



Prospectus

AVILA COLLEGE



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Hello and Welcome



Welcome to Avila College, a vibrant and dynamic learning community where girls are empowered to develop into socially responsible global citizens who think critically, work collaboratively, value diversity and become the person they aspire to be.

At Avila we proudly challenge students to discover and express their 'voice and choice' across a range of academic options, co-curricular pursuits and community activities. Our inclusive culture fosters a genuine sense of belonging and encourages students to be curious, confident and capable young people with a well rounded educational experience.

Our Faith and Mission

An Avila education is one that is founded on the tradition of Catholic and Presentation values. Faith, hope, love and justice guide our relationships with each other and the wider world and are at the

centre of all that we do. They are essential touchstones for our spiritual development and the life long learning journeys for all students, staff and alumnae.

An All Girls Education

As a secondary school for girls, our students are continuously exposed to positive female role models and traditional gender stereotypes are absent from the classroom. At Avila, the student leaders, scientists, AFL players and public speakers are all girls, offering powerful modelling opportunities.

We are proud of our school and extend a warm invitation to visit our campus, meet our people and discover more about an Avila education for girls.

Dr Michelle Cotter
Principal Avila College



Faith & Mission.

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Faith and a deep commitment to our Catholic faith is central to daily life at Avila College. Students are encouraged to explore their spirituality and live the Gospel and Presentation values in all that they do.

Our rich liturgical program brings our faith to life in a powerful and compelling manner, drawing our community together through prayer, music and reflection.

Avila College's Religious Education curriculum challenges students to deepen their understanding of Catholic identity through teachings, symbols, rituals and traditions, while also learning about other faith communities and belief structures around the world.

Embracing Diversity

We proudly celebrate our culturally diverse and multi faith learning community. Within our Catholic environment we teach and practice respect and understanding for all cultures and religions.

Service & Justice

In the spirit of Nano Nagle, we are inspired to serve our community through "deeds not words".-

Our students and staff participate in a range of social justice initiatives that build a deep awareness, inspire purposeful action and produce active and informed citizens who can enact change in the world around them.

Students are able to express their service to others through fundraising drives, volunteering work (Sacred Heart Mission, Halcyon Centre), community engagement activities, awareness raising events and active participation in the Young Vinnies, Reconciliation and Sustainability groups.

**I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full.**

John 10:10



Our learning community.

At Avila College we value different skills, talents and abilities and challenge ourselves to think both critically and creatively, be intellectually curious and adopt a global mindset.

With a focus on academic diversity, innovation and engagement, Avila students are encouraged to be agile thinkers, take ownership of their learning journey and achieve their own personal best.

Our broad and dynamic curriculum program is complemented by an extensive array of co-curricular activities designed to promote each individual student's intellectual, social, spiritual and physical growth and development.

We understand that each student's academic journey is a personal one, which is why Avila College offers a variety of learning pathways to suit a diverse range of needs, aspirations and abilities.

Enrichment and Enhancement

Enrichment, enhancement and acceleration programs provide differentiated options, strategies and resources for students to be extended or supported across a range of curriculum areas.

VCE

With over 30 VCE units on offer, Avila College students have the opportunity to tailor a VCE program suited to their interests, talents and future pathways.

VCE VM

The VCE Vocational Major is an applied learning program within the VCE. It prepares students for further education and training while developing work related skills and knowledge.

VET

Senior students have the opportunity to pursue vocational pathways, learn industry specific skills and gain a nationally recognised certificate by completing a Vocational Education and Training (VET) option within the VCE and VCE VM program.

Co-Curricular Opportunities.

Avila College's extensive co-curricular program provides students with enriching learning experiences beyond the classroom and the opportunity to develop skills, contribute to the community, interact with like-minded peers and discover new talents.

Each lunchtime, before and after school, the Avila College campus is a hive of activity as students engage in their co-curricular pursuits. From robotics to writing, drama and coding, there is a club to suit every interest.

Co-curricular options include

- Junior Drama Club
- Debating and Public Speaking
- Reconciliation Group
- Coding Club
- Book Club
- Craft Club and Crochet Club
- Quill & Ink Writers Group
- Orchestra and music ensembles
- Fitness Club
- Sustainability Group
- Robogals
- Art Club
- Book Club
- Games Group
- Stage Crew
- Young Vinnies

Sport

As a member of the SCSA network, Avila College students can enjoy the physical challenge and fun of training and competing in a team through inter school and house sports.

Sports on offer at Avila

- Aerobics
- Tennis
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Diving
- Netball
- Athletics
- Cross Country
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- AFL Football
- Gymnastics
- Softball
- Indoor Cricket



Wellbeing. Respect. Resilience.

We firmly believe that positive student wellbeing paves the way for better learning. Wellbeing encompasses all dimensions of life in our Catholic school.

Our integrated and holistic wellbeing approach aims to foster a sense of belonging and connectedness within the school community, promotes resilience and offers a comprehensive and extended network of support for each student.

A Vibrant Student Voice

Avila College students are empowered to take an active and influential role in shaping our learning community and their own education.

Student voice is amplified through groups such as the Student Representative Council (SRC), Uniform Committee and the Avila Ambassador program.

Events and forums, such as The Conversation Hour, see students present their perspectives to parents and staff. Students also make valued contributions to school building projects, helping to shape the design and layout of their learning spaces.

Regular meetings with staff and the Principal provide opportunities for students to put forward ideas, be part of the decision making process and influence outcomes.

Each person is made in the image and likeness of God.

Genesis 1:27

Respectful Relationships

As a member of the Respectful Relationships Student Network, together with a number of other local schools and services, Avila College pro-actively promotes healthy relationships and gender equality within our school and community. The network works together to build awareness and understanding and help build capacity 'to change the story' for future generations.

Living and Values Program

Taught at all year levels, the Living and Values Program provides students with integrated pastoral care and activities to enhance their wellbeing and develop personal and social capabilities.

A Supportive Network

An established and comprehensive network is in place to ensure that each student feels supported as they grow and develop through their formative secondary school years.





Discovery. Adventure.

City Inquiry

City Inquiry is a civic and social equity educational program that fosters students' research skills, critical analysis and collaborative learning while developing their independence and initiative.

With the city as their classroom, students explore the CBD, complete multidisciplinary tasks in a real-life context and investigate a contemporary issue.

Camps & Adventures

The Discovery Learning Program is a dynamic element of the College curriculum, and facilitates experiential learning beyond the walls of the traditional classroom.

Outdoor education experiences on residential camps offer a chance for students to take greater responsibility for themselves, connect with nature and each other, explore an unfamiliar environment and learn hands-on skills.

World Study Tours

Planning a space mission at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston is just one of the many global learning experiences available to Avila College students.

Other opportunities include international language and cultural study tours, sustainable community project expeditions to developing countries and an indigenous immersion tour to Central Australia.

International trip itineraries are carefully constructed to enable students to further develop as a socially responsible global citizen, gain a better understanding of themselves and build connections across borders.

Innovation. Leadership. A seat at the table.

Surrounded by positive female role models and a culture of collaboration Avila College students can creatively explore their ambitions and aspirations in a safe, respectful and supportive environment.

An Avila College education offers a platform where girls are able to take responsible risks, master new skills, build self belief and ignite a passion for life-long learning.

Student Leadership

Responsibility, commitment, passion and resilience are the hallmarks of Avila College's student leaders. All girls are encouraged to undertake leadership roles throughout their time at Avila.

The vast range of leadership opportunities available, both formal and informal, provide students with invaluable experiences, training and confidence to become strong, articulate and confident members of our school community and society.

Leadership qualities are nurtured and acknowledged from the junior years and students are empowered to lead with integrity, empathy and authenticity.

Peer Helpers Program

Year 10 students have an opportunity to become Peer Mentors to younger students in the College. The program gives students the chance to be positive role models and mentors, in addition to promoting positive, pro-social behaviours amongst the student body.

Alumnae Influencers Network

Beyond the Charles Street gates is a dynamic network of inspiring women who share a common heritage as Avila Alumnae, yet have pursued professional pathways across a range of global industries and sectors.

Our Alumnae maintain close ties with the school and each other, often acting as cross generational mentors and regularly return to Avila to share their experiences and advice as influencers in their chosen field.

Digi-Day

Designed to promote female leadership in robotics, Avila College's signature Digi-Day program was developed by a group of teachers from the Science and Mathematics department.

The inquiry based program teams Year 8 mentors with Grade 4 students. Avila students prepare and deliver sessions on robotics, drones, 3D printing and VR.

Beyond 2040

Developed specifically for Avila College, the Beyond 2040 program is an inquiry program that provides meaningful opportunities to engage deeply in solution-finding and design thinking.

Year 7 students work collaboratively in teams and consult with a panel of industry experts as they research, discuss and consider what the future could look like if we embraced the best solutions available in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths today.





Express yourself.

The celebration of creativity is an integral element of the culture and character of Avila College, and extends beyond the classroom into every facet of school life.

Students have many opportunities to establish and develop their individual talents, express themselves and create unforgettable school life experiences by embracing their creative passions.

Music

Finding your forte is easy within the Avila College Music School, a haven for aspiring musicians and singers. The innovative Year 7 program offers students a choice of instrument so they can discover their own individual rhythm early on, and learn how to be part of an orchestral experience.

With an enviable reputation for nurturing passionate and accomplished musicians and singers, the Music School also provides private lessons and a chance for students to further express and refine their musical skills in a variety of bands, ensembles and choirs.

Performing Arts

Whether it is performing on stage, moving sets or operating lighting, Avila College students are involved in all aspects of our vibrant musical and drama productions.

The annual Musical production with Mazenod College is always a highlight of the school calendar, playing to a packed theatre, while the Creative Arts Festival unites the visual and performing arts in a spectacular showcase performance.

Visual Arts

From photography to ceramics, painting to sculpture, our visual arts department offers an extensive array of artistic options to develop technical skills, digital expertise and inspire creative practice.

Design Technology

A flair for fashion and design can be nurtured in the studio where students work with different textiles and materials, learn to adapt and create their own patterns and explore sustainable design.

Debating & Public Speaking

Avila College has a long and proud tradition of debating and public speaking with students regularly competing at state and national levels. Life-long cognitive and presentation skills are nurtured through the program as students develop the ability to communicate articulately with confidence and work together as a team.

Looking to the Future.

In line with our fast paced and rapidly changing global environment, we continually evolve our physical and virtual spaces to reflect best practice, modern pedagogy and student experience.

Our campus is continually renewed and refreshed to support the learning and teaching programs of today and prepare our students for the next step in their educational and vocational journey tomorrow.

Phase one of Avila College's Master Building Plan was completed with the opening of the new senior learning centre. Ballygriffin, named in honour of Nano Nagle's birthplace, is a two storey complex featuring flexible and interactive contemporary spaces for learning and teaching.



Equipped with the technology for 21st century learning, Ballygriffin has been purposefully designed to cultivate community connections, incorporating numerous common areas and multi purpose zones where students can collaborate and interact.

With an emphasis on sustainability and innovation, the building is environmentally sensitive in design, maximises natural light and connects seamlessly with Avila College's green site.





Getting to Avila.

Nestled in the leafy green suburb of Mt Waverley, Avila College is fortunate to be within walking distance of numerous transport links.

Public Transport

The Mt Waverley transport hub offers both train and bus options.

- Glen Waverley train line
- Bus 623 Glen Waverley - St Kilda
- Bus 733 Box Hill - Oakleigh

On High Street Road, a bus stop is located on the Fleet Street intersection, a 600 metre walk to Avila College.

- Bus 734 Glen Iris - Glen Waverley

Private School Bus Service

Daily private bus services are offered to Avila College students with routes and stops determined by demand.

Details about the routes and contacts for Australiner are available on the Avila College website.

Bicycle

The Waverley Rail Trail and Scotchman's Creek Trail provide close bike paths. A bicycle rack is available on campus for students who ride to school.



Our Heritage.



Founded in 1965, Avila College has a proud tradition of educating girls, fostering intellectual curiosity and empowering students to achieve their own personal best.

Inspired by the spirituality, devotion and mysticism of St Teresa of Avila, the first female Doctor of the Church, the College was named in her honour.

The Presentation Sisters of 1965 brought to life the legacy of Nano Nagle, shining a light on education for girls in a contemporary world.

From an initial enrolment of just 110 students and two full time staff, Avila College has grown tenfold since the first classrooms were built in Charles Street.

Over the decades, the small site has evolved and expanded through continuous development, renewal and refurbishment into a modern, green and technology enabled school campus.

“The Presentation Sisters teaching at Avila were nuns at the cutting edge of education; they were the original Women’s Libbers who instilled in the girls the concept of ‘You can do anything’.”

Vivienne Hughes, 1969 College Co-Captain



Becoming an Avila student.



Step One SCHOOL TOUR

Visit Avila College, hear from our students, meet the teachers and tour our College campus. Register online for one of our school tour events.

Open Mornings, Twilight and Sunrise Tours are conducted on a regular basis. You can also take a virtual tour online.



Step Two APPLICATION

Submissions by August 2 years prior (Grade 5)

The Application Form is available on the Avila College website.

Complete and submit the form with the relevant documentation. Indicate if Avila College is your first preference.



Step Three ADMISSION INTERVIEW

After applications close, we conduct a short interview with each applicant.

This short meeting is a chance to get to know each other better and an opportunity for students to ask questions about secondary school, transition and Avila College.



Step Four OFFER

Letters of Offer are sent to all successful applicants by the third week of October.

Offers must be completed, signed and returned to Avila College together with the Enrolment Fee and Debenture Deposit by the due date to confirm the place.



Step Five TRANSITION

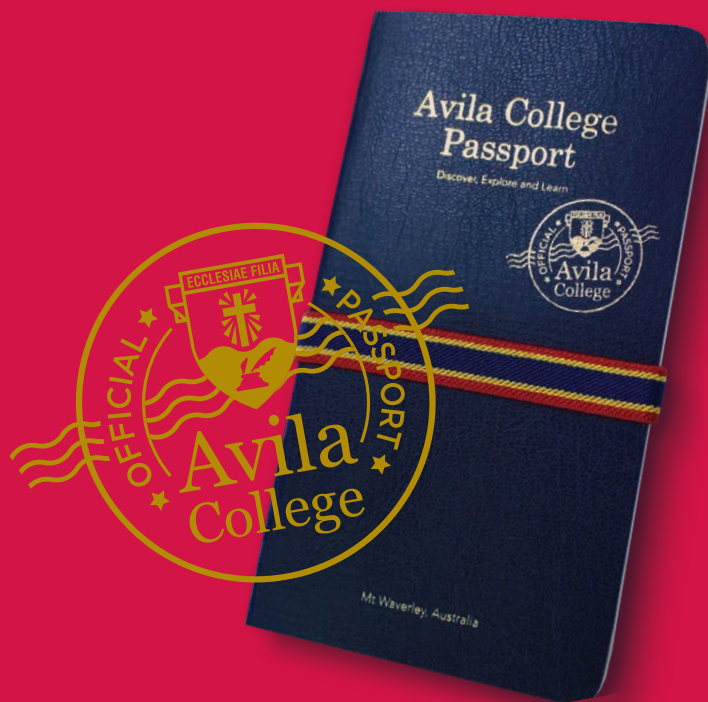
The Transition process starts the year prior to entry and includes a number of events for students and parents. Transition is designed to prepare students for a seamless entry into secondary school, get familiar with the school and meet other students.

For further information

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