



Avenues College

Resilience ❖ Courage
Respect ❖ Creativity



2020 Term Four Week 9 B-12 Update

2020 AT AVENUES

This year has been full of many things that have tested our patience – COVID and building works that never seem to end being two of them; but it has also brought many things for which we can be grateful.

As the principal of Avenues College, I am constantly aware of the high quality of the staff members who support the learning of your children. They are dedicated and enthusiastic about teaching and learning – and many have learned new skills in teaching this year.

I am also grateful for the resilience that our students show, and their willingness (mostly) to give things a go

CLASS OF 2020 –

Our year 12 students have completed exams and the last couple of assignments for their SACE. I wish them all the very best for their results, and for 2021 as they head to university, TAFE, work and apprenticeships. We celebrated 13 years of schooling at our joint Presentation Evening and Year 12 Formal on Monday December 7, with a live stream of the presentations for the families that we were unable to accommodate in the venue.

STAFFING INFORMATION

At the end of the year we always have staff members to farewell.

Ms Jill Johnson will be retiring from our Arts Faculty after many years serving our community.

Ms Eleana Meliniotis has won a position much closer to home, and will be Student Wellbeing Leader at Hallett Cove R-12 School.

Mr Roy Webb is also heading to a school closer to home.

Ms Linda Edwards has won a position for one year at Hamilton Secondary College.

Mr David Bowering will return to our Music Faculty after two years in Papua New Guinea with his family.

Ms Tina Hooper is returning from maternity leave, and will re-join the Maths/ Science faculty.

Ms Desi Philippou will return to teaching Science in our middle years, and supporting our behaviour management across years 7-12.

Several staff members currently employed at Wiltja Secondary School will join the Avenues team in 2021. Some of these people are already familiar faces here, but I look forward to welcoming Daniel Lasscock (Deputy Principal), Mike Haynes (Student Wellbeing Leader), Sue Sifa (Head of Inclusion) as well as teachers Bettina Paukner, Sarah Lindsay, Janice Eames, and Amy Raybould as we develop the integration of learning for students from the APY Lands into our year 8-12 sub-school.

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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.

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The Leadership Team of the college:

Principal	Robyn McLean to January 2024
Deputy Principal, Senior School & Aboriginal Learning	Daniel Lasscock to January 2025
Head of Wellbeing	Mari Terreri to January 2026
Head of Early Years	Ela Koczwara to January 2025
Head of Primary Years (R-6)	Jenny Conn to January 2026
Head of Middle Years (7-9)	Jen Geyer to July 2021

In addition to these leaders, faculties are led by:

Aboriginal Education	Tracy Glazier to January 2024
Arts	Natalie Tragos to January 2024
Centre for Deaf Education (CDE)	Teresa Maiolo to January 2023
Design & Technology	Tony Zimbardi to January 2022
English/ HASS	Molly Hardman to January 2023
Health/PE	Brenton Dalby to January 2024
Maths/Science	Terry Patiniotis to January 2022

Our staff team includes many on contracts, and I want to sincerely thank a number of teaching and support staff who have provided excellent teaching environments in which our children have been able to flourish this year. In addition to those on term, semester or full year contracts, we are well served by regular relief teaching staff – a big thanks to Tasso Bouyessis (who has won a teaching position in another school for 2021), Rob Marotta, Chris Nynycz, Julie Retallick, Zoe House, Maria Chicciello, Chelsea Wymond, and Micah Elder.

While many of these people may be back with us in 2020, I want to recognise the significant number of our team that are waiting to hear about their contracts for next year, and to thank them sincerely for the contributions they have made to Avenues College this year.

- To all of our permanent staff members, and those on long-term contracts, thank you for the valuable contribution you make to our school community.
- To members of our Governing Council and the many volunteers who support our work in 'invisible' ways, THANKYOU!

FIRST DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Government schools recommence on Wednesday January 27, 2021.

Starting times are as follows:

Preschool, Primary children, **All Year 8 and Year 12 students**, and **NEW** Students in Years 9 -11, will meet in the McKay Ave Gym at 8:50am

All Students returning to Years 9-11 will commence on Thursday January 29 at 8:40am
Years 8, 9 and 10 in the Music Suite
Years 11 and 12 in the Gym

To all our families, friends and students – thanks for the creativity, courage, respect and resilience you bring to our learning spaces, and my best wishes for a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to seeing you all back here for what will be an exciting and (hopefully not too) challenging year in 2021.

Robyn McLean, Principal



Diary Dates



First Day 2021

Wednesday 27th January

Governing Council Meetings

Term One 2021

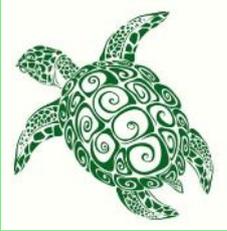
Tuesday 9 February

Tuesday 16 March—AGM

School Photographs

Preschool—Year 12

Tuesday 9 February



Meet Gary

A group of year 9s were returned from a school camp at the end of Term 3. The bus pulled into a carpark and they met **Gary** wandering alone, and a long way from any water.

Gary is a small dinner plate sized turtle and the staff and students were now left with an ethical issue of what to do with him. They decided to pack Gary into a large drinks esky and add water so that he wouldn't be dehydrated on the journey home.

Once safely at Avenues College he was delivered to Science staff by the PE staff.

Now Gary was clearly too big for our turtle aquarium so he was taken on a holiday to a local home. His new accommodation was a large tub to spend some time recovering from his adventures safe and sound. He did manage to get stuck again!! ...in a vertical position against the side of his tub needing to be rescued again.

Here is Gary checking out his holiday destination.



While Gary was learning about his new home there were a few calls made to find him a good home. Success was had when Fish Paradise of 466 Payneham Road, Glynde were happy to have Gary. So his holiday ended up being just an overnight stay.

Gary was delivered in his drinks esky, it really was a great way to move a turtle because the lid stopped the splash!

Though the Fish Paradise staff were a little concerned about Gary's overnight accommodation, I assured them he had a nice large tub overnight. They were confident of finding him a new home with a pond very soon!

PADDLE ON Gary!



**Working hard in the
Community Garden ... helping
out during the last few days
of term
Thankyou!**



At the beginning of December we were able to host a small farewell morning tea for one of our long standing, dedicated and faithful Volunteers, Mr Bob Mack.

Bob has been a familiar face about our McKay Ave site for over eight years, diligently organising and caring for our community garden, Mara Wardli.

His skills, knowledge and willingness have created a space which our students are able to use for their learning and also build relationships with the wider local community.

Bob will be marrying soon and we wish him all of the very best as he undertakes new adventures in his life.

Many thanks Bob !



BIG congrats to James Keynes who was successful in being accepted into the Basketball Academy and also to Moesha who was successful in being accepted into the Womens Aboriginal AFL Academy!



Avenues College Environmental Group

Heads up everyone Our team will be collecting plastic bread tags for recycling next year. Tip Top Bakeries have changed to cardboard tags but other brands have not We would love you to collect any you use over the Christmas break and bring them in to school in the new year to get us started for our 2021 projects.



One of the many things that 2020 and all of its challenges has highlighted for us is the importance of holding the most up to date contact information for parents, caregivers and emergency contacts.

If you have recently changed your contact details (mailing address, phone numbers or email address) or would like to update your Emergency Contacts or your student's medical information, please contact our Front Office staff on 8261 2733 or dl.0906.info@schools.sa.edu.au.

Alternatively you can access a pre-printed form on our website via the following link :

[Update of Parent/Caregiver Details Form](#)

Please Note : We are only able to accept amendments from a parent or authorised caregiver.



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

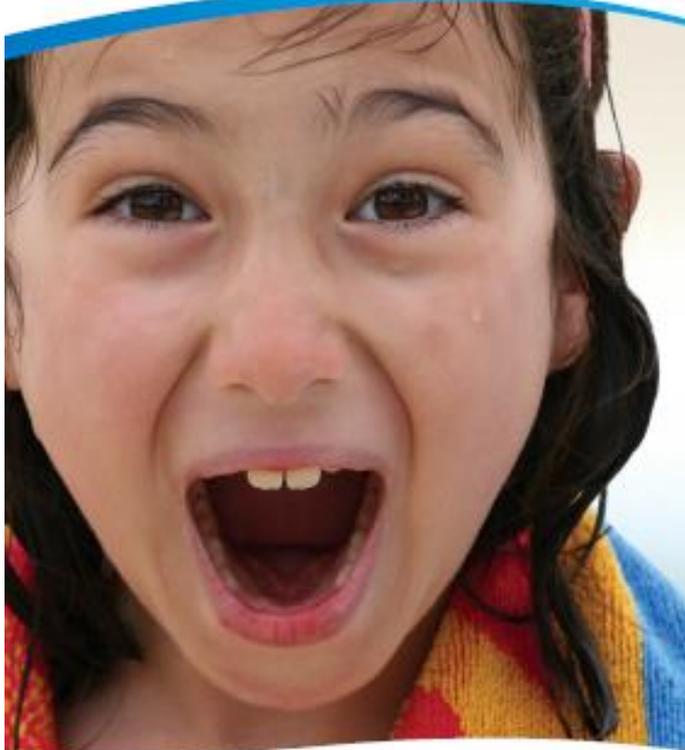
Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...





4 - 12 January 2021*

Choose from over **120** locations



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*Some programs will run at different dates. Check website for exact details.

WHAT IS VACSWIM?

VACSWIM is an initiative for primary school children to develop water awareness, water safety, water confidence and water skills ...**all while having fun!**

WHEN IS IT ON?

The majority of programs take place between 4th and 12th January 2021. Check the website for details.

PROGRAM PROVIDERS

VACSWIM is comprised of three programs; 'Swim and Survive' by the Royal Life Saving Society South Australia in the majority of pools. 'YMCA Water Safety' by YMCA in their own pools. 'Surf and Survive' program by Surf Life Saving South Australia at beach locations.

FEES AND CHARGES

Booking fees include 3 elements:

1. An enrolment fee of \$30 per child
Family enrolments are capped at \$100 and proof of family through a Medicare card will be required
2. An equipment fee of \$1.50
3. A location fee

All location fees can be found on the website.

Please note: *Additional spectators or swimmers may be subject to casual entry fees.*

REGISTERING FOR VACSWIM

Book online at www.vacswimsa.com.au

CONTACT

POOL VACSWIM PROGRAMS (Royal Life Saving)
(08) 8210 4500

BEACH VACSWIM PROGRAMS (Surf Life Saving)
(08) 8354 6996

YMCA VACSWIM PROGRAMS (YMCA managed pools)
0418 708 830

VACSWIM OFFICE (general enquiries - 9am to 5pm,
Monday to Friday)
(08) 8362 2423 or email info@vacswimsa.com.au

North East Community House Inc.



COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

Youth 12—18 years

Are you interested in collaborating to design and undertake community projects?

Be involved in supporting your local community & explore the sustainable development goals!

Families and individuals are welcome to join us for a 'Come and Try' session

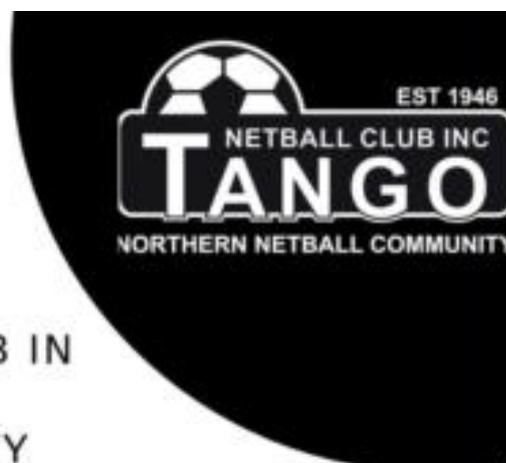
AT the North East Community House

27-31 Queensborough Ave, Hillcrest

ON 16th & 17th January, 10am—12pm

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WINTER TRIALS 2021



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OPPORTUNITIES TO PREMIER LEAGUE FROM SUB
JUNIORS THROUGH TO SENIORS

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CHANGES AT DEVON CLOTHING

Covid-19 Compliance required for Back to School - December and January

Due to the Pandemic and Social Distancing we've had to change the way we operate to keep our customers, staff and community safe.

In December 2020 and January 2021, we're asking you to **please book an appointment for a Uniform Fitting** for your child or children.

Please note: **there will be pre-Christmas Specials** not available from January so book earlier to take advantage of the savings.

You can book an appointment Online through your usual Uniform Online Ordering Site and receive an email confirmation.

Please check your Online Uniform Ordering Site now for available appointments.

Does your child need a uniform fitting?

BOOK A TIME NOW



<https://www.avenuescollege.sa.edu.au/school-information/uniform/>