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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dr Michelle Cotter Principal Exec. MBA, M.Ed. Leadership, M.Ed. RE, Post Grad. Dip. IT, Post Grad. Dip. Adult Ed., Grad. Dip. RE, B.Ed

Last week we farewelled our graduating Class of 2019 with a day of celebration, reflection and joy. These confident, intelligent and resourceful young women have played a vital role within our community, helped shape Avila throughout their secondary school journey and demonstrated how we are all better when we work together.



Whilst we will miss their contribution to daily school life, they continue to be part of a global community of Presentation people, people inspired by St Teresa of Avila and empowered by the Gospel and our Presentation values of Faith, Vision, Community, Compassion, Action, Daring, Justice and Presentation. These will always be a part of their story and in turn they are part of ours.

Thank you to all the family members and staff who joined us to formally recognise their graduation and prayed with us for our students' journey ahead. The VCE exams are now well underway and it has been pleasing to see the calm dignity, inquiring minds and dedication at work as they approach and handle these major milestones.

We look forward to seeing them continue to grow away from school, but not apart from the Avila family as they become the newest members of our innovative and inspiring Alumnae community.

Happy Learning! Dr Michelle Cotter





Heavenly Father,

In all our travelling, Lord may it be your footsteps in which we place our feet.

We pray for our Year 12 students as they embark on the next phase of their journey. May they turn to you for guidance and support as the experiences they encounter on the road ahead challenge and inspire them.

Watch over our Year 10 and Year 11 students as they turn their attention to the next phase in their education. May they too embrace the challenges and excitement of new and ongoing studies. Comfort and guide them in their work and study.

Lord God, hear our prayers for all our students including our Year 7's to Year 9's, keep them close in your presence and walk with them in their journey.

In all their travelling may your footsteps guide them. As they stumble on the way help them put their trust in you.

May it be your footsteps in which they place their feet.

Amen





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Graduation Mass







Vinnies Christmas Appeal

The Young Vinnies team have launched their annual Christmas Appeal for 2019.

They are looking for non perishable donations such as canned or packaged foods and in particular Christmas themed goods like cakes, biscuits, candy canes, shortbread, or other items that you can serve at Christmas time.

All proceeds will be donated to St Vincent de Paul to support families in our community. Drop off centres will be available in each year level.



Community Cooking

Thank you to all the parents and students who participated in our Community Cooking sessions last week.

We will be holding another session on Friday 8 November from 4.30-6.30pm in the Avila kitchens to make shortbread for the Remembrance Day ceremony. This will be for all the local parishioners who contributed to the Poppy Project by knitting, crocheting and stitching red and purple poppies.

If you would like to get involved, please register on the following trybooking link: <u>https://www.trybooking.com/BGIAE</u>

Faith & Mission Important Dates

Gospel Readings

Sun 3 November Luke 19: 1–10 The Son of Man came to seek and to find what which was lost.

Sun 10 November Luke 20: 27–38 He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Important Dates

1 November Solemnity of All Saints

2 November Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

9 November Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



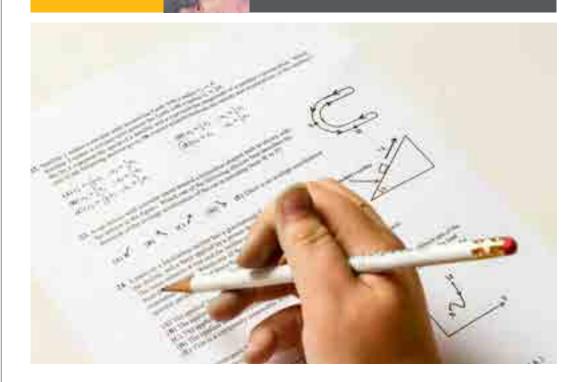


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Examinations in the Senior School

Year 12 Exams commenced with English on Wednesday 30 October. We wish our VCE students well as they embark on this final period in their VCE.

Oral language examinations and performance examinations for Music and Drama students commenced earlier this term.

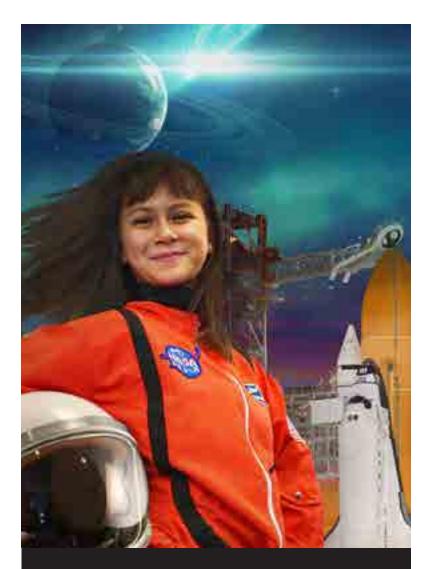
Students should be confident in the knowledge that they have been prepared thoroughly by their teachers and by their own revision, including formal practice exams, so that they know what to expect.

Exams for Years 10 and 11 students will commence on Monday 11 November.

It is an expectation that students attend all of their scheduled examinations.

Students are expected to be present thirty minutes prior to the commencement of their examinations in full school uniform.

Due to the current building works, students are encouraged to study at home and only present for their scheduled examinations. However, if students have more than one examination on a particular day, space will be provided for study as they are not permitted to leave school grounds.



Junior Space School USA Information Evening

Learn more about this exciting opportunity for current Year 7 and 8 students. An information night will be held at Salesian College in the Father Bill Edwards Auditorium on Monday 11 November at 7.00pm.

For further information regarding dates, costs, location of the tour, and to RSVP your attendance: <u>actura.com.au/salesian</u>

You as parents are an important support to your daughters in many ways during this challenging period.

Through words of encouragement and assistance, or even just by reinforcing the practical elements of examination preparation, your role is essential.

Below is a link to an article from "Generation Next" that could be of use to both parents and students in relation to exam stress.

https://www.generationnext.com.au/2019/10/dont-calm-down-4ways-to-harness-exam-anxiety/



Learning Spaces for Year 9 2020

With building works well under way, the Avila College Learning Captains have begun discussions about what an effective learning space looks like.

The group have engaged with rapid design thinking protocols to share student voice about the final layout and furnishings of the new learning spaces.

Students considered what helps students to engage in learning and how this can be reflected in learning space design.

Their insights have been invaluable and play a significant role in the final design of these spaces.



Year 8 City Experience Reflections





Natalie Houllis Year 8

"I learnt my way around the city, it allowed me to take responsibility for myself and to not be afraid and worried to go anywhere. At first I was anxious and nervous but when I got to experience the city and get to know where the places were, I was not nervous anymore.

I was so glad I went to City Experience."



Mara Viera _{Year 8}

"My advice for next year's Year 8 students is simple. Make sure your Myki is charged up before City Experience starts. It's best to have a practice with your parents so you know roughly where the City Cite building is. On the night before City Experience, you should go to bed earlier than you usually would so that in the morning you will be ready for the day.

When you're travelling to the City Cite it's best to travel with a friend. On the first day, you will feel excited and nervous. On the second day and onwards, you will feel less nervous, and more confident!"



Jennifer Panagakos _{Year 8} "A highlight of the week for me was walking around the city with my friends.

I enjoyed this because I was with my friends and we could get lost together. I learnt you can never get lost with a map or your phone! I was able to walk around with my friends and I felt a sense of independence."



Madeleine Windsor _{Year 8}

"I developed many skills over the week at City Experience. A highlight of the week for me was going to the Magistrates Court. I enjoyed this because I have never been to court before and it was interesting to learn about how it works and the different punishments people get for the crimes they commit. I was able to learn about the court system."

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Tricia Cowan Sport Captain Sophie Gregson Sport Vice Captain Bridgette Roza Chisholm Captain

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Tamsyn Pascoe Year 11 Jade Bennet _{Year 11}

AFL Umpiring Workshop with Eleni Glouftsis

On Friday 25 October, the Avila Dragons Football teams were fortunate enough to be involved in an umpiring clinic with Eleni Glouftsis.

Eleni is the first woman AFL field umpire and earlier this year umpired her first Friday night game at the MCG.

We spent our time learning how to be a boundary, field and goal umpire and concluded with asking questions about what her job entails and the various pathways women can take in the AFL umpiring industry. The clinic was a valuable experience for us to see what being an umpire is like and gain an insight into other perspectives involved in the game.





The clinic opened our eyes up to how difficult this career can be with all of the pressure and knowledge involved in making the right call.

We can now use these new skills and incorporate them into our own football games which will allow for a better understanding of the sport.

We cannot thank Eleni enough for sharing her story and giving us a glimpse of what it is like to be an AFL umpire - and for joining the players in a number of photographs after the session had concluded.





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Respectful Relationships Parent Forum

At Avila we are a part of a bigger network of schools and services - a Community of Practice that is committed to building respectful relationships in our community and in our schools.

As young people we are working hard at becoming the best version of ourselves, reaching our full potential academically, in relationships, physically, mentally, in our future careers and in the community.

Our Respectful Relationships Student Network is committed to student voice and using this voice to change the story.

Respectful Relationships has a strong focus on family violence prevention, gender equality and of course, establishing and improving respectful relationships. There is a great deal of evidence based research in this area, which informs our educational approach and what we can do as a community to generate a greater understanding of the impact of this.

By understanding this landscape and actively engaging in open communication, we can help build the capacity in our young people 'to change the story' for our future and future generations.





In Series 3 we heard from Dr Helen Keleher, an Adjunct Professor and consultant at Monash University. Helen has decades of research experience in gender equity, and is widely acknowledged for her skills in health promotion, women's health and the prevention of violence against women. Dr Keleher helped us better understand how stereotypes, rigid gender roles, expectations and damaging culture impact young people.

The following themes and questions were covered during the session:

Times have changed, from our parent's childhood to now. This was discussed quite a lot in our last forum with the influence of the digital age.

- Do you believe life improved for all genders in your families since the days of our grandparents? Explain how things have changed.
- How are expectations different today for boys compared to girls?

Gender stereotypes exist within our homes. For example: mum does the washing and cooking, daughter is told she can't be a firefighter, son can go out whenever he wants compared to the daughter.

- How has this been negotiated in your home and how has your family actively broken down stereotypes?
- How do gendered roles impact you?

We are talking about the impact that gender stereotypes, roles and expectations have on individuals and families. We are interested to hear your thoughts on what makes a harmonious family? Do we have a shared vision?

- How do you define a harmonious family?
- What steps does your family take to create a harmonious family

All in all it was a great opportunity for the five schools to collaborate and engage with our families on this important area.





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COMMUNITY



Mr Justin Cash Community Engagement Manager _{jcash@avilacollege.vic.edu.au}



The Barista Bus

VCAL students learnt the art of creating a great cup of coffee with style on the Barista Bus, a skill enjoyed by many staff on the day.



State Team Debaters Association of Victoria

Congratulations to Colette D'Costa, Talissah Lodge and Alissa Yee who have received personal invitations to try out for the Victorian State Debating Squad for 2020. A credit to their high standard of debating throughout the season. Well done!



STEM 4 All Presentation Night

Year 8 mentors and their Grade 4 teams will be presenting their projects at the STEM 4 All Presentation Night on Wednesday 13 November. Please book seats in Bunjil for the appropriate group with the links below.

St Christopher's Team

Wednesday 13 November 2019 6.15pm Project Viewing 6.30pm Presentation commences in Bunjil www.trybooking.com/563621

Good Shepherd's Team

Wednesday 13 November 2019 7.15pm Project Viewing 7.30pm Presentation commences in Bunjil

Australiner Bus Routes for 2020

Australiner Buses will be offering similar routes to travel to and from school next year.

For more information, please download the information pack and application form from the Avila website.

Avila Calendar

Monday 4 November Mid Term Break School Closed

Tuesday 5 November Melbourne Cup Day School Closed

Friday 8 November Year 10 + 11 Study Day

Thursday 14 November Year 7 2021 Parent Transition Evening

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP

Wednesday 13 November 1-4pm

Wednesday 27 November 1-4pm

Wednesday 4 December 1-4pm

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8am - 4.30pm

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Prabhloyan Gill Public Speaking & Debating Captain Rachel Iwuagwu Public Speaking & Debating Captain



British Parliamentary Debating



On October 20, we made our way to Caulfield Grammar for our first ever British Parliamentary Debate.

Jacinta Dinh _{Year 8} This is a different and challenging mode of Debating.

The thought of it rather scared us, but we had done some preparation at lunchtimes at school and fortunately the day began with a training session and model debate which gave us a more thorough understanding of this style of debating. When the first secret topic was released, I remember feeling, and seeing others, flustered about what we were going to write in such a small amount of time (about 30 minutes) with only our general knowledge as a resource. Although taken aback, we all gave it our best shot and found it enjoyable. Afterwards, we had another two debates, gaining more strategies and experience along the way.

No matter whether we won or lost, I think it was a rewarding experience for everyone. We left keen to continue building on the lessons we learnt on the day.

Legacy Competition



Nishara Fernando of Year 9 has been an exemplary Public Speaker in her time at Avila. Last year she was a Grand Finalist in the Debaters Association of Victoria Junior Public Speaking Competition and this year she was a State Finalist in the Legacy competition. Approximately 1500 students participate in this event across Australia and so it is a remarkable achievement to make it into the last eight students in Victoria. The event was held at the stunning Education Centre at the Shrine of Remembrance. Nishara spoke on the government's reluctance to increase the Newstart allowance and what this says of the nation's capacity to care for those who are most vulnerable. Unfortunately Nishara was not the winner, but her delivery of her speech was excellent. Well done, Nishara.





Clodagh Brooks _{Year 9}

The Voice Public Speaking



On October 19, Suhavi Singh and I attended the UN Youth "The Voice" Public Speaking Competition at Melbourne University.

I spoke about the way the international community could take action to prevent and manage civil conflicts all around the world. Suhavi conveyed her view to the audience about new technologies and how we should assist developing countries in having access to them.

The process of investigating our topics has broadened our understanding of the world and the work of agencies associated with the United Nations. After our speeches, we felt a sense of relief and satisfaction because we both knew that we did the best we could.

In the morning, Year 7 and 8 students Cynthia Castenda-Moreno, Amy Dickson, Abbey Stizza and Monique Adolphe, competed in the Junior division of this competition. They spoke on the same topics as the seniors - all of them had developed sophisticated responses to their problems. They did a fine job. We all now await the results to find out if we go through to the finals in November.

NEWS JUST IN: Suhavi Singh has gone through to the State Final!!









Year 10 AgHort

Year 10 Agricultural and Horticultural Studies students visited Myuna Farm to learn about animal husbandry with animals, small and large.

















Year 10 Drama Festival

The Year 10 Drama Festival was held in the Old Lecture Theatre on Tuesday 29 October and showcased the scripting and directing talents of the students of the Year 10 Drama B class.

They crafted two dramatic, yet often hilariously funny scripts on the prescribed theme "Survival" that kept the audience both engaged and highly entertained.

Congratulations to the cast who performed so well, and in particular to Colette D'Costa, the recipient of the "Vadi Award" for commitment to the craft of acting and general excellence.







Year 12 Graduation

























Year 12 Final School Day















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Year 12 Celebration Morning







































From Little Lunch to Dance Academy

Join us for breakfast and meet Bernadette O'Mahony, Avila Alumnae, head of the Australian Children's Television Foundation and producer of some of your favourite kid's TV programs.





Avila Influencers Breakfast | Season 4 Friday 29 November



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