

Resilience & Courage Respect & Creativity





2020 Term One Update B-12

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Welcome to the new school year



It has not quite been the start to 2020 that we planned... but our values of **COURAGE**, **CREATIVITY**, **RESILIENCE AND RESPECT** have been evident.

With the move into our new spaces delayed by a few weeks, staff members across Avenues College began the year by planning and delivering challenging tasks, supporting their students to progress and extending their learning to achieve the highest levels of literacy and numeracy. We are still in a process of establishing the learning spaces, routines and programs that will best support students in their learning.

At our **Open Night on March 18** we will provide opportunity for you to see the spaces that our team is creating. The Governing Council will be working hard on a number of further improvements to the learning environment over the next couple of years – look out for opportunities to be involved!

Traffic around the College streets is noticeably different with our younger students joining us. Please take particular care if you are driving, to ensure the safety of all. The Governing Council and the Department for Education will continue negotiating traffic management with the Port Adelaide Enfield Council.

I want to thank the many parents and friends of the college who have offered support and encouragement during the media scrutiny of our environment, and reiterate our commitment to tackling bullying in all its forms. Our Bullying Prevention Policy sets out clear expectations and responses and holds us, as educators, to a high standard in this area. I encourage you to take a look at the policy available on our website (www.avenuescollege.sa.edu.au) and speak to your child about this issue. For students in year 7 to 12, this policy is printed in their College diary for reference at any time.

As a school we must acknowledge and deal with this incident in the strongest possible way. But it is also important that we do not let this define us as a school community or shape the way that we interact with each other and carry ourselves through this year.

Over the next few weeks we have the opportunity as a college community to share learning in a number of positive ways:

- Governing Council Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17 at 6pm in Café Parndendi. Light refreshments will be served. All are invited to attend.
- Avenues Open Night Wednesday March 18 from 4pm to 6pm (early dismissal for students at 2pm)
- Parent- Teacher interviews for Reception to Year 7 families on Tuesday March 31 and Wednesday April 1

We are now half way through term one. It has been a busy start to the year, and we continue to have some disruption with more building work to complete. I ask for your Respect, Creativity, Resilience and Courage as we work to improve our learning environment for all of us.

RESPECT

The language we use with ALL members of our college community – SSOs, volunteers, teachers and each other is an indication of the respect that we show. There is no room for swearing, ignoring or disregarding requests from any adult in our college. Please remember to speak respectfully to everyone you encounter during you time at our College.

Mobile Phones

Remind yourself of our policy for the use of mobile phones within the College:

- Within classrooms phones are NOT to be used
- * Within the schoolyard they are to be used respectfully not as recording devices or for bullying behaviours
- * Within the wider community used with an understanding of their potential for harm





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Uniform

- Most of our students wear full uniform, every day. That is the College requirement.
- The length of skirts, dresses and shorts must ensure full, comfortable participation in all learning activities shorter than 10cm above the knee is not acceptable.

College Grounds

- * Leaving every space you use cleaner and tidier that it was when you arrived.
- * Acting quickly and with good humour when you are asked by a member of the College staff to assist in this.

Attendance

- * Being at school every day creates the best opportunity for success.
- Remaining on College grounds all day is a requirement for all students. It is NOT acceptable to leave the grounds to collect food or for any other unauthorised reason. Local businesses are NOT to be used for the provision of food during College days. We have a canteen on site, or bring your food from home.

CREATIVITY

* The development of solutions to issues within our school can best be achieved through creative and collaborative thinking.

COURAGE

- During the past couple of weeks, there have been occasions when students have inflicted violence within our college on staff members and other students. This is disrespectful and unacceptable.
- * The recording of such events is just as unacceptable
- * The incitement of such events is unacceptable
- * The creation of audience is unacceptable
- Courageous people resist such actions, refuse to be 'bystanders' and act to prevent, stop and report these behaviours when they see them.
- * Attendance at all lessons, even the ones we find hard, shows courage to persist.

RESILIENCE

- * Resilience is one of the qualities we hope to develop in our students. Developing strategies to seek help when you need it is part of this process.
- * College staff members will assist in this area, providing feedback on learning and opportunities to develop these strategies.
- We have previously engaged the Carly Ryan Foundation and other organisations to present learning sessions on On-line safety, healthy relationships and other areas of resilience.

The College will continue to seek out opportunities to support our young people to become the Avenues Graduates of our vision:

Our graduates are determined, courageous and creative. These young people confidently and passionately choose their pathways, take control of their future and contribute positively to their world.

Robyn McLean, Principal







Is 2020 the year you get down and get dirty in a good way??

You are invited to visit and experience the Mara Wardli Garden. We particularly welcome the new students and families starting 2020 at Avenues College and also extend the invitation to the staff, families and students returning to continue their education.

Did you know the Mara Wardli Garden, is a joint school and community garden located at the rear of the McKay Avenue Car Park, adjacent to the big bus shed. We community volunteers might be few in numbers, but we really would like to grow some more volunteers so to speak, to help continue and build the garden to an even greater awareness. If this sounds like a garden where you feel you can help and don't mind getting your hands dirty, sharing the rewards of a harvest with us, then we would love to meet you.

We get together on <u>Wednesday and Saturday mornings between 9:30 to</u> <u>12:00pm</u> (weather permitting) and grow vegetables in an organic and sustainable way and getting to know one another socially around a cuppa after the end of activities. Importantly the garden is open to all people of ages, cultures, abilities and disabilities. Not only will you know where and how your vegetables come from, but you could quite easily find new friends in your neighbourhood. The year is just starting; let's make it a year to remember.



2020 Year 8 Aquatics Camp, Victor Harbor

Avenues College organises a 3 day camp for Year 8's every year. This year the camp will run in Week 9 of Term 1 – from March 23 to 25 at the Salvation Army Encounters Conference Centre, Victor Harbor.

The camp is a great opportunity for students to become more acquainted with fellow Year 8 students, Year 10 Peer Support Leaders and staff. We will be encouraging active House participation and cooperation and the camp will also provide outdoor learning experiences. Activities include:

- Aquatics at Horseshoe Bay (Surf safety and Bodyboarding)
- Aquatics at Encounters Lake (Snorkelling, Kayaking, Sailing and Surf education)
- Participation in House challenges
- A night walk to Granite island
- Participation in the College's traditional Talent Night
- Visiting Urimbirra Wildlife Sanctuary

Year 8 and Year 10 Peer Support leaders have received camp notices which include the following forms:

Consent for Camp, Medical Agreement, Water Safety consent

All forms need to be filled in with a parent/carer signature and returned to House Care Group teachers by no later than **Friday 13 March 2020 (Week 7, Term 1).** Payment for the Aquatics camp can be made through the Avenues College Finance office.

Students will receive information shortly about what to bring on the camp.

Students not attending the Aquatics camp are expected to attend the College and will be given an alternative program.

If you have any queries regarding the camp please contact Mari Terreri, Dean of Wellbeing, Students and Engagement B-12 at the College, 8261 2733.









Diary Dates

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday Monday 9 March

Open Day

Wednesday 18 March, 4.00pm—6.00pm All Students—Early Dismissal 2.00pm

> Governing Council AGM Tuesday 17 March 6.00pm

Rec-Year 7 Parent Teacher Interviews Tues 31 March & Wed 1 April

> Year 8 Camp @ Victor Harbor 23-25 March

> > Last Day of Term One Thursday 9 April

First Day Term Two Monday 29 April



Congratulations to Avenues student Moesha Wombat who represented Team Phillips in the Crows Academies—Girls ATSI Squad AFLW Curtain Raiser game on February 16th.

Players in Team Phillips wore a special Indigenous guernsey designed by the players.

Year 8 Girls & Boys Basketball Carnival



The Avenues College Environmental Group has just signed up for a Colgate recycling competition to win a set of garden planters, a picnic table and a Bunnings voucher. There are also monthly prizes of stationary packs.

We need your help!

We need to collect dental waste that is then recycled to make these planters and pens. Please drop off your waste to MLO3 (Miss Wilson's Science lab) so we can send them off to score points.

Waste accepted (ANY brand):

- old toothbrushes (not electric)
 - dental floss containers
 - toothpaste tubes
 - electronic brush heads

• interdental flossers ONLINE VOTES COUNT FOR

POINTS TOO-Vote Now!!

https://www.terracycle.com/en-AU/contests/ colgategardenvoting-au

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF PRIMARY YEARS

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

On behalf of myself and the Primary school staff we would like to sincerely express our gratitude for your help, suggestions and understanding over the past few weeks. We appreciate that it has not always been easy but as a College community we have worked together to ensure our children are happy and learning in their new spaces.

The children are settling in well and really enjoying being part of a larger school with all of the possibilities that will be on offer. As mentioned in the letter sent home last week, we are looking forward to having access very soon to the covered learning area (COLA) and the courts. Our usual Monday morning gathering will commence once the COLA is finished and weather permitting. We value the importance of meeting each week and acknowledging all of the wonderful things happening in the R-7 year levels. We look forward to celebrating once again in this new space.

A Welcome Evening / Open Evening will be held on Wednesday 18th March across the entire College. An early dismissal is scheduled for 2pm that day and your children's classrooms will be open from 4pm until 6pm. A letter will be sent home shortly with more information about the evening but we encourage all our families to come along and have a look at the new classrooms and talk to the teachers about all of the new experiences your children will be engaging in this year.

Kind Regards, Desi Philippou—Head of Primary Years







VISUAL ARTS

Taking their inspiration from the American pop artist James Rizzi, the year 5/ 6 class created



















Top 5 online safety tips

Think of others' feelings before you post, like or share content.

Ask for permission before you share a photo or video with someone else in it. Respectful online relationships start with consent.

Be an upstander Speak up if you see someone cyberbullying or sharing nudes in a group chat – let them know that's not okay. Report and delete it.

Use privacy and screen time settings to take control of your digital life and its impact on your mental health.





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Governing Council

Fundraising Sub-Committee

The Avenues College Governing Council would like to invite all parents and caregivers to consider becoming part of a sub-committee to facilitate college fundraising activities.

Mr Glenn Fuller, a member of our Governing Council, will host interested people at a morning/afternoon tea to share ideas, discuss future options, meet with some staff and students and to share a cuppa.

There are two options to join a gathering :

Week 9, Wed March 25, morning tea event (10.00am-10.45am)

• Week 10, Wed April 1, afternoon tea event (2.00pm-2.45pm)

If you feel inspired to contribute or would just like to participate in some sharing and discussion about fundraising for the College, please RSVP to Natalee on 8261 2733 or dl.0906.info@schools.sa.edu.au

<u>We would love to meet with you!</u>



Avenues Arts Collective students are developing a large scale mural with Ms Dzino and our artist in residence, well known mural artist Sarah Boese.







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modbury@devonclothing.com.au 08 8350 7930

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