Centre was once again filled with beautiful music and dance items, stunning costumes, innovative animations and witty drama skits. Our Stage Crew ably supported student performers in making this production a success.

Our focus on Performing Arts continued last week as Year 11 Music students undertook their Music recitals while all Year 11 students enjoyed a performance of slam poetry by Luka Lesson, a spoken word music artist, as part of the English curriculum.

Serving the community is an integral part of being an Avila student. We can be justly proud of the House Leaders for running the ‘Biggest Afternoon Tea’ and serving 200 doughnuts and numerous cups of hot chocolate to fellow students. The House Leaders were supported in their endeavors by Mr Andrew Gutheridge and funds raised will go to the CatholicCare.

Community News

We welcome a new General Office receptionist to Avila, Anna Huntley. Anna has prior experience working at a school and I am sure she will be a wonderful asset in assisting parents with their enquiries and communication with the school.

It was lovely to meet the newest members of the Avila community last week. Teachers Renee Fleeton and Felicity Brundell returned to the College with their beautiful babies Siena and Arnie. Staff were captivated by their beaming smiles and the queue for a cuddle was quite long.

I ask the Avila College Community to keep staff members Marie Stuart and Louise Swift in their prayers. Marie’s mother and Louise’s mother-in-law passed away last week. May our Lord bless and comfort them and their families during this time of sadness and grief.

As I step down from the Acting Principal role, I would like to thank Louise Gunther, Principal, for trusting me with this rewarding and challenging role over the past few weeks. Louise has been on Professional Leave and was participating in a Presentation Sisters Pilgrimage in Ireland. I also thank the staff and Avila parent community for their support and kind words of advice and encouragement.

The Annual School Report to the community is now available on the College website.

With blessings to everyone in this year of Mercy,

Christine Kralj
Acting Principal

Cover image: Students performing in the Creative Arts Festival, ‘An Evening with Peter Pan’.

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Prayer

As Australians, we are all here, woven into this country.

As part of our reconciliation journey, there are truths to tell, stories to celebrate, and relationships to grow. Reconciliation is at the heart of our nations’ future.

We pray, God of Justice for the Stolen Generation and their families. May we continue to value and include our Indigenous people in our thoughts, decisions and prayers. We pray for our current leaders and those who have gone before in this country working for the recognition of the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Help us share our lived experiences and opportunities with our Indigenous families. In your mercy and compassion walk with us as we continue our journey of healing to create a future that is just and equitable.

We pray for continued justice and a commitment to reconciliation through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Calendar dates

- **Wed 1 June** Second Hand Uniform Shop, 1 - 4pm
- **Yr 12 Music Performance Recital, 6pm**
- **Thu 2 June** Yr 9 Examinations
- **Yr 10 & 11 Study Day**
- **Fri 3 June** Yr 9 Careers Day
- **Yr 10 & 11 Examinations begin**
- **Tue 7 June** VCE GAT Examination
- **Yrs 7 - 9 Student Free Day**
- **Fri 10 June** Yr 10 & 11 Examinations finish
- **Mon 13 June** Queen’s birthday

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

Staying Motivated to Study

‘How do I get motivated to study?’ This is one of the most common questions my students ask me. Motivation is a key factor in success. Having just completed my Masters in Education (which proved to be one of the most challenging, stressful and rewarding projects I have ever done!) I often send my Year 12 English class quotes to keep them focused and boost their study motivation during peak periods.

1. For the student who is extremely productive at unimportant things; “Never do tomorrow what you can do today. Procrastination is the thief of time.”
2. For the student who needs a reality check; “Push yourself because no one else is going to do it for you.”
3. For the student who is master of excuses; “Success isn’t overnight. It’s when everyday you get a little better than the day before, it all adds up.”
4. For the student who is a master of procrastination; “Do or do not, there is no try.”
5. For the student who is struggling with their self-belief; “Just believe in yourself. Even if you don’t, pretend that you do and at some point you will.”
6. For the student who has big ambitions; “Hard work beats talent when talent doesn’t work hard.”
7. For the student who can only see a mountain; “Many times life will hit you hard, knock you down, and hurt you. Persevere, never give up, and do your best to get up and keep going.”
8. For the student who can’t see the end of the road; “When you think about quitting, think about why you started.”
9. For the student who doesn’t understand the purpose of mistakes; “We learn from failure, not from success!”
10. And finally...for every student; “All that we are is the result of what we have thought. The mind is everything. What we think, we become.’

The strongest factor for success is self-esteem; believing you can do it, believing you deserve it and believing you will get it. I see a lot of students that can get overwhelmed during exam times. I always remind them that this period won’t go on forever, that everything changes and all you need to do is to just keep taking action, studying, and you will succeed.

Semester One Exams

On Thursday 2 June, all Year 9 students at Avila will sit exams in English, Maths and Science to give them an opportunity to develop the skills and strategies required for this type of formal assessment. Examinations differ from topic tests in both the formality of the assessment environment and in the range of knowledge recall and understanding required. In Years 10 and 11, students undertake end of semester exams in all subjects. The format of the exams is designed to prepare students for the conditions of external exams. All students undertaking any 3 & 4 units are required to sit the three-hour General Achievement Test (GAT) on Tuesday 7 June.

All students have been given advice about how to prepare for their exams. The formal conditions of exams have also been outlined to the students. Students who have queries about exams should speak with their subject teacher or Year Level Co-ordinator. We wish students well for this important assessment period.

Semester Reports

Following the marking of final assessment tasks, including examinations, teachers will complete semester reports. On Friday 17 June parents will be sent an email alert to advise them when the reports have been uploaded to Simon. Parents will be able to access their daughters’ Semester One reports through the Parent Access Module (PAM) in Simon. All students will also be able to download their own report from their profile page on Simon. Any parent with queries about accessing PAM is encouraged to contact the IT Help Desk at the College before reports are released. A reminder that reports will not contain any written comments. Parents need to access the continuous online reporting area for specific feedback in regard to tasks. Reporting Codes Guide is also accessible from a link on Simon and PAM.

Angela Torelli
Acting Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching
CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL 2016

On Thursday 19 May, Avila College presented our 30th Creative Arts Festival at the Besen Centre in Burwood. From its humble beginnings back in 1987, the annual Creative Arts Festival has come a long way. But one factor has remained constant over the decades – Creative Arts has always been student-driven, and indeed this has been part of its beauty.

A wonderful celebration of music, dance, drama and multimedia, this year’s Creative Arts Festival was ‘An Evening with Peter Pan’. Over 250 students from all year levels had been rehearsing their items for the show at lunchtimes and after school since the middle of Term 1. About 30 Avila College staff were also involved in the show, led by a small team of Arts teachers who met fortnightly to help realise our ideas on the stage.

The students decided an adaptation of the classic Peter Pan story was needed. Drama scenes were linked to various year levels. Each scene was a small part of the Peter Pan story presented in a different style. Our aim was to keep the audience entertained on the night and have a lot of fun putting it together in the process. Scenes were presented on stage in the style of soap opera, Aussie bogan, Star Wars, Hollywood glamour, and even goth. You could say we mixed it up a bit! Colourful costumes and make-up suiting this diverse range of styles helped bring these drama scenes to life on stage.

As usual, the music items were carefully chosen. They cleverly matched the story and themes evident in Peter Pan, with songs about flying heavily featured. The show consisted of the Avila College orchestra, flute ensemble, chamber choir, ukulele ensemble, string orchestra, clarinet ensemble, stage band, harp ensemble, concert band, senior ensemble, rock band, string ensemble, music theatre choir, percussion ensemble, Avila choir, brass ensemble, and a student band. Three gorgeous dances consisting of a group, a trio and a solo were then linked to selected musical items. Add in some animation and a student film and our program was complete.

Many students helped backstage for this year’s Creative Arts including costume assistants, a large stage crew, make-up assistants, ushers, and girls helping with lighting, projection and sound. Art students also helped out by putting together a foyer display for guests arriving at the theatre.

One of the highlights of Avila’s Creative Arts Festival each year is seeing how multiple art forms can exist in harmony alongside each other in a single event. It was no small feat constructing the show so the performance looked as smooth as possible for the audience on the night. But seeing over 250 girls from every year level collaborate over an extended period of time and then showcase their talents on the night, definitely made it a worthwhile experience for all involved. Until next year…

Justin Cash
Drama Co-ordinator
ALL SCHOOLS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

What an experience! From Monday 2 May to Friday 6 May, I attended the All Schools Leadership Program held by Monash Youth and Family Services in Clayton. It was definitely one of the most interesting, fun and inspiring weeks of my life. During the course of the week I participated in various activities that involved aspects of leadership. We were taught a range of leadership styles and theories. In particular we explored Tuckman and Jensen's theory; ‘The Stages of Group Development’, which was really interesting. The stages included Forming: creating a positive environment; Storming: asking questions about upcoming events; Norming: creating a single plan of action; Performing: everyone knows what they’re doing and Adjourning: the completion of the task.

We looked into the qualities of a leader, such as, concern for members, use of authority, honesty, trust, responsibility, and teamwork. We covered leadership styles, which included directive leadership, democratic leadership and hands-off leadership, and the difference between them all and how to use them effectively. We learnt about verbal and non-verbal communication, which included delivery, tone and pace. For non-verbal communication it is important to give expression through your face and hand gestures. We also developed our use of body language and the use of power pose.

Some topics covered were more serious than others like strategies for resolving conflict and mental health. We spoke about some examples of devastating stories that involved conflict and the state of mind that a person would have if they had anxiety, depression and/or an eating disorder. We developed skills to identify and help others with mental illness, through calm conversation, understanding and friendship.

One of my motivations to attend the program was to improve my public speaking skills. Personally I find public speaking a challenge but we learnt important skills, for example, waiting for the right moment to start speaking, looking calm, connecting with the audience, using pause and breathing calmly, body language and preparation. We discussed how to deal with nerves and to remember that it is all about the audience taking something away from your speech. I now feel much more comfortable presenting a speech.

The most memorable experience of the program would have to be the wonderful people that I met, not only my new friends but the amazing and inspiring adults who taught the program. Everyone got along extremely well and it was a very nurturing environment, especially for me as I was the only student representing Avila College.

I would definitely recommend this program to other Avila students; it provides you with valuable knowledge and new friendships. I will take these skills and friendships with me for life. Thank you to both Avila College and Monash Council for this experience and once again, what an experience!

Danielle Apidopoulos
Year 10
STEM SEMINAR

On Sunday 15 May, Robogals Monash organised a Women in STEM Seminar for Year 9 girls. Chloe Virginie of 9 Gold attended the day and sent us this report:

I attended the Robogals Monash Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Seminar at the Engineering Department at Monash Clayton campus on Sunday 15 May. At the start of the day we were divided into three groups of 15 girls all from different schools, we then did three different activities.

The first activity was Lego Mindstorm. We used the Lego Mindstorm program to write code, which we then downloaded on to the EV3 Robot and the robot moved to these commands.

For the second activity we assembled a robot arm with a claw. A motor was attached to the arm and the movements were controlled by programming the arms on the instructors phone, through Bluetooth.

The final activity that we did was called Women in STEM and was run by the President of Robogals Monash. In groups of four, with an engineering university student, we brainstormed our ideas about the pros and cons of artificial intelligence.

At the end of the session we were informed more about Women in STEM and different career opportunities for us.

I enjoyed my day at the Robogals seminar which I found to be an informative experience where I was able to get an insight first hand from uni students. I would recommend other students attend this event in the future.

Ziad Baroudi
Technologies Teacher

Above: Robots built at the STEM seminar.

CATCH UP CORNER

Maths help is also offered at Catch Up Corner at lunchtimes for students in Years 7 to 10 who need extra help or a more detailed explanation of a difficult concept.

These sessions are held in Room 66.

Day 1: Mrs Talj
Day 2: Ms Cummins
Day 3: Mrs Trifilo
Day 4: Mr Edwards
Day 5: Ms R Ryan
Day 6: Ms C Ryan
Day 7: Mrs Lloyd
Day 8: Ms Zammicheli
Day 9: Ms Baka
Day 10: Mr Francis
YEAR 12 PUBLIC SPEAKER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

The Public Speaking Competition for Year 12 was held on Tuesday 24 May. With six amazing speeches, the audience was enlightened about many different issues from domestic violence to terrorism to job opportunities.

There was only 3 points separating first from last, it was a very successful competition with wonderful competitors. The winner of the competition was Catherine Pagliaro (pictured left).

It was definitely a morning filled with interesting speeches to entertain the audience. Well done everyone and thank you to Mrs O’Neill who was the judge.

Jovita Thomas and Gabrielle Mogg
Year 12

CITY OF MONASH RECONCILIATION WEEK

The theme for Reconciliation Week this year was ‘Our History, Our Story, Our Future’ and the launch for the week by the Monash Reconciliation Group was held at the Highway Gallery.

In order to draw out the theme, Felicity Smith, the group’s co-ordinator, arranged an exhibition of Avila’s bollards of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people throughout history. The exhibition highlighted the dramatic movements in the history of this land and the relationship between First Peoples and those who have come to settle across the centuries.

Uncle Colin Hunter, a Wurundjeri elder, performed a smoking ceremony. He spoke of the loss of culture and language that is part of the history of his family and the energy they have put into recovering this heritage. The Rev Smith from St Christopher’s Anglican Parish Bentleigh East spoke of her Aboriginality and the welcome she has found in the Church.

Tessa Canning (pictured right), a Year 12 student and valued musician, filled the gallery with beautiful melodies and entertained the group.

Thanks were expressed to Ms Di Bari, Ms Lascaris and Mr Currie for their assistance with the launch.

Christine Valladares
Reconciliation Group Teacher

SCOUT HONOUR

Congratulations to Year 10 student Kina Vaihu (pictured left) who has been awarded one of the highest honours from Scouts Victoria.

Kina was presented with the Scout Medallion by Brendan J Watson OAM the Chief Commissioner Scouts Victoria, at a function attended by hundreds of people. Recipients of the award possess leadership, organisation, drive, determination, resilience and high level practical scouting knowledge, including camp craft and hiking.

Kina first joined the Cubs when she was eight years old and has now moved up to Venturers. Mr Watson OAM said that he recognises Kina “as a leader now and in the future.” Kina said, “I have learnt about life and have new skills. It is good on Avila camp because I can set up my tent very quickly. I have also met lots of friends through Scouting.”

Annie Opray
Director of Marketing and Development
PFA NEWS

Thank you to Maree Radnell

Maree Radnell was one of the founding members of the Avila College PFA. She has recently tendered her resignation and I would like to thank her for all of the time and effort she has devoted to the PFA. Maree was one of the organisers of the very successful Trivia Night in 2013, which effectively helped to start the Parents and Friends Association. Since then Maree has helped to organise many parent events for the community, especially during our Golden Jubilee Year. Her organisational skills and ability to get things done will be missed and I would like to wish Maree all the very best for the future.

Trivia Night – Friday 22 July

Win Half Price Tickets

Question: In what country is the town of Avila located? Email your answer to aopray@avilacollege.vic.edu.au

First correct entry wins two half-price tickets ($10 each to the Trivia Night).

Please mark 7.30pm Friday 22 July in your diary so you can come along to the Avila College Trivia Night. Now is the time to get a table together or join with other parents to test your knowledge on a wide range of topics. The cost is $20 per person and bookings can be made via the College website, www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au News and Events, Bookings.

It will be a great night out, and you can test your quiz knowledge and I look forward to seeing you there. Food and drinks are BYO.

We are looking for donations and prizes for the evening and so would appreciate you emailing pfa@avilacollege.vic.edu.au if you are able to assist. Funds raised on the Trivia Night will be donated back to the College.

Upcoming Year Level Events

Year 7 Families Rollerama Roller Skating

All Year 7 families are invited by their Class Reps to a fun afternoon of roller-skating at Caribbean Rollerama from 1.30-4:00pm on Sunday 5 June. Cost is $10 per person. RSVP to Verity Coates by 23 May on 0432 669308. The whole family is very welcome.

Parent Volunteers

If you have an hour or two to spare to help with the Trivia Night, please email pfa@avilacollege.vic.edu.au We will need assistance with set up and preparation and then pack down.

New Members

The PFA are looking for some new members to join the group. We meet at the College for an hour or so once a month, please feel free to come along, we would love to see some new faces. It really is a fantastic way to meet other parents. Just email pfa@avilacollege.vic.edu.au if you can spare some time to get involved.

Kind regards

Wasana Fernando
PFA President

CONFIRMATION 2016

The six-week Holy Saviour Parish Confirmation program is suitable for baptised candidates in Years 10, 11 and 12 (or aged 16 years and over) who have already received the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Sunday 21 August at 11am and will be presided by the Vicar General, Reverend Monsignor Greg Bennett.

Enrolment forms and further information is available to download from the Parish website: www.cam.org.au/glenwaverleynorth

If you have any questions or queries, please direct them to Ms Mo Cromar, Pastoral Associate at Holy Saviour Parish Office (Tel: 9803 3554 or email mo.cromar@cam.org.au).

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Avila College uniform supplier PSW will have its Stephensons Rd retail outlet closed on Thursday 9 June 2016 for stocktaking. PSW does apologise for any inconvenience and would like to remind customers that all trading hours and contact details for queries are available at www.psw.com.au.

Avila's Second Hand Uniform Shop is open on May 18, June 1 and June 15 from 1 - 4pm.
Invites
Avila College Parents to a

TRIVIA NIGHT

Date:  Friday 22 July  
Time:  7.30pm – 11pm  
Venue:  Avila College Gathering Space  
Cost:  $20.00 per person  
BYO:  Food and drinks  
Bookings:  [www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au)  
News & Events, Bookings  

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The Broadway Musical

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Music by Marc Shaiman
Lyrics by Scott Wittman

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Orchestrations by Harold Wheeler
Arrangements by Marc Shaiman

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TICKETS
$26 Adult, $16 Concession
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SPORTS NEWS

After months of training, it was finally time for the Avila Athletics Team to put their hard work into action!

It was an early morning start on Friday 13 May for the 81 eager Avila athletes as they boarded the bus for the journey to The Bob Jane Stadium in Albert Park. With the weather on our side, the mood was high and the girls were ready to run, throw, and jump their very best in Division 1 of the SCSA athletics.

Upon arrival at the track, the team set up a great atmosphere for the rest of the day with a roaring chant to let everyone know that the “Mighty Mighty AVILA” was there and that we meant business!

Throughout the day the young athletes performed with unbelievable skill, strength and speed, with 62 girls reaching new personal bests and 2 Avila records broken. Mackenzie Suppa of Year 7 broke the 1999 Year 7 Discus record held by Karolina Wlodarczak. Mackenzie added 50cm to the old record with a throw of 21.90m! Mietta Busscher of Year 9 broke the 2016 Year 9 record in the 1500m, which Melissa Vecchio set at the House sports. Previously it was set in 2005. Mietta’s time of 5 mins 41.62 was just 1.79 sec faster, helped by a massive final sprint to pass five competitors in the final 100m.

The Juniors finished the day in 8th place, intermediates 4th and seniors 6th. Overall, Avila placed 7th - a look at the numbers revealing that the team was only 18 points away from finishing 4th! An amazing effort by all the athletes.

A huge thank you goes out to all of the girls who willingly stepped up to cover events for the athletes who were fighting injury or illness, and to the girls who came on the day as reserves. This true Avila spirit definitely doesn’t go unnoticed. We would also like to say a massive thank you to Angela, Miss Sim and Mr Bullock, for their organisation, reliability, and of course, coaching skills! Finally, a sincere congratulations to all of the girls for their hard work and dedication this year - you definitely did Avila proud.

Special thank you to Mr Les Burgess who retires as the Manager of Bill Sewart Track after 7 years of dedicated service, where the squad trains a number of times each season. Les’ three daughters went to Avila and he always offered kindness and support to Avila athletes and coaching staff. His youngest daughter Hayley was Flynn Captain and Avila Athletics Captain.

Erin Flatters and Breanna Beltrame
Athletics Captains

SCSA Basketball

It wasn’t just another Monday in May; it was the one day a year three teams of Avila girls travel to the SCSA basketball competition.

As Basketball Captain and having been a member of all of the Junior, Intermediate and Senior squads I was feeling the pressure, especially after the Senior team had taken the gold the year prior. Each of the teams proved a force to be reckoned with, not only in talent but also in regards to good sportsmanship, respect and encouragement.

The Juniors fought out a tough draw against a strong Sacred Heart Geelong team in their first game and in doing so proved, although small, they were a team to watch out for. The Juniors in fact did so well they ended up in the grand final to finish runners up, losing by just 3 points.

The Intermediates faced great opposition throughout the day. Although not winning a game they were to be highly commended for their efforts and trying their best in each of the five games they played.

The Seniors felt they had a lot at stake after winning last year. We knew trying to repeat the outcome wouldn’t be an easy task. After losing the first game by 9, we lost 4 games by no less than 3 and won another game by 2. Each game was so close which demonstrated the high level of competition.

All in each of the teams performed with great skill, team work and endurance throughout the course of the day. It was all made possible by our coaches, Mr Whiston, Ms Kelly and Ms Bauman who always encouraged, lead and devoted their time so all Avila teams could run as smoothly as possible.

As Captain of Basketball at Avila this year, and after participating in my last SCSA basketball competition, I couldn’t be more proud of how Avila competes. I’m greatly appreciative to those who get involved or have been involved over the six years I have participated in basketball. Avila has and will continue to be recognised for their basketball talent and I couldn’t be happier to say I have contributed to that recognition.

Gemma Rapp
Basketball Captain
PATHWAYS AND CAREER NEWS:

Reminders:
- Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT), register by 3 June
- ‘Focus On Melbourne’ seminars (6.30-8.00pm) Tuesday 31 May. For more Information or to register: [http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focus2016](http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focus2016)
- Experience RMIT – for holiday programs see: [www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays](http://www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays)
- Experience La Trobe – see: [www.latrobe.edu.au/study](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study) for details and to book
- Explore Occupational Therapy – 14 July at Austin, apply: to keely.zenner@austin.org.au
- Aviation For Women Conference – 4 June, book: 9580 8822 or markd@mfs.com.au.

Enterprise Skills are in Demand
The New Basics Report reveals that employers are placing a premium on enterprise skills at a time of significant change in our workforce.

Job ads that ask for these enterprising skills are offering significantly higher pay than those jobs not requiring these skills. Employers of younger workers are asking for enterprise skills just as often as role-specific technical skills. What’s more, the jobs of the future demand enterprising skills 70% more than jobs that are at risk of automation.

Enterprise skills are transferable skills required in many jobs.
Click to download the report [The New Basics: Big data reveals the skills young people need for the ...](http://www.study.monash/why-choose-monash/information-for-high-achieving-students/monash-scholars/how-to-apply-for-the-monash-scholars-program).

Monash Scholars - Year 10 students
If you are a high-achieving secondary school student, the Monash Scholars program could help you to develop and excel academically and personally.

As a scholar at Monash, you will explore and pinpoint your passions, develop a broad suite of study skills, and gain the confidence to make great course and career choices. Through the program, you will build a personal network of peers and academics that will last through to university and beyond.

If you are a Year 10 student and interested in joining the program, applications are now open and will close on 24 June.

Apply now: [https://www.study.monash/why-choose-monash/information-for-high-achieving-students/monash-scholars/how-to-apply-for-the-monash-scholars-program](https://www.study.monash/why-choose-monash/information-for-high-achieving-students/monash-scholars/how-to-apply-for-the-monash-scholars-program).

TRIPOD has changed its dates!
Dates: 18-19 June
Venue: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
To find out more, visit [www.tripod.edu.au](http://www.tripod.edu.au). Please see Ms Dunn if you and your parents are interested in attending as we have some free ambassador passes.

Work Experience
We have a number of students seeking Work Experience placements in the June/July holidays. In particular we are after a medical placement, preferably paediatric, and a journalism placement for two very keen Year 10 students.

If you are able to offer a placement please contact Jenny Dunn at jdunn@avilacollege.vic.edu.au and we will try to match up a suitable student. Any type of placement is valuable and our students have a wide array of interests.

Jenny Dunn - Pathways Co-ordinator
Email: jdunn@avilacollege.vic.edu.au

Geraldine McKenna - Careers Counsellor
Email: gmckenna@avilacollege.vic.edu.au
Australian Catholics Magazine Youth Internship Program

On Monday 16 May, myself and five other students across Australia embarked on an unforgettable experience; we spend the week as journalists. Earlier in the year I applied for the Australian Catholics Magazine Youth Internship Program and six students were chosen nationally. We spent the week planning and structuring the Spring edition of the Australian Catholics Magazine. Our theme for the edition was “Small Mercies, Huge Blessings.” We were all assigned three articles to write and they will be published in the upcoming edition. It was a fun week that was full of laughs and coffee. The experience was as insightful as it was inspiring and my eyes were opened to the tough but resilient world of publishing. This fantastic week had definitely sparked an ambition in me, and I hope future students who have the same experience will feel as enriched as I have.

Sheanna Hettiarachchi
Year 10

VCAL Community Action Project

As part of our Year 12 VCAL program, we are completing a Community Action Project. This means students choose an outside organisation related to a community issue they are concerned about. We then offer our time and/or skills to them to help support the issue and raise community awareness. We chose to go to Lions Club Opportunity Shop as our project because we wanted to help serve the community. Our experience of going to the Lions Club Op Shop in Mount Waverley has given us knowledge and understanding of how this particular op shop benefits the community. One of the ways in which the Lions Club helps the community is by making it a place where customers and employees feel welcomed. Some of the donations given to the Lions Club can help people in developing countries, for example, any prescription glasses given to the Lions Club are sent to underprivileged people.

The Lions Club has 1.4 million members who are dedicated to improving the lives of the handicapped, the poor, the sick and the aged. The motto of the Lions Clubs International is ‘We Serve’, and the Lions live this motto with enthusiasm.

The main jobs we completed at the Lions Club Opportunity Shop were sorting clothes into their colours and type, classifying the donations, retrieving postage stamps and other jobs that were set by our supervisor.

Remember when you are donating make sure your goods are in good order and clean as this really helps when sorting through donations.

Michela Mandarino and Gillian Winnewisser (pictured below)
Year 12 VCAL

HOW AND WHAT TO DONATE TO AN OP SHOP

What:  
- Simply donate:  
  - Clothes  
  - Games  
  - Books  
  - DVD’s  
  - CD’s/ Records  
  - Kitchen wear  
  - Dining  
  - Vases  
  - Kids Toys  

How:  
- Make sure everything is clean
- Make sure it’s in good quality
- Wash the clothes
- No electrical goods
- Make sure that when donating games they have their parts to it
- Make sure when donating kitchen wear, clean them and in perfect condition
- Make sure shoes are clean