



Congratulations to the Avila College Class of 2020!

Avila College is delighted to congratulate the Class of 2020 on outstanding results in their VCE, VCAL and VET studies.

7% of the class achieved an ATAR score over **95** placing them in the top **5%** of Victoria and **37%** achieved a score over **80**, placing them in the top **20%** of the state.

23 students received the **VCE Baccalaureate**, an additional form of recognition for students who successfully meet the demands of studying a higher-level mathematics subject and a language in their VCE program.

College Dux 2020

A warm congratulations to **Kimberly Chan**, Avila College Dux 2020 who achieved an ATAR score of **99.3**.

VCAL Achiever

We also congratulate **Jessica O'Connell**, Avila College's **2020 VCAL Achiever**.



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Kimberly Chan

99.3 DUX 2020

Chemistry, English,
Mathematical Methods,
Physics, Specialist Maths
and Japanese Second
Language (2019)

College Dux 2020

In recognition of her outstanding academic achievements, Avila College is delighted to award the title of 'COLLEGE DUX 2020' to Kimberly Chan.

Kimberly is a quiet achiever, whose studies at Avila have been characterised by her dedication to academic excellence, calm perseverance and outstanding musical merit.

Kimberly received a perfect 50 for Unit 3/4 Japanese Second Language in 2019, as well as being awarded the subject prizes for Specialist Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics.

Beyond the classroom, Kimberly has made a significant and valuable contribution to the life and culture of Avila College through her musical accomplishments. She has been a member of the Orchestra, Senior Ensemble, String Ensemble, and the String Orchestra and Kimberly's music has been part of many College events including Music Festival and College Masses.

Congratulations Kimberly, we wish you all the best in your future ventures, and your next steps towards pursuing a career in computer science.



Mia Loh

98.75

Chemistry, English, French,
Visual Communication
and Design, Mathematical
Methods and Biology (2019)

A focused and thoughtful learner, Mia is highly creative and always seeks to explore deeper concepts in both her written work and her artistic endeavours.

A humble student, Mia is also an accomplished violinist, who is a valued member of the College Orchestra, Senior and String Ensembles and the String Orchestra. She has played for numerous College events. Mia has also been an enthusiastic contributor to the Quill and Ink Writers Guild, and was co-illustrator of the College publication "The Scarlet Ribbon".

Mia plans to study Radiography and Medical Imaging at Monash University.



Beatrice van Rest

98.75

Chemistry, English, French,
Mathematical Methods,
Literature and Biology (2019)

Throughout her time at Avila College Beatrice has made the most of all the school had to offer.

A highly academic and intellectually curious student, she also embraced a diverse range of co-curricular opportunities. Awarded the subject prize for Unit 1/2 French in 2019, Beatrice was invited into the Monash University Scholars program and has consistently strived for excellence in all her subjects and pursuits.

As College Sustainability Vice Captain, Beatrice shared her passion for the environment and helped younger students be more environmentally conscious and proactive. During her VCE, she has been involved in DAV Senior Debating, Book Club, Quill and Ink Writers Guild, the Respectful Relationships Student Network and the Students Create the Future Committee. Beatrice has also been a proud Avila Ambassador, yearbook editor and in 2019 was awarded the Australian Catholics Media Internship. She is a young woman of integrity, who truly lives her values.

In 2021, Beatrice plans to study Science/Veterinary Medicine at the University of Melbourne.



Alicia Roy

98.5

Chemistry, English,
Mathematical Methods,
Specialist Maths, Religion and
Society and Biology (2019)

Alicia has proven in 2020 what a well-rounded young woman, powerful speaker and valued role model she is.

She has balanced her pivotal role as College Co-Captain during an extraordinary year with the rigours of academic life and her co-curricular activities. A keen and articulate public speaker, Alicia was recognised as the Lions Club Youth of the Year for Waverley in 2020 and has been actively involved in the DAV Senior Debating competitions.

Her leadership of the College is echoed in her role-modeling for other students. She is eminently organised, seeking to extend herself and further her knowledge and skills. Alicia was awarded the subject prizes for Unit 1/2 English and Unit 1/2 Physical Education in 2019 and has sought to build on this throughout 2020. A generous and engaged learner, Alicia frequently encouraged and helped others. Her positive and can-do attitude embody the very best of Avila values.

Alicia is planning to study Medicine or Law at Monash University.



Gianna Skafidas

97.0

Chemistry, English, French,
Further Mathematics, Legal
Studies and Business
Management (2019)

As Learning Vice Captain in 2020, Gianna has exemplified academic endeavour and strived for excellence.

A highly inquisitive, positive and motivated student, Gianna's studies have been characterised by her questioning style and ability to view challenges from many angles. Gianna is generous with her knowledge and skills, and encouraging of other students' efforts, especially when she is working with junior students.

Awarded the Business Management Prize for Excellence in 2019, Gianna is a resourceful and well organised learner who demonstrated a mature and pragmatic approach to remote learning.

Gianna is planning to study Commerce/Law at Deakin University.



Pooja Soni
96.75

Accounting, Biology English,
Geography, Mathematical
Methods, Chemistry, French
(2019) and Hindi (2019)

Pooja has embraced the challenges of VCE studies wholeheartedly throughout both 2019 and 2020.

Pooja tackled the significant load of studying two foreign languages in 2019 - French and Hindi. She balanced this rigorous program with an ongoing commitment to the Reconciliation Group and DAV Senior Debating. Pooja coped admirably with the difficulties presented to her in 2020 and worked with her usual attention to detail and diligence, throughout the periods of remote learning. Her outgoing personality and friendly demeanour have made her a valued member of the Avila cohort.

Pooja is planning to study Oral Health at Deakin University.



Emily Goncalves
96.2

English, Further Mathematics,
Legal, Religion & Society,
Revolutions and Global
Politics (2019)

Emily is a highly academic and voracious learner, who has sought excellence in all her subjects throughout VCE.

Achieving the subject awards in 2019 in both Unit 3/4 Global Politics and Unit 1/2 20th Century History, Emily was also recognised in Year 10 for her merit in Humanities with the Marie Boyle Excellence Award. She has continued to excel in 2020, maintaining her very high standards during the periods of remote learning and took care to maintain meaningful connections with her teachers and student peers.

Emily's quiet fortitude and focus is commendable and will stand her in good stead for her future endeavours.

Emily plans to study Arts at Monash University.



Tiana Pincic

96.1

Chemistry, English,
Mathematical Methods,
Physics, Specialist Maths
and Algorithmics (2019)

Tiana's academic curiosity and excellent work ethic have given her continued success in her VCE studies.

Receiving subject awards in 2019 for both Unit 3/4 Algorithmics and Unit 1/2 Mathematical Methods, Tiana has consistently applied herself and was also the recipient of the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholarship and Avila STEM Award.

Outside of her academic pursuits, Tiana has involved herself fully in the life of the College by participating in a range of extracurricular endeavours, including the Australian Maths competition, ICAS Science Competition, NCSS challenge (IT) and SCSA Softball.

In 2021, Tiana plans to study Engineering/Computer Science at Monash.



Jaida Di Stasio

95.6

Business Management,
Biology, English,
Further Mathematics,
Mathematical Methods
and Psychology (2019)

Jaida is the epitome of a model student - she is hard working, takes initiative, considers carefully the feedback from her teachers and at all times sought to make the learning environment a rich and productive one, even during periods of remote learning.

Her determination and excellent work ethic have enabled her to produce a successful and well rounded VCE journey. Awarded the academic prize for Unit 3/4 Psychology in 2019, Jaida built on this throughout 2020.

In 2021, Jaida plans to study Commerce at Monash.



Emma Moran
95.6

Biology, English, Further Mathematics, Mathematical Methods, Geography and Environmental Science (2019)

Emma has sought to constantly enhance her skills and knowledge throughout her time at Avila College, and most especially in her VCE years.

She was commended for her excellence in 2019 by achieving the subject award in Unit 1/2 Geography. A skillful writer, Emma's interpretation of material and incisive analytical skills are exemplary. Her work ethic and attention to detail have stood her in good stead throughout 2020, especially during periods of remote learning.

In 2021, Emma plans to study Science at Monash University.

VCAL Achiever 2020



Jessica O'Connell
VCAL Achiever

Jessica O'Connell completed Senior Level VCAL in 2020 and has been recognised as the VCAL Achiever for the year.

In 2019 Jessica completed Certificate II Hospitality at Avila College and this year completed the first year of Certificate II Community Services at Box Hill Institute. She has already received an offer to continue her studies at Box Hill Institute in the Community Services area. Jessica's concern for others and her practical, commonsense manner make her an excellent candidate for studies in this area.

During 2020 Jessica's increased level of maturity, communication skills and ability to manage her studies and personal challenges have made her a worthy recipient of this award. We wish Jessica all the best in her future studies.