



AVALON NEWS

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LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE



Welcome to the latest edition of the Avalon News



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Greetings from Avalon.

What a remarkable year! It has been one like no other, where change and challenge are daily combatants in the fight against a deadly virus that has been sweeping the globe. We wish everyone a safe passage and reach out in support of all our brothers and sisters around the globe. While the world slows down, Avalon students have had many wonderful experiences during their time here and have much to be thankful for. The joy of living in such a safe and beautiful environment filled with fresh air, wonderful scenery and wide open spaces has been the backdrop for scenes of joy and wonderful academic progress. For many, Avalon has been an oasis in this pandemic: a fortunate fortress for those able to come and experience quality learning for a few precious moments before continuing their life's journey.

This time in lockdown has resulted in some wonderful exploration of the world of art, craft and cooking. Ms. Newman's artistic group of volunteers have transformed the storage containers into wonderful works of Art, echoing the sentiments of hope and joy that fill Avalon's learning and recreational spaces. Surely soon there are to be much brighter days ahead. With that thought, I wish all our semester one graduates all the best at their new schools. You can be very proud of your progress and achievements.

Readers please remember that what is written herein, reflects each student's English level at the time of writing.

All the best, take care and remain safe.

Mark Dooley

Head of School

EXCITING NEW PROGRAMS

APPLY NOW!

Online English School Preparation Courses

Option 1

OR

Option 2

Avalon Online ELICOS Courses

- A pathway English Language program for students entering Australian schools
- Monday to Friday - 5 days/ 20 hours
- Regular assessment and feedback
- Interactive classroom experiences
- Bi-lingual online learning portal
- Full Avalon academic report
- ELICOS course certified

Avalon Online Learning

- For students currently attending school overseas
- 5 hours per week face time learning
- Extra assessment and learning tasks– 5 hours
- Avalon progress report
- Certificate of participation



December 2020/January 2021

Summer Holiday Program

Accepting applications NOW!

For students who cannot travel and need to stay in Australia during the summer holidays.

Avalon College will be operating throughout the summer holiday period effective from 7 December 2020 through to the start of Term 1 2021, offering a safe boarding environment for students aged between 10 and 17 years. A two-week minimum applies to all students.

- 24 hour supervision
- Fun and adventure activities
- All food and board
- Wi-fi and Netflix



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In the classroom



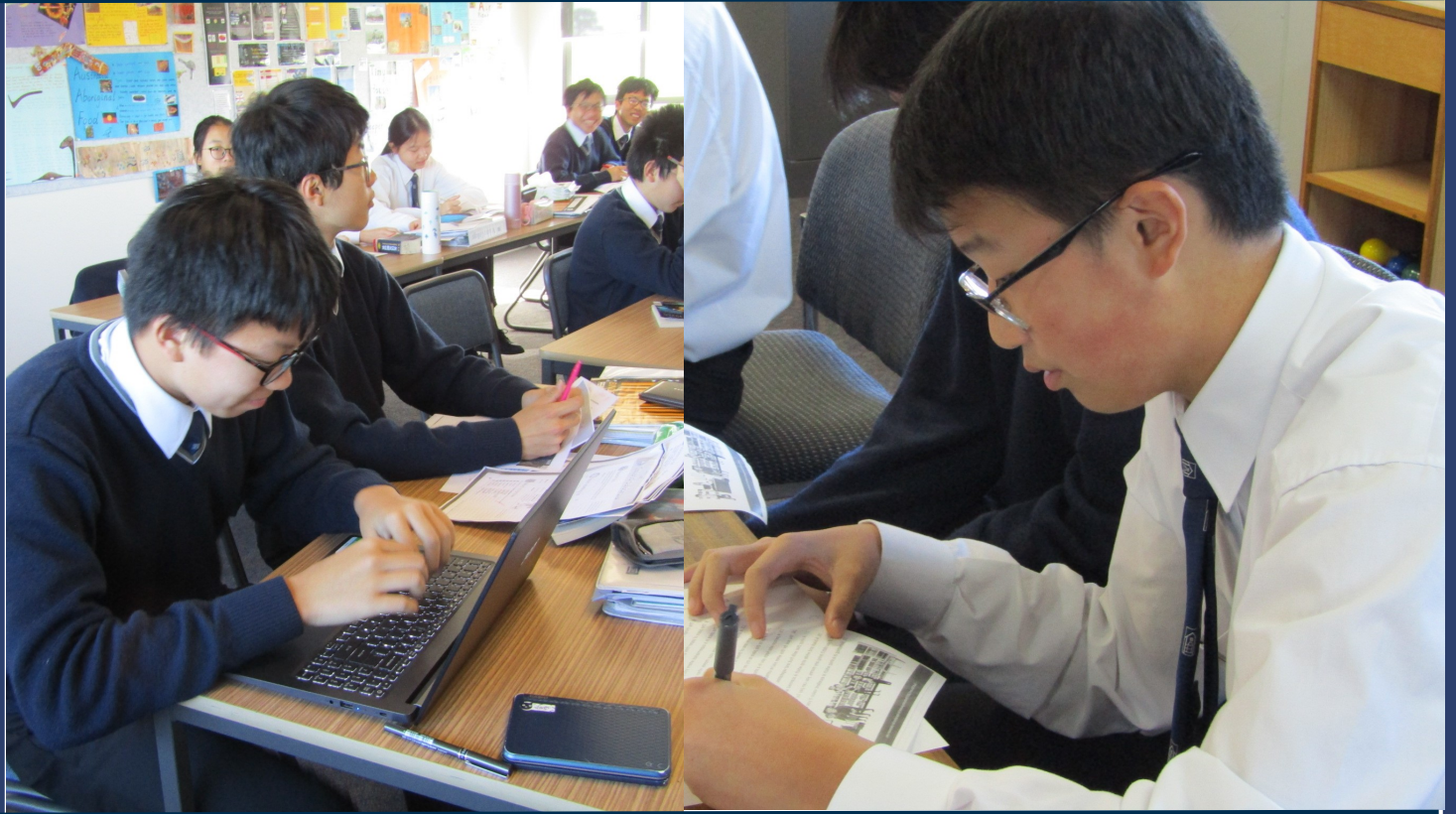
ZHOU Minqi (Angel)

Our group task is “Brisbane”. In our group, everyone has a job; Kacey and Leo make the power point, Estella searcher of the information for the power point, Oliver.Z and Jason.C and I search information about the foods, festivals, activities..... I think searching information is very easy in our group because we have three people to do same job and we can help each other. It not only helps the team work but also helps us know more knowledge to be a knowledgeable person.

PAN Yunxiang (Andy)

I’m going to tell you about our afternoon classes. Such as maths, media, art, listening, PD and listening. My favourite class is maths class. First reason we can use our brain to think the difficult questions on computer. The second reason, we can do some competitions that can practice our math and make small fun for us, just like Kahoot. The third reason, when you find the way to do the very difficult question, you will have a sense of achievement. And I like to have that achievement. Do you think so?

In the classroom



FU Yandi (Andy)

Now, we are working in a group task. It's about culture, history, geography of a city which is in Australia. My group choosed Melbourne, it's a fantastic city in Australia. So we do many point to complete the task. Such as AFL teams in Melbourne, and famous places to visit. I think its not hard for us. I'm also the leader in our group. I got some pressure because it's my first time to be an important leader in a team. It's a challenge for myself, but I believe I can do it well.

FANG LingQuan (James)

Afternoon classes in Avalon is very interesting. There is math, art, media, listening, health and history. My favourite afternoon class is art. The teacher is very kind and always leads us to do something very interesting and creative art works. If you did a good job, your work will be showed in the dining room. Math class is also exciting. We learned many knowledges and we also used computer to play some interesting games about math such as Kahoot and Khan. Afternoon classes are favourite part of me in Avalon.

Class A's creative class work

8.05.2020

Our Friday



Last Friday, we ^{had} movie night, we watched "spiderman" in the games room and we had some movie snacks, we had chips, lollies and Pop-Corn. We sat on the sofa or in bean bag on the floor. When I was watching "spiderman" we felt excited, and we think it is good because it is from Marvel.

Also, we needed to take our shopping from Ms Matthews. Then we had some free time and we played games on our Phones. We went to bed at 10:00.

Then talked with each other in English (but also a little bit in Chinese). This was our Friday. We think it was a good way to start the weekend.

Bowen
Mick

Our

Saturday

9.05.20

On Saturday, Avalon students had a good day. We played games in the dining room with Mr. Paull. We were laughing and watching the players. I think it was funny but. We can remember which group won.

After the games, we had some free time. Owen read a book on his phone, but most students were playing games on their phones.

Later, we had a chicken sub and chips for lunch. Then, we had one hour of free time, but Jayden was on slush.

Next, Mrs. Flakis came to Avalon. We drank milk tea and played card games. We think it was fun. Then, we had some more free time. We had fish and chips for dinner.

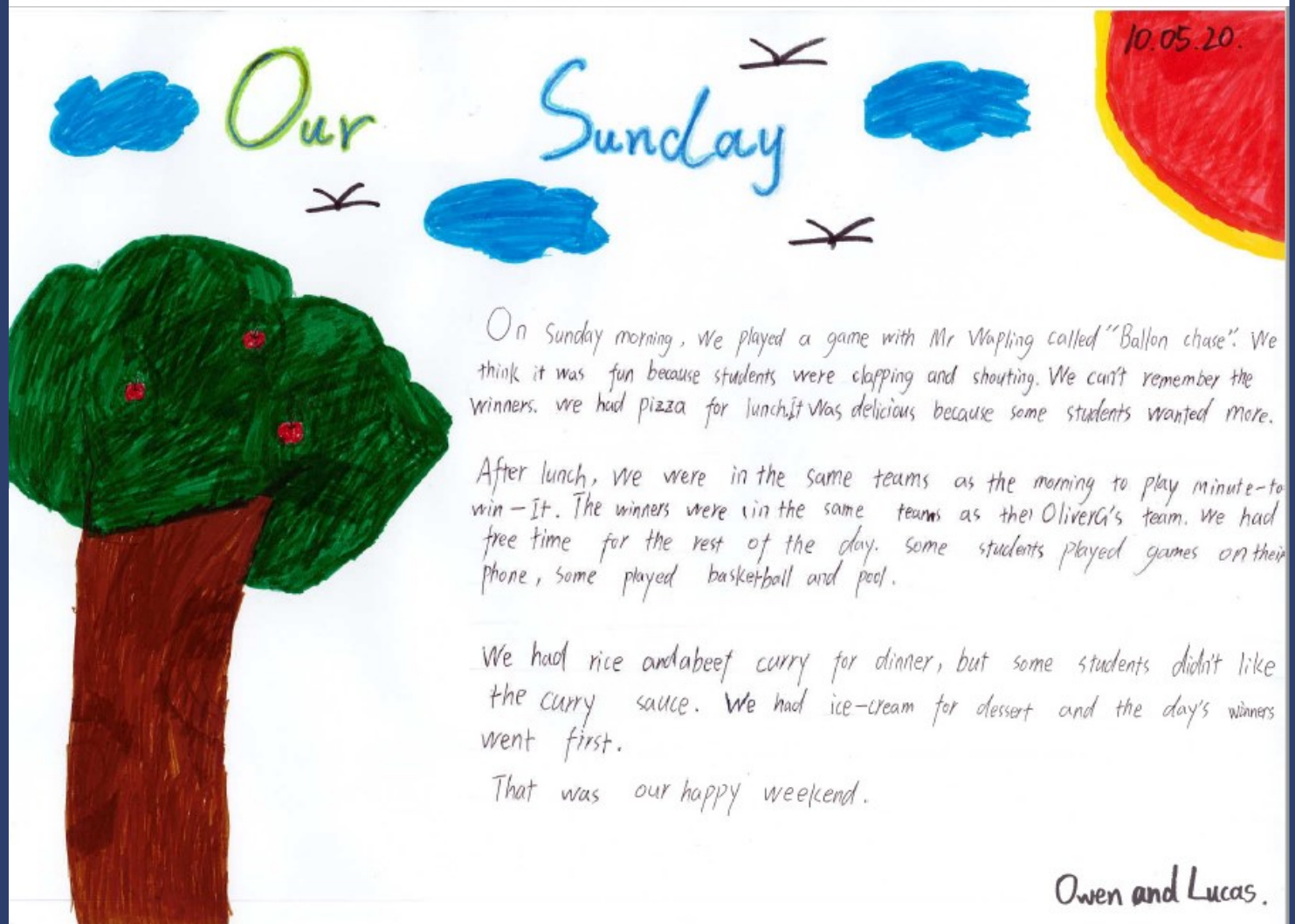
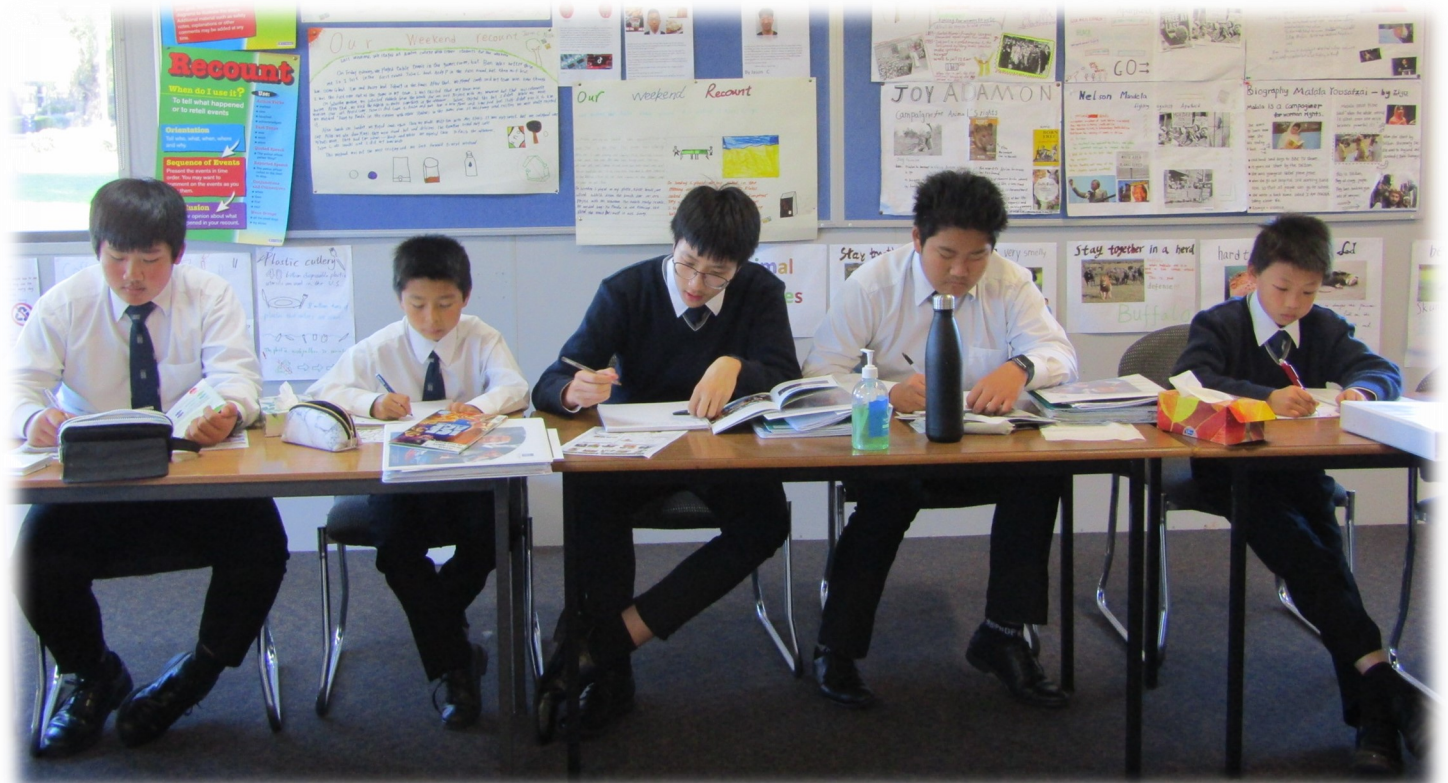
After dinner, some students did sewing with Mr. Newman and there was "no phone" for an hour from 7:30 to 8:30 so some students played cards, ping-pong, pool or watched a movie. Then, we had more free time until bed time.

We think Saturday was a fun day.



Jason C
+
Jayden G

Class A's creative class work



Animals at Avalon College

WANG Haocheng (Hugo)

Avalon have lot of animals. When I go to the art room, we see a cute dog. We use hand to touch it. I see rabbit in Avalon. When I go to sport class and a rabbit it run very fast. I think it was cute and small. When I go to the basketball court, I see a lot of bird they sometime on the tree, sometime on the grass. Today I see a big bird, but I doesn't now its name, it was very big. I love Avalon, Avalon is beautiful.

LIU Liya

Before your come to the Avalon College maybe you'll feel its just a language school where you can learn English, but when you come to Avalon, you'll like there, friend, beach, knowledges, they all around you. Also there have lots of animal. In there Avalon has three lovely dog. Our art teacher Ms Newman has two dogs Jasper, Scout and our Head of Boarding House Ms Matthews has a dog too. Its name is Lulu. Don't worry about they are all very friendly. You can see they are more time is in Monday and Tuesday afternoon before art class. Also, in Avalon has wild animal neighbors' kangaroos. Do you know in the morning the student see few kangaroo are walking around the school. Sure, there has wild cute rabbits and Avalon birds, because Avalon has many trees so the birds always stay on the tree. So, every day you can see many beautiful birds.

WANG Yuhan (Sherry)

I can see many animals around Avalon College. That day we were having a P.E class, girls were playing cricket, then there was a rabbit through the trees. We can saw it running very fast and jump to the trees. Maybe the dog catch it. There are also three pet dogs they are Lulu, Scout and Jasper. I can see many bird, one day I see one bird, the birds face is blue is very beautiful.

WANG Cheng Ki (David)

Avalon has some animals sometimes two or three kangaroos will play on the grass. They are three dogs in Avalon too. Ms Matthews has one and Mr Parkin has two of them. I remember when I was walking to my classroom a dog ran to me when I wanted to pet it, it meekly sat on the ground and let me touch its head and back, its soft hair really let me like this lovely puppy. Sometimes it would burst through our class and agreed to let us touch on head, the existence of theses animals brings the learning to life with rare fun.



The Boarding House diaries



WU Jianing (Tiffany)

There are 4 people in my bedroom and we share a bathroom. The life in boarding houses is busy but interesting. The staff are friendly. I can play with my friends in the boarding house. We get up at 7:00am and go to bed to sleep at 9:45pm every weekdays. We have interesting activities every weekend as well. The boarding house at Avalon College will be extremely good if students don't need to do slush!



HO Issac

Avalon Boarding Houses is a place I already live 10 weeks. The room maybe not as big as yours but here is clean, comfortable and you have roommate. In here you will clean your room by yourself this will become a good behaviour. Same like me many new students will miss their family at first week but the staff here will let you know they are your family here that can help you a lot.

YU Shuohan (Edwin)

My favourite food in Avalon is the BBQ Chicken, it's really delicious. I usually eat more than 15 pieces of this, so I like it very much. At this weekend students didn't go to supermarket because of the COVID-19, so they wrote the snacks which they want on a list and the staff will buy it. Many people choose honey chips, salmon chips, pudding and chocolate. The most important is the drink – Aloe Drink.

The Boarding House diaries

LI Chengze (Jack)

I am Jack, I've been studying in Avalon College for about four months. Here we can improve our English a lot. Other than study, making friends is also important. If you have trouble or you are sad, they are always there to help. They can play with you to and lead you into a better mood and sometimes they help you with your learning such as they can help you with your homework. It is very important to have some friends, if you don't have friends life will very alone here.



GAO Jiacheng (Jayden)

Avalon College food is very nice. ON Monday to Friday breakfast we can eat breads and jam. At 10:50am we can eat break, break have noodle or some sweet treats. At 1:00pm we can eat lunch. Lunch have sandwich. At 6:00pm we can eat dinner, dinner have beef, chicken and sweet treats. Saturday and Sunday morning we have bread and potato for breakfast. Lunch time we have chicken and chips for lunch. Dinner time we have rice and beef. This is Avalon College a week of food. I think Avalon College food is nice and bumper.

Avalon College food is very nice. I like Mr Ajit's chicken. My favourite is beef. We also buy chips and Aloe drink. I like eat Avalon College food because have so much nice food and at night we have sweet treats.



Gratitude

I am grateful for...

My parents giving birth to me, I was born on August the 15th and I'm very thankful because after I was born I could live as a human, and I can live my life as freedom, for example I can hear, speak and make movements and also see. I can also celebrate my birthday every year. The best day of my life is when I was born.

— Oliver Sherry.

gratitude

— Kacey

I am grateful for...

my Parents' choosing that I study in Australia, because it made my life more colourful and I can better myself.

gratitude

Alisa.



zhong
Qiong
Qiao

I am grateful for...

My mother giving me a dog six years ago. It's very quite and smart. I'm afraid to sleep by myself. He often comes to sleep with me and I am not afraid. He is my best friend.

gratitude

Issac

I am grateful for...

I'm a christeen, because I know many friends and teachers who help me a lot in my life and I know God is always next to us.

gratitude

Larus

I am grateful for...

my school because it gives me a good education and teaches me how to be a good and kind person.

gratitude

— Andy Pan

I am grateful for...

my parents, because they brought up me and spent plenty of money to send me to Australia to learn more and more, and they teach me how to conduct myself and a lot of other things.



KARN

I am grateful for...

warm weather because i like warm weather, I can think, I can do, I can play better than cold weather.



Isabella

I am grateful for...

I am very grateful for my mother and father accompany me as I grow up. I am grateful for my brother for helping in times of trouble.



I am grateful for...

I am grateful for living on a beautiful planet

Everything is nice

- Jack Li



2nx ♡
~ NANCY ~
I am grateful for...

My parents who took me to study in Australia, because I can practice my English and study in a different educational environment!

gratitude

Jily Daytoy.

XZ Daytoy.

I am grateful for...

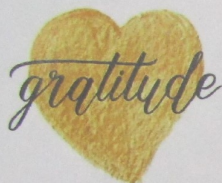
My idol, he is the person that I want to be. He can teach me a lot.

So I can put more and more effort to achieve my dream and never give up.



I am grateful for...

I'm grateful for my favourite teacher in Shanghai, because she taught many useful things and helped me understand every difficult question with study and life. She was really friendly and kind to everyone, I like her very much.



gratitude

I am grateful for...

my parents' decisions. Because they send me to Australia to let me be more brave and patient, and improve my self.

— Andy Fu

The After School Activities Program

TIAN Boxu (Tim)

From Monday to Thursday, we have many interesting activities in the afternoon. Most of them are outdoor sports such as dodgeball, hand ball, or running games. So long as it does not rain. We will go outside at 4:00pm – when the weather is cooler and we will play some exciting games for one hour. It's very important for our health to play sports every day. Mr Paull always teach us some great games so that we never feel bored. The most popular games in Avalon are hand ball and AFL and AFL also my favourite game. I love afternoon activities and I hope I could try more new games.

ZHENG Shicheng (Oliver)

I believe that afternoon activity session are a great way to exercise yourself, there's many reasons for it, like football, volleyball and other fun activities are always good sports. In Avalon, afternoon activities are also a good way to make friends and communicate with more English. It lets your English improve as well, where as your speaking gone up to a better level. You also will get better at sport and more fit as in a way when your body toughness went up too. As in that I mostly recommend afternoon sessions in Avalon.



ZHU Leer (Dora)

Afternoon activities is important in Avalon College, because do some sport after school is healthy for my body. When the afternoon activities time, Mr Paull do some activities with me and teach me some fun sport. Mrs S, girl and boy do some different activities, like sometime netball and soccer. We like it very much. Sometimes we have long run, we don't like it, but I think the most of activities is fun and healthy for us.



The Weekend Activities Program

GAO Zihan (Jenny)

I have already been at Avalon for 10 weeks. In this 10 weeks, we are in a special period because of COVID-19 are spreading in Australia. We cannot go outside of school. It sounds very boring, but actually not. Mrs Elakis always brings lots of Asian food to us and cook for us. I still remember we cooked dumplings at a weekend. She taught us how to fold dumpling and we really enjoyed cooking by ourselves.



YU Peiyiyang (Owen)

Easter is a very important day in many countries. In Avalon, we played some interesting games. On Saturday morning, we hunted Easter eggs, I was lucky so I found 5 small eggs and 12 little Eggs. In the afternoon we played some Easter games, like eat Easter cakes and they were very yummy.

The Weekend Activities Program

HUANG Yicheng (Nick)

On last Friday evening, we had Avalon's talent show and my group presentation was very short and funny. People are laughing and clapping. During the show groups had dance, music playing too. After that we had some free time.



ZHANG Yutong (Alisa)

We go to he cook some traditional food on the weekend last Sunday. We cooked dumplings with Mrs Elakis. Put some filler in the skin, wet skins side and fold. Make them seal off, roll up the former. It will be finish. Our dumpling is pork spinach and egg filling. It come from Shanghai. Six people in a table, we made about 70 dumplings and ate them all. I like this activity very much.

Avalon College Student Leaders

LI JIAXI (Kacey)

To be a student leader, I think there are two points. The first one is with students. I think it is important to establish good interpersonal relationships with Avalon students and actively help them with the problems and difficulties they encountered before. The other point is a leader, I will assist teachers and all the staff to complete things given to me. To be student leader can improve myself through this experience and make progress together with Avalon to achieve the best. Also, it will make my school life more colourful for the rest of the time at Avalon.



TIAN Boxu (Tim)

I'm one of the candidates for the student leader and I'm very honoured that I can stand here today to give a speech. I know that being a student leader means that I will face many challenges and take many responsibilities. But I believe I can be an excellent student leader. I have the necessary qualities as a student leader. First at all, I'm very helpful. I am happy to help everyone whether it's for study or life. Whether or not I become the student leader, everyone is welcome to come to me for help. Although there is no guarantee that the problem will be solved, but I can promise that I will try my best. Then I can guarantee I will be fair and kind to everyone no matter who you are. If bully on the other hand, I will try to become a bridge between students and teachers. Actively tell teacher the opinions of students. So if you vote for me, you may have some more interesting activities in the weekends. Of course I will also help staff to manage students and help them have a better Organisation. I will also help staff to manage students and help them have a better Organisation. Last of the last, I want to tell you I'm very serious about wanting to be a student leader and I really want to be a student leader because I know it's very helpful for my study and behaviour. Because I need to be a good example to everyone. I know it's not easy to be a good student leader but I 'll try my best and I believe that I will become an excellent student leader. So please trust me and vote for me. Thank you.

Art installation



Congratulations Corey LYU



Ms Newman, Avalon College resident Art teacher was recently contacted by former Avalon College student LYU Bogong (Corey) to share in his exciting news as well as express his appreciation for Ms Newman. Two of Corey's artworks pictured below have been selected by Top Arts for exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria and can be viewed on the NGV's website. Corey also has an offer to study in Chelsea UAL in London to continue his study of fine arts. We are excited to learn of Corey's success and wish him all the very best in his continued studies and career path. Ms Newman is especially proud that Corey stayed focused on his passion and continues to express his creative and artistic talent. Well done Corey!

LYU Corey —“Thank you Ms Newman for being my art teacher when I was in Avalon, that was the period I really start to being crazy and creative, also very appreciate for letting me create something on the door of the art room”.

Corey Lyu

Pillow talk

2019

tent, pillows, cotton fabric, light, speakers

Camberwell Grammar School, Canterbury

In this work the artist has created an intimate space to explore the complexity of human emotions. For Lyu the bed is both a place of vulnerability where people ruminate deeply on suppressed emotions and thoughts, and a place of comfort and sweet dreams. In *Pillow talk*, snippets of interviews recorded with the artist's friends invite the audience to encounter honest and sometimes confronting expressions of emotion. The pillow fortress offers a place of healing from hurt.



Corey Lyu

The siren's song

2019

stoneware

Camberwell Grammar School, Canterbury

A confrontational moment with internal struggles and personal identity is given form, texture and vibrancy in *The siren's song*. Lyu's expressive self-portraits feature extravagant 1950s hairstyles and drag queen make-up and have been sculpted from white raku clay and embellished with multiple layers of coloured glazes. The title and theme of the work reference the Sirens in Homer's *Odyssey*, whose beauty and sweet singing had great destructive power. For Lyu, internal struggles are a source of inspiration and unique identity, but are also toxic and dangerous. Lyu interviewed members of the drag community in Melbourne and was inspired by their honest descriptions of their struggles with identity.



LYU Corey - Avalon College 2015

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