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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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In this month of November we remember. We don't necessarily need words for the remembering; we have memories of feelings, of warm embraces, of cheers of jubilant celebrations and of the touch of a slowly released tear trickling down a cheek. We have each other in remembering and we have a loving God; always present, constant and reassuring, we have the faith, hope and love of the Gospel.



On Tuesday, November 11 we stopped as a school community and remembered our fallen armed service people, their families and friends, the peace keepers and the innocent victims of war.

We remembered that peace is precious and to be cherished, to be defended and not to be taken for granted.

We remembered that we are a community that is brought together by the smallest of commonalities and the strongest of values. Thanks to all of the students and staff who helped us remember and pause but especially thank you to Maddie Taylor (Year 9) who connected us through the Poppy Project, and inspired a new legacy for our school community; standing together - better for and with each other - and cherishing all that makes us our best self.

Our Year 12's continue their learning journey over the coming weeks with each student taking their own steps through the stages of their exam schedule or their pathway through VCAL competencies. We continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.











This is also a time of drawing together learning achievements, consolidating skills and knowledge, and showing learning progress.

Our Years 7 - 9 students are busily working away and our Year 10's and 11's are getting closer to the summit of this year through their own exam experiences.

Amongst all of this the Library continues to be a hive of activity and down time, with students working individually or in small groups revising, reading a novel, placing a jigsaw piece or playing Outwit. Our library really is a great space but more importantly it is a great place to be and to be together.

Happy Learning!

Dr Michelle Cotter



O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know.

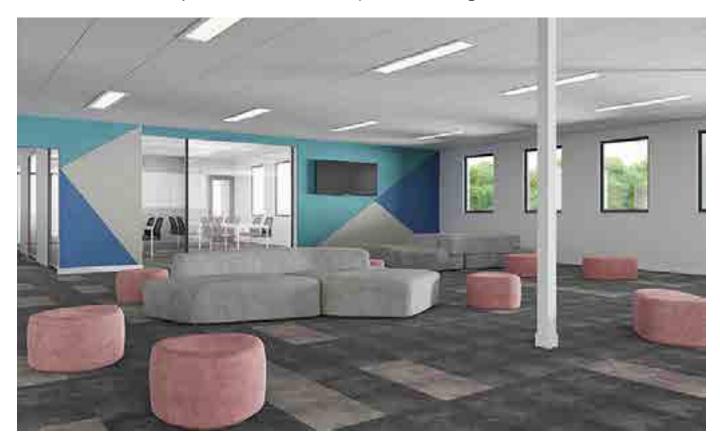
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.

As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

Amen

# **Evolving Avila - New Spaces and Places**

There is much excitement and activity on the Avila College campus, as our building works take shape and are on target for reveal in Term One, next year. The design and development process has incorporated student input from the Learning Captains and includes features they have identified as important for "a great classroom".



### **The Year 9 Centre**

With an emphasis on flexible contemporary learning environments and communal spaces that inspire collaboration and connection, the Year 9 wing is undergoing a massive reconstruction and refurbishment.

Classrooms will be opened up to allow for greater natural light and seamless connectivity.

New furniture items planned for the classrooms include tables that can be configured together for group work or set up individually for independent study.

A common space which enables the whole cohort to meet together will be augmented with booths and community break out areas.





## **Year 12 Senior Wing and Student Lounge**

Providing Year 12 students with an area conducive to private study yet still offering space and opportunity for community connection have been integral elements of the design brief for the new senior wing.

The student lounge will feature a fully equipped kitchen together with a communal dining area.

Technology rich classrooms in the senior wing will be reconfigured to maximise natural light, showcase the College's green landscape and offer flexible and adaptable learning spaces.



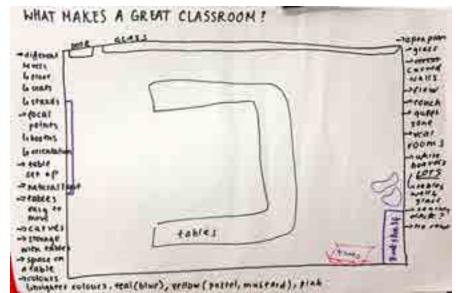


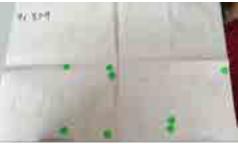
# **Student Feedback - Designing a Great Classroom**

Thank you to the Learning Captains who have played a key role in the development of our building plans. Drawing on research, best practice and expert opinion, the Captains have analysed and discussed the physical elements and practical considerations that contribute to creating a "great

classroom".

Their input has been factored into the design, colour palette and furniture selection for the new build so that it reflects a student-centric approach.











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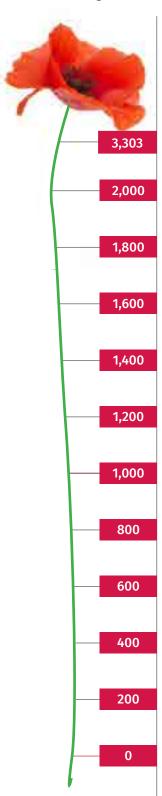
# **Remembrance Day**

On Monday 11 November we remembered those who have served with the Armed Forces, their sacrifices for the sake of peace, and paused to honour them in prayer. Thank you to Madison Taylor and members of the extended Avila community who contributed to the Poppy Project, creating a powerful symbol for the service.









# Poppy Target Achieved!

3303 on Nov 11



# Dear Staff, Students and the wider Avila College community,

I would like to thank you all for your time and commitment into helping us finish this project. I appreciate every poppy that was made. Each and every one tells a story.

### We have reached a goal of 3,303 poppies!

Thank you to all the girls who have helped over the past couple of weeks attaching the poppies to the mats and giving up their lunch times to do so. Thank you to all the teachers who have put many hours into helping me get to the point where I am - Mrs Stephens for helping coordinate the project, Ms Marino for putting our lovely Remembrance Day service together, Kim and Joh for doing the marketing side of things, and Dr Cotter for being really supportive through this whole journey.

The goal now is to finish attaching the remaining poppies to another mat in preparation for ANZAC Day next year. My goal is to have 5,000 poppies for Remembrance Day next year, so if you want a small project and enjoyed making poppies, please keep going!

Over the next year, we would love to collect another 2,000 poppies. A box will be put at the front office again for collections. I will be starting a new count for next year, so any poppies that do come in before the end of school will be displayed at next year's Remembrance Day service.

We will also be attaching the purple poppies in recognition of the animals who have served, so feel free to make these too during the holidays!!

Thank you again,

Maddie

# Faith & Mission Important Dates

Gospel Readings

Sun 17 November Luke 21: 5–19 Your endurance will win you your life.

Sun 24 November Luke 23: 35–43 Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

### Important Dates

**12 November**Memorial
of St Josaphat

**21 November**Memorial of the
Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

**22 November**Memorial
of St Cecilia

**30 November** Feast of St Andrew, Apostle

# Young Vinnies Christmas Appeal



Vinnies





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# Exams, Headstart, Booklists

### Examinations

Years 10 and 11 students commenced their exams on Monday this week.

Year 9 exams are scheduled for Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 November.

Students undertaking Year 12 studies will sit their final written exam on Wednesday 20 November.

Year Level Coordinators, Curriculum Leaders and teachers have advised students about how to prepare for their exams, including details about specific materials permitted in the different subject exams.

Students are reminded that they must bring their school ID card to each exam. Further information about pencil cases, stationery, water, watches, mobile phones, calculators and dictionaries is included in the "Exam Permitted Materials" link on SIMON.

### HeadStart

All students currently in Years 10 and 11 will undertake the HeadStart program from Wednesday 20 November to Wednesday 27 November.

Year 9 students undertaking a VCE subject in semester one should attend the HeadStart lessons for that subject unless they have an examination or formal assessment occurring in their Year 9 class at the same time.

Where such a clash occurs, the assessment of the Year 9 subject takes priority.

During HeadStart students undertake three lessons in each of their semester one subjects throughout the program.

Homework will be set to assist students to commence the new year with confidence and knowledge regarding the type of learning that occurs in each subject.

Any student who knows that she will be absent from any of the HeadStart program must see her current year level coordinator.

We strongly encourage all students to take advantage of this opportunity to begin their learning for 2020.

Absentees are required to catch up on the work missed in addition to completing all holiday homework.

### **Booklists**

The Booklists have been uploaded to the Avila website and students have had their electives for 2020 confirmed. Booklists need to be submitted online to Campion by Thursday 28 November.

### **Leah Eekelschot**

Deputy Principal, Learning and Teaching

# Girls in Science Forum - University of Melbourne





# Science Talent Search - Destination Moon

Destination Moon: More Missions, More Science. What an exciting topic for this year's Science Talent Search! Since March this year twenty five students from Year 7 to Year 10 have been researching, experimenting, writing, photographing and coding for the Science Talent Search. Students from Year 7 and 9 wrote creative writing pieces full of mystery, Moonbots and adventure about this year's topic. Students from Years 8 and 9 completed extended scientific experimental reports from topics as diverse as potassium levels in bread to fertilizer levels in plants.

Students from Year 7 and 9 coded games about space and students from Year 10 took some thought provoking photos about global warming.

There were some amazing entries and we certainly have some budding scientists in our midst.

On 28 October a number of students went to Latrobe University to be awarded bursaries for their work. Congratulations to Geta Cassidy, Jolene Cheah, Felice Todd and Charlotte O'Shea who were all awarded minor bursaries.

Congratulations to Alana Buena, Humunsa De Silva, Ria De Soyza, Natasha Forster, Hayley LeGrange, Grace Louey, Sophie Marinis, Isha Mundhra, Monica Simon and Danielle Wyeermayr who all received certificates of distinction. Well done to all the girls who entered the Science Talent Search.

# STEM 4 All Presentation Night















Claudia Chmielewski
Wellbeing Captain
Anna Zhang
Wellbeing Vice Captain
Michaela
Jansens Ter Laeck
Student Representive
Council Captain
Madelyn Janky
Student Representive

Council Vice Captain





# **Sleepovers and Parties**

Five Things parents should discuss with their daughter before they leave home for a Sleepover, Party or Gathering



# Remind them of your support should they need to call 000

Every child needs to feel completely supported should they find themselves in a situation where they need to call an ambulance or the police.

This reminder should not be part of a major lecture and could be as simple as a throwaway line as they're getting out of the car like, "You know that you have my 100% permission to call 000 if something goes wrong and then call me ..."



# Check that they have the address of the venue they are attending stored in their phone or written on a piece of paper

This takes little time to do but can be very helpful. Encourage your daughter to put the address of where she is planning to go into her phone.

If something goes wrong and she needs to call for help, they need to know their location. Ask your daughter to give you this information.



# **Emergency + App**

The 'Emergency +' app may be useful.

It can be downloaded onto her smartphone (this activates her GPS and provides not only her latitude and longitude, but also the street address).

However, to be on the safe side, having the address written down somewhere is a great idea and also ensures your daughter understands the importance of planning ahead, as well as providing you with some peace of mind.

# 03 BUDDY

### Find out who your daughter's 'buddy' is for the night and make sure you have their number

Establishing the importance of identifying a 'buddy' for the night stresses the importance of planning and also provides parents with a safety-net in this area.

A buddy is the friend that your daughter is planning on being out with. If you are unable to get hold of your daughter you might consider contacting the buddy, just to make sure all is fine.



# Discuss your 'out word' and remind them that you're always willing to be the 'bad guy' if they need you to be

Come up with an 'out' word or phrase with your daughter to help them get out of situations and still 'save face'.

This can be used in either a text message, a phone call or a conversation whenever your daughter wants to be taken out of a situation – e.g., they may not be enjoying a sleepover they are at or there may be things happening at a party that they don't feel comfortable being around.

Remind them that if they feel that way, they can use the 'out' word and you'll be there.



### "If it doesn't feel right, it usually isn't"

Regardless of where they are going and who they are with, your daughter is going to have to make many decisions throughout the night. You can't make those decisions for her – she is going to have to do it for herself.

You have raised your daughter with a set of values that are similar to yours – simply reminding them that 'if it doesn't feel right, it usually isn't' will hopefully demonstrate to them that you are trusting them to make the 'right decision', whatever that may be.

Taking the time to cover just a few simple things might keep them just a bit safer. It's simply showing them that you love them and, at the same time, provides them with some basic life skills for the night ahead and their future.

Adapted from an article by Paul Dillon, 'Santa Maria: Knowing Girls' blog page.



# **Useful Resources**



# E-Safety Commissioner: www.esafety.gov.au

The E-Safety Commisioner is a government agency that is designed to promote safety online.

They have just launched their new website or "online hub" and it contains a comprehensive library of resources on a range of topics including online wellbeing, social media, cyber-bullying, online scams and digital reputations. There is also a specific area covering topics that affect young people.



### Monash Student Space Newsletter

The latest edition of Monash Student Space is now available.

Featuring news, articles and events for students in the City of Monash, it is available online or print copies are available from the General Office.





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



# Success in the Grand Final of the Rotary 4 Way Test

Both Valerie Sova and Kimberly Berger of Year 10 made their way through the three rounds of this Rotary Competition.

In order to do well the students must systematically and logically explore an issue in the community against the principles of Rotary International:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Valerie tested the truth of the claims being made that the Medevac legislation is being abused by refugees to get off Nauru and Manus Island. Kimberly tested the claim made by our previous Federal Minister for Education that the Arts are a lifestyle choice rather than a career path.

The judges for the competition were all leaders in "Toastmasters" and so there was considerable attention given to the delivery of the speech.

Both students presented insightful arguments and delivered them with passion.

Congratulations to Kimberly who was the winner and to Valerie who was runner up in the competition.

A great effort.

Our thanks to the Rotary Club of Mt Waverley who sponsored the students.





Kathryn Limeira-Beaton Sustainability Captain Dana Tomljanovic Sustainability Vice Captain Georgia Miller Stage Crew Captain Lauren Karipidis Stage Crew Vice Captain





# The Avila College Calendar

We are very pleased to announce that the live Avila calendar is now available on the Avila website.

Simply click on the link and you can synchronise it with your own Google or other digital calendar. Updated in real time, this calendar ensures all in the school community have access to the same calendar of school events. At this stage, the 2019 calendar is available and the 2020 dates will be released shortly.

As this digital option is available to all, Avila will not be producing a printed calendar for 2020, all families are encouraged to download the link.

# 2020 Tuition Fees

The 2020 Tuition Fee Schedule has been ratified by the Avila College Board and is now available for download from the Avila website together with other finance documentation.

Payment is due in full by 28 February, or via 10 scheduled monthly instalments from February – November.

The Annual Tuition Fees will continue to cover all compulsory camps, excursions and

leasing costs associated with the College loaned MacBook Program (excluding damage). Additional charges will apply for optional and co-curricular programs, including overseas study programs, Private Instrumental Tuition and some Vocational Education

If you wish to view your transaction history, it is now available on the <u>Community</u>
<u>Connect</u> portal.



# The Voice State Final



Suhavi Singh Year 10

On 1 November, I attended the UN Youth "The Voice" Public Speaking Competition in The Kathleen Syme Library.

From 250 participants, 15 students were selected for the State final. The judges were impressed by the range of speeches for solutions on serious contemporary issues. I was really nervous at the start especially for the impromptu, but it was a great experience.

This opportunity deepened my knowledge of world affairs and I picked up skills from my peers. I encourage students to participate in this competition next year as it is a great opportunity to speak on issues about which we are passionate.

# Celebration of Excellence 2019

Please join us for an evening of music and celebration as we recognise the achievements our students in 2019.

Monday 25 November | 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start

The Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University, Clayton Campus

Tickets: Celebration of Excellence Ticketing



# **Avila Calendar**

**Thursday 21 November** Year 12 Valedictory Dinner

**Monday 25 November**Celebration of Excellence

**Tuesday 26 November** 9.30am Late Start

**Friday 29 November**Avila Influencers Breakfast

### **SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP**

Wednesday 27 November 1-4pm

Wednesday 4 December 1-4pm

Wednesday 11 December 1-4pm

AVILA COLLEGE
GENERAL OFFICE HOURS

8am - 4.30pm

PLEASE CALL THE ABSENTEE LINE BEFORE 10am on 9831 9696





# **Avila World Working in Schools Day**



On Friday 25 October the Year 11 VCAL class prepared a morning tea on behalf of the students and wider Avila community to thank all the staff at the college for their contribution to our learning community.

The students researched and chose suitable recipes, upsized quantities and prepared the decorations and refreshments.



# Year 9 Career Days

In December all Year 9 students will be involved in two days of career education activities.

These days are designed to further educate and inform student pathways and prepare them for future experiences.

During the program students will visit
Holmesglen TAFE and participate in a hands
on experience, complete Occupational Health
and Safety certificates, explore Child Safe
issues relevant in workplaces, be involved
in financial literacy sessions, learn more
about VET and Work Experience and begin to
prepare personal resumes.

These sessions are required for students to participate in a range of activities next year including Work Experience and Community Service week.

All activities are available on the Careers Guidance site, Year 9 page, accessed via SIMON.





## myfuture Job Search Resources

As we move towards the summer holiday period, many young people will be hoping to get a part time job and may therefore need some assistance with their resume.

To help support them, the myfuture Team has collated some resources to assist.

To view the job search articles and resume templates, please visit: myfuture employment resources job search resources.



# 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



Avila College

Gathering Space | 7.15-8.30am | \$5 | Book: Avila Facebook



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Plus the return of THE DRAGON WAGON ROLLER COASTER

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Or head to facebook @StMichaelsFamilyFunFair

or instagram @smash\_funfair for more details

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