



2021 Term Four Week 4 B-12 Update

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From The Principal

As we reach the end of yet another school year, it is time for students to reflect on the past terms effort and learning and give thought to their possible learning goals for next year. This Term we have supported students to celebrate their achievements and identify areas for growth which will be reflected in their end of semester reports.

There are many challenges that our students have faced this year, one being able to continue their learning in the face of a worldwide pandemic, school closures, lockdowns, and facemasks. Throughout all this, it has meant our students have had to remain positive towards their learning but also adapt to the challenges that are presented – remote online learning. For many of our students, this has required the development of a ‘growth mindset.’

Students with a growth mindset believe that their essential qualities and abilities are things they can cultivate through effort and persistence. This mindset leads not only to a passion for learning and personal development, but also confidence and a resilient sense of self in the face of adversity and criticism. We can develop and foster this mindset by being open to accepting feedback on work in draft form or after assessment, but also through thinking about how we behave as learners.

For many students, our actions as learners require us to remain appropriately challenged during class time. If the work being carried out is too easy, this leads to boredom and little learning. If the work is too difficult, this causes frustration and students give up and do not try to continue. The challenge is for students to find that middle ground where new learning is not overly easy, but also not too demanding and with a little extra effort and perseverance can achieve. We all need to find and manage our learning to remain in this ideal zone of learning.



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Avenues College acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we meet upon. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationships of Aboriginal peoples to country. We recognise the many language groups that continue their connection to land, waters and culture across Australia and we pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

From The Principal continued

As we prepare for the 2022 school year, I would like to make all families aware of an important change to our school days. Working with our school community and Governing Council, our Education Director has approved the reinstatement of an early dismissal on a Wednesday afternoon. This means students in the **Primary and Secondary schools** will be **dismissed at 2:15pm every Wednesday** from week 1, Term 1, 2022. To make up for this shorter day, these **students will be dismissed at 3:05pm on the other days** (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday). On these days the **Preschool will finish at 3:10pm**. All students across the school (Preschool, Primary and Secondary) will have a **common start time of 8:40am**. We know this will make managing those drop-off and pickup times far more convenient.

As the end of our school year passes, our learning community would like to acknowledge the contribution of all staff that are leaving us at the end of this year. I thank them for their service to Avenues College.

- Sue Sifa (Head of Inclusion)
- Ela Koczwara (Head of Preschool and Comm. Prog.)
- Deborah Jarrad (Librarian)
- Sophia Borick (Auslan Teacher)
- Carmine Cicchiello (Science Teacher)
- Janice Eames (Science Teacher)
- Amy Raybould (Café SACE)
- Renu Bajaj (Early Years Teacher)
- Zoe Howse (Preschool Teacher)
- Julie Retallick (Primary Teacher)
- Alex Vukovich (English/HASS Teacher)
- Tahlia Price (Primary Teacher)
- Linda Thompson (Special Education Teacher)
- Terry Patiniotis (Science Teacher)
- Robbie Young (ATSI Support)
- Josh Haynes (Primary Performing Arts Teacher)
- Vivienne Raikes (Youth Worker)
- Tom Duddy (Youth Worker)
- Christie Duffy (HPE Teacher)

I am delighted to take this opportunity to advise you that I will be continuing in my current role as acting Principal until the end of Term 1, 2022. Robyn McLean has decided to extend her current leave period.

Over the past weeks since our last newsletter, several end of year celebrations for students and families have taken place. Our graduating Year 12 cohort held their Presentation Night and Formal at Sfera's Function Centre on Wednesday 17th November. Some photographs from the night's celebrations are included in this newsletter. I congratulate them on their dedication and resilience in completing their senior schooling under very trying circumstances. We wish them every success with their future endeavours as their final results are announced next week.

Our Year 6 and 7 students celebrated their Graduation from primary schools as they move into high school. This moment was celebrated with a presentation assembly and celebration lunch. These students, together with those who attended our recent transition days are part of a once in a generational change in state education with Year 7 now forming part of High School from 2022.

Our High School Orientation Days were a great success with the opportunity for staff, visiting students and peer support students to meet, undertake some learning activities and experiences, find their way around our school and become comfortable with how a high school functions. The two days were filled with smiling faces, enthusiastic students and staff, and some great memories of the experience. We look forward to welcoming these students next year.

In closing, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all families of our community, for supporting our student free days this term. Our Staff utilised these days to set our focus for learning over the next 12 months. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated team of leaders and teachers who always strive to better themselves, their methods and their thinking to inspire, challenge and collaborate with our children and young people so they can fulfil their learning potential.



I am excited about what 2022 will bring to our college community. Working together we will make Avenues College the school of choice for the northeastern suburbs. The future of our school looks merry and bright!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students, parents and staff a very relaxing holiday and look forward to an inspired New Year.

Hamish McDonald



Term 1 2022

Monday 31st January

All Preschool students return - normal session time
9.00am Preschool children gather in Preschool (Ms Upasana)

All Primary students return—whole day
8.45am Primary students gather under COLA (Ms Conn)

All Year 7 students return—whole day
All Year 8 students return—whole day
All Year 12 students return—whole day
All Peer Leaders return (to support Yr 7 & 8s)
8.45 am Year 7, 8 and 12 students assemble in the Gym
Year 12s Orientation Day (Mr Lasscock & Ms Coleman)
Year 7 & 8s Transition and Pastoral Care Day (Ms Geyer)

Tuesday 1 February

Day 2 for Preschool students return - normal session time

Day 2 for Primary students
8.45am To class with Class Teachers

All Year 7 & 8 students
8.45am Assembly in Music Room

All Year 9, 10 & 11 Students
8.45am Assembly in the Gym

Year 12 Students
8.45am Assembly in Library

Year 7 to 12s—Normal lesson timetable will start from recess.

Wed 3, Thurs 4 and Fri 5 February

Normal School day, normal timetable for all students

Tuesday 15th February

All Students & Staff—School Photos

Wednesday 2 to Friday 4 March

Year 7 & 8 Camp

Monday 14 March

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 March

STUDENT FREE DAYS

Thursday 14 April

Last Day of Term 1—2.00pm dismissal for all students

Friday 15 April

Good Friday Public Holiday



Wishing you
a season of
Gladness
a season of cheer
and to top it all off,
a wonderful year



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TORRENS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR ... 2021

Sarah Lindsay

Sarah is a valued member of our Science/Maths faculty and has been working in education for over 30 years. She has formal qualifications in Bachelor of Science (Environmental Biology), Bachelor of Education (Science/HASS), Master of Environmental Management and Sustainability (Urban Ecology), Certificate II in Horticulture (TAFESA), Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management (TAFESA).

She has a particular connection with the Wiltja program, working with staff and students from the APY lands to create and share their connection and knowledge of the land.

Sarah's passions are land management and environmental development, native flora & fauna and working with young people and community members to share her expertise by instructing and inspiring them to care for their surroundings.

Along with her 'paid' vocation as an educator, Sarah contributes significant volunteered time and energy to our programs here at Avenues College. She connects community members, contractors, school families, staff and students with the various gardening and environmental projects at our site.

Her dedication to the improvement and development of our Northern Oval has proved priceless and her mutual vision of creating a shared community/school space for all to enjoy and participate in will have a positive impact for many years to come.

Sarah is not afraid of hard work, and sheds blood, sweat and just a few tears to get the job done. She does not shy away from any project, large or small and is approachable, friendly and inclusive.

We are very privileged to have Sarah as part of our Avenues team. Thank you Sarah for all of your efforts.

Sarah has proven extremely hard to capture with a camera





Avenues College AUSSIE of the MONTH



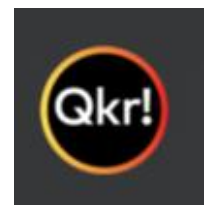
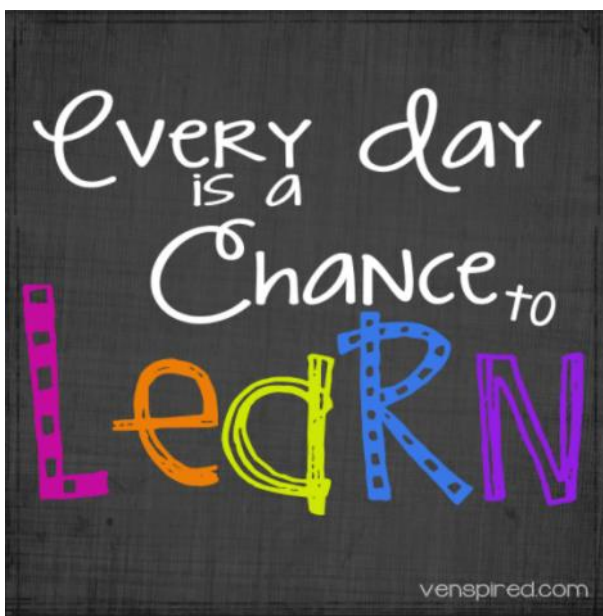
The Aussie of the Month Award recognises and celebrates active citizenship and community contribution in our schools. This Award is presented to Primary students.

The Avenues College recipient for December 2021 is

Dallandra Owen

Dallandra is well known at Avenues College for being a positive and welcoming member of the Primary Years. She always greets people with a smile on her face and is a keen volunteer to make our school environment a better place. She participates in all learning enthusiastically. Dallandra shows great leadership and encourages other students to be their best.

Congratulations Dallandra!



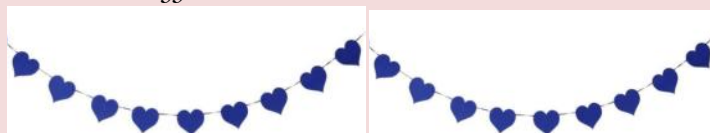
BACK IN 2022



Friday of Week 5 was World Kindness Day and many staff and students took the opportunity to be extra kind to each other in a variety of ways.

Check out the Kindness Trees with the messages that students left for each other (one for the Primary students and one for the Secondary students). Thank you to all of the staff who supported students to think about the way they treat each other and especially the ways they communicate with each other.

Our staff Compliments Tree was a big hit, totally covered in anonymous messages to staff members from other staff members.



PRIMARY YEARS STUDENT WELLBEING COUNCIL

The Primary Years Student Wellbeing Council and some of our Junior Primary students visited North Point Toyota in Week 5 to say thank you for sponsoring the cost of swimming lessons again this year.

The students were very excited to be able to present the special thank you cards each class made for the occasion, and enjoyed sharing them with Jennifer from Toyota.



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SPORTS NEWS

Year 8/9 weekly volleyball team



Year 8/9 Girls Indoor Cricket
Runners up NE Vista Zone Carnival.



Avenues College Children's Centre

Preschool

A child who turns 4 before 1 May, can start
Preschool at the beginning of that year.

Preschool at Avenues College is an ideal
environment for your child to flourish and
thrive as they explore play based learning
underpinned by their natural curiosity
about the world around them.

Our Preschool sessions begin at 8.40am and finish at 3.30pm.

We foster strong relationships and positive
interactions between the preschool children,



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please contact our Preschool Director.

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We were proud and excited to send off our graduating

2021 Year 12s

With their Presentation and Formal held at Sfera's Function Centre on Wednesday 17th November.

It was so great to see everyone dressed to the nines, polished and shiny ready to celebrate their achievements.

Not only has this cohort faced the usual challenges that senior school presents with extra study loads, time pressures and time management demands BUT Covid-19 has had a significant impact as well.

For 2 years these students have demonstrated their courage and resilience by soldiering on with their studies amongst all of the turmoil going on around them.

Congratulations to them all and our very best wishes for wherever their futures take them!



Reception – Yr 6 Auslan classes would like to
wish you all a Merry Christmas



Reindeer



Christmas lights



Christmas stocking



Candy



Christmas tree



Jingle Bell



Decorations



Singing choir

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Auslan Teachers





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Uniform Items ~ 2022

All students are expected to wear full school uniform. It promotes pride in presentation, supports equity principles and allows staff to provide care to students who are immediately recognisable as Avenues College students. Our Governing Council support a whole school uniform policy.



Avenues College uniforms are provided by Devon Clothing. While the contract with Devon provides a convenient and value-for-money outcomes to the school community, parents do have the option to purchase non logo uniform items from any other supplier, providing that the uniform items are exactly the same as the items identified within the school's uniform policy.

We provide a safe learning environment, we value safety guidelines specified by Department for Education, Department for Industry and the Work, Health and Safety Act. Guidelines regarding clothing, footwear and eye protection are explained to students attending practical courses. It is recommended that hats will be worn outdoors for sun protection. Within the building, headgear is to be removed unless required to be worn for cultural or religious reasons.

Shoes that our students can wear



Shoes that our students cannot wear



Polo Shirt (Short Sleeve) - \$34	Polo Shirt (Long Sleeve) - \$36	Jacket (Full zip) - \$70	Accessories: Bucket Hat - \$18.50 Cap (Years 7 – 12) - \$15.50
			
Formal shorts - \$20 Rugby Knit shorts - \$35	Ladies pants - \$45	Summer Dress - \$80	Winter skirt - \$56
			

All components (excluding footwear) of the Avenues College Uniform are available from:

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Modbury Shop 24 Clovercrest Plaza

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Phone: 8350 7930 Email: modcus@devonclothing.com.au

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