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Welcome to the latest edition of the Avalon News



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Hello everyone,

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Avalon news.

At the start of a new year, I can hardly believe the journey we have taken these past 12 months. What challenges we have faced in the wider community in Australia and abroad! I have heard it said that, 'out of great hardship comes great opportunity.' It is true. At Avalon we have had to find new ways to be creative and think differently to be able to continue our mission.

Students still need English and although it often it seems like Avalon is at the end of the rainbow, we are managing to reach out to students across borders until they can come. Many of these students continue to benefit from Avalon's wonderful online learning and ELICOS programs. Although nothing can substitute the benefit of being at wonderful Avalon itself as many testify in this latest edition. Many of our past and present students talk about the wonderful life changing impact Avalon had not only to their developing language skills, but their confidence to tackle the many challenges of Australian school life.

Enjoy reading the efforts of our recent students and appreciate their unedited work samples as reflecting their language ability as it continues to develop under the watchful eyes of our experienced teaching and boarding staff.

All the best

Mark Dooley

Head of School

Avalon College Online

English Learning

Improve your English while studying in school

Offer now available for onshore students already enrolled in an Australian school 2021.
(After school tutoring classes available from February 2021)

Offer is still available for off shore students unable to travel due to travel restrictions.

Class In

Our stimulating interactive online portal - 'Class In' tracks student progress helping students to remain focused on continual language improvement.

Course details

Avalon's highly recommended English language programs are well known for achieving excellent levels of improvement. Experience Australian style language learning, face to face, online with our teachers.

Students receive regular *Progress Reports* and an *Avalon Certificate of Completion* upon successful participation in the course.

Avalon course benefits

- Students learn to adapt to demands of an Australian classroom context
- Individual focused improvement
- Small class sizes
- Builds language confidence

Features of Avalon online courses

- Regular assessment and feedback
- Interactive classroom experiences
- Interactive parent - teacher feedback
- Academic rewards - built in
- Bilingual online learning portal for parental communication and performance tracking

School Pathways

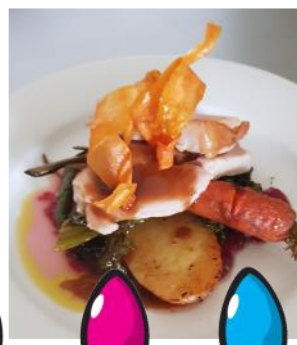
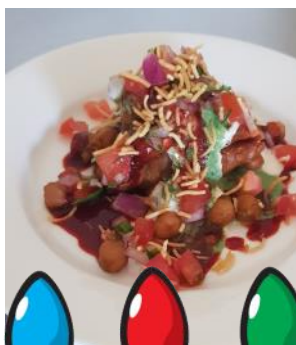
- Avalon College is an industry leader in pathway English language programs for students entering Australian schools.
- Avalon's online courses allow students to connect with our experienced teachers in an Australian classroom context to enhance current language skills.

For more information contact us today at: admin@avaloncollege.vic.edu.au



Christmas Lunch 2020





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MELBOURNE

Around the turn of the 21st century, forms of street art that began appearing in Melbourne included graffiti, sticker art, poster art, subvertising, graphic, various forms of street installations and reverse graffiti.

We Love Avalon College

In designing the Pauline... when had to erect many... he had to erect a... no... old St Paul's... one of... and as a landmark... the city of London.

Parliament House is the meeting place of the Parliament of Victoria, one of the Parliaments of the Australian states and territories. Located on Spring Street on the edge of the Malleo Grid.

Melbourne

Bowen

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Chesham is an ethnic enclave in the Boroondra District of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Melbourne's Chesham has played an important role in establishing the culture of Chinese immigrants in Australia, and is well known to many Chinese restaurants, culture venues, businesses and of worship.

Melbourne

Trains are a major form of public transport in Melbourne, the capital city of the state of Victoria, Australia.

Melbourne

Claire

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Under street station is located on the corner of Under and Galloway streets, central business district of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Under street station is the only underground station of the rail network of Australia.



Flinders Street Station

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Street arts

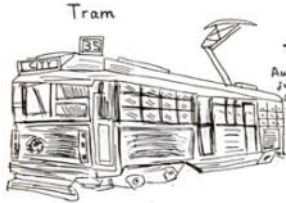


Flinders Street Railway Station is located on the corner of Flinders and Swanston streets in the central business district (CBD) of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. We went there on last Friday, it's a huge station with lots of clocks on the top of the place you go in.



Street arts in Australia is wonderful, you can see lots of them in the city. We went into a little alley accidently and we saw that wonderful street arts. And there are also some people is doing it when we walked past it.

St Paul's Cathedral



Tram

Tram are everywhere in Australia. And you can get on it just with a little Myki card. Even though we didn't get on a tram during the excursion, we took a photo and wrote the numbers of the tram and it was fun!



St Paul's Cathedral is an Anglican cathedral in Melbourne, Australia. In the excursion our group finish there, and the last mission is to write down the name of the statue. And the name was Matthew.



Chinatown Gate



Chinatown is an ethnic enclave in the central Business District (CBD) of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. We went there and we got a milk tea. And we visited 'the Chinese' and I saw the statue of Dr Sun Yat Sen, he is the greatest person in China of Chinese politician.



Tourist Booth

Tourist Booth is a place where we can get information about a place you are in. In the excursion, I remembered we can get extra points if we get a map in the Tourist Booth, we just went for it and went to the next place.

Athenaeum Theater



Athenaeum Theater in the excursion, we just past it, so we didn't look inside.



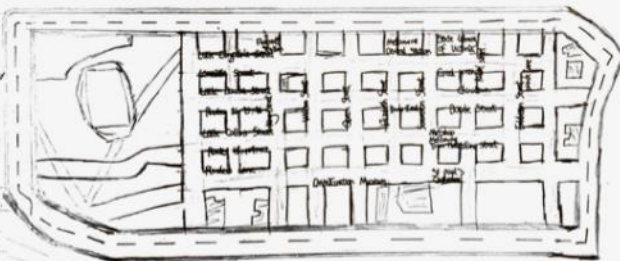
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Lucas

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Melbourne has gained international acclaim for its diverse range of street art and associated subcultures. It's popular in Melbourne's inner suburbs, and along suburban railway and tram lines.

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St Paul's Cathedral

St Paul's Cathedral is an Anglican cathedral in Melbourne. It is the cathedral church of the Diocese of Melbourne and the seat of the Archbishop of Melbourne. It is also the metropolitan cathedral of the Province of Victoria and, since 23 June 2017, the present seat of the Primate of Australia. The cathedral was designed by William Skelton and completed in 1811, except for the spire, which was built to a different design from 1846 to 1852. It is one of Melbourne's major architectural landmarks.

Captain Matthew Flinders

Trams are a major form of public transport in Melbourne, the capital city of the southeast of Victoria. As of 2021, the Melbourne tram network consists of 220 km of double track, 491 tram, 29 routes, and 1,763 tram stops.



Go 9 and Mages. If you arrive at the top of the hour you'll have Louise's Clock, which just is the time. Follow the clock and look up and you'll see two statues flying the clock and the imagery of mythical gods, named 9 and Mages.

The Hopetoun tea rooms, Melbourne's oldest, were established in 1892 at 6 Block Arcade, moving to shops 12 and 13 in 1895. A 'teetotal ladies' domain, frequented by polite society, it was a fashionable spot for lady shoppers to take lunch or afternoon tea in the shops. When the Association disbanded, the tea rooms moved to their present location, shops 1 and 2 at the front of the block.



DU Kehui (Kelly)

After watching the video about plastic pollution, I was really touched seeing how marine animals and humans are suffering from the impacts brought on by plastics. Marine creatures are really dying because of taking in too many plastics and microplastics. For example, sea birds are feeding their chicks with plastics, so the baby birds' stomachs were filled with plastics that can't be digested. These birds would eventually end up starving but feeling really full.

FAN Li

From watching this film I have learnt a lot. Plastic was created about 70 years ago and the effect it had on earth as a whole is horrifying. The three main victims of plastics are humans, animals and the ecosystem. There is currently no permanent solution to plastic pollution. Currently 2 million plastics are produced every minute and out of all those plastics only 7% of it gets recycled. It is estimated by 2025 the plastic production will be at least ten times more than it is now.

KAWAI (Rika)

I have learnt that each year marine animals eat plastics by mistake and lose their lives. A study has found that 92.6% of people over 6 Years old in America have detectable levels of BPA which is a toxic chemical that comes from plastic. It is very frightening that most of us are absorbing BPA from daily supplies such as drink bottles, food coverings, body wash. We need to reconsider our use of plastic that takes a risk on humans, animals and the environment.

JIA Zhen (Jason)

The movie 'A Plastic Ocean' talk about the huge plastic problem in our life and try to let us pay attention to this problem., because we are still using these products without thinking of the effect.



A PLASTIC OCEAN

YANG Jiyuan (Eric)

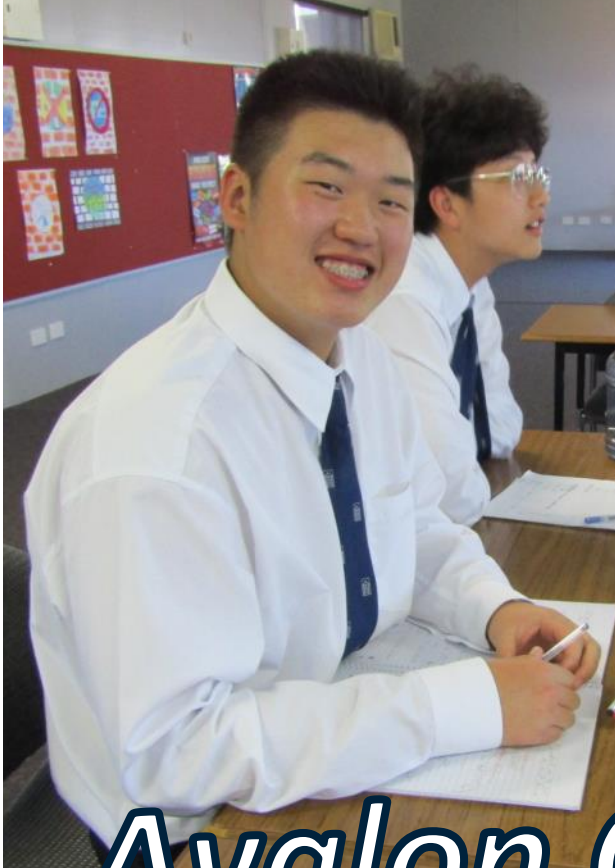
There is a huge plastic pollution in our beautiful earth, it's damaging human health animal health and land health. There is nearly 700 million pieces of plastic moving into the ocean per hour. As a result of plastic pollution in the ocean death in sea animals is increasing every year. 25% of sea creatures have plastic in their digestive systems not just fish also birds.



BAI Yichen (Tom)

There are definitely solutions to solve this problem. There are several countries which have established a ban against plastic bags such as Rwanda. Actions like this can stop the problem at the source. Other actions might include recycling plastic bottles like Germany does or collect as much plastic from the ocean and upcycle them into benches or building materials.





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Letters to family and friends

Dear My friends Kevin

Hello! Do you remember me? I'm Lucas. Now I'm in a language school and study English, it is very far than our school. the school called Avalon collage, maybe this holiday is a funny and tired holiday, even when I back school you will find my English is better, HAAA.....Do you want to know what's the design of our school?

Our school is too big, we have a garden! there are a lot of flower, some of them are white, some of them are red, also you can see the rabbits play on the ground, it's beautiful!

Yes, you are right. we have 12 rooms. each room can live two classmates. The room is small, but when you live in it will make you feel warm. A student called Jack is sharing room with me, he is a kind person, we always have a lot of topics with him. Sometime we talk about games, sometime we talk about study, so I feel very happy in these weeks.

Avalon likes a big family, the student all nice in there, even we can joke with the teacher, the teacher never angry and joke with us, further more we have dinner together, shopping together. it is a good place to make friends.

I think I will have a good time in the holiday.

Best wishes

Lucas



Dear Bowen,

I have been to Avalon collage for a long time, it was really fun. I'm writing to tell you my experience at Avalon.

First, I arrived to Avalon collage on the 6 September, I have been here for 4 months. I live in the boarding house, and I live in room 10.

The first two days I didn't have any roommate, and now, I share a room with a boy called Lucas, he is very friendly and kind. Avalon have a lot of delicious food, for example, we ate hamburger last night. It was absolutely tasty, I enjoy it very much.

Avalon's weather is very changeable, sometimes today is 38 degrees, and the next day 10 degrees. So there are a lot of people getting cold. Avalon is very beautiful, we can see the beach every day, we can go there every weekend. There are a lot of animals, for example, there are some cows, some sheep and one cat and one dog.

We can do a lot of activities in Avalon. We do one hour of sport every day, and we go shopping at the weekends. There are a lot of friendly people in Avalon, the teacher in the boarding house is called Mr Poll, he is a really kind person, he help me every time when I have something don't know how to do. The teacher for class Star is called Mrs. Elakis. She is very funny, and she can always make us remember the words.

That's all about Avalon collage. I like it very much.

Best wishes,

Jack



Dear Mother

I arrive Avalon college one week ago. This is the second time I study in Avalon. I come back to China because the Covid-19. In Avalon, I live in the bedroom building with me roommate Eric. We talk a lot at night. The environment in Avalon is very fantastic.

I have a new teacher who is Mrs Elakis. She is a Chinese teacher, so we can talk easily. The schedule in Avalon is more comfortable for us. I wake up at seven and eat breakfast. Lessons start at nine. Classroom is located in north of my bedroom. It is not far away from my bedroom. I have a break at 10:30. The lunch is delicious. In the afternoon, we always enjoy sport after lessons.

I make friends in Avalon college.

Enzi



Letters to family and friends



Dear Rucka,

I have been in Avalon collage for two weeks. I am writing this email to tell you about my experience in Avalon collage. Hope you will like it.

I arrived at Avalon last Monday, my roommate is called Li, he is year 8 now and he is very tall. He likes playing video games. He has already been in Avalon for 3 weeks.

The students and teachers are friendly and some old students told me about Avalon. For example, when should we get up, where is the dining room and where is my bedroom. We met many friends, there only have 16 students because of the holiday.

We have two class and my class is called class star. There are seven students in class star. We learned about grammar, reading and writing, after three o'clock we have sports every day. It is very fun but sometimes the weather can be very hot.

We have free time at 5 o'clock, you can do any thing you want. Most students play games at free time for an hour. It is a very good time for students to relax. Lastly, we have homework time at 7o'clock and we are going to bed after 9:30pm.

I think you will like Avalon .

Best wishes,

Ricky



Dear Jerry,

I haven't seen you again since I went back to Australia in 2020 January, how are you now, is your English improved? In this email, I'd like to talk about my experience in Avalon.

I arrived Avalon in July, it's a beautiful place far from the city, and a lot of friendly friend is very happy that I came to this school, they are: Bowen, Lucas, Oliver, Alisa and Claire.

I lived in Room C in Avalon last year, and that is a very big room and I sleep there for 5 month, there are tow bathroom and they are fine to me as well. I share my room with Bowen, he is a nice roommate, although he is very lazy, but I always take care of him.

Avalon is a wonderful boarding school, there are delicious food made by from Mr. Ajit, he is very funny he can always make a lot of jokes, so we love him so much. We have a lot of activities at the weekend, we can go out for lunch, go to the zoo, shopping in Coles and play Golf. My class is called stars and I have a wonderful teacher called Mrs. Elakis; she always has lot of games to let us learn English from it. Learning English in here is the very fun, it won't let you feel pain or very hard so I really like this school very much and hope you are here too.

Best wishes

Will (Your BEST friend)

PS: This place is reeeeeeealy good!!!



Dear Feng Rui,

I didn't see you ages but I am very miss you. Now I am in the Australian I'm very good in the Australian.

Avalon College is a beautiful place. There got a lot of flower and there got a lot of different animal at Avalon's back we got a beautiful ocean and beautiful beach. I am arrive Avalon at 13 of April. I am live in the boarding house where is in the middle of Avalon I'm share room with Shawn he is a good boy . I think Avalon's food its very delicious so became taller became more heavy. Avalon's weather is good and Avalon people that's my experience at Avalon.

From Bowen





The After School

Activities Program





The Weekend Activities Program







WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



CHAN Le Bon (Zen)

Avalon College May 2004—Jan 2005

Avalon College was the very first place where my journey started in the country. Great place to meet with people from different nationalities. Avalon gave me the opportunity to serve the group as being part of SRC (Student Representative Council) which I was very proud of myself. 16 years later severing the local community is now what I do on a daily basis as a successful real estate agent at a leading Melbourne agency.



LIN Hsiaoting (Joyce)

Avalon College June 2004—Feb 2005

16 years have passed since my time at Avalon. I first set my foot on the college campus as a wide eyed 12 year-old with very limited English vocabulary, unfounded courage and an adventurous heart ready to fly out of the nest and see the world. Unbeknownst to my young naive self, being more than 7000 Kms away from home in a foreign place speaking a foreign language was more daunting than I imagined. Eventually I learnt to count the days of the week, months of the year and slowly worked my way up to reading full length novels on the booklist for Australian high schools. Learning a language goes beyond memorising words and grammar rules. A myriad of extracurricular activities were regularly on offer at Avalon - weekly runs, weekend outings to landmark sites, attending Australian Football League (AFL) matches, dramatic arts performances to name a few. Not only were the activities fun, they were also my first exposures to learning about the Australian culture which in turn provided the foundation for better grasp of the language expressions as well as easier transition to local school. Aside from all the learning, my fondest memories at Avalon were the warmth from the staff. The staff were my parents away from home. I had since made contact to reconnect with Mr Doug Parkin and Ms Marisol Horne who went above and beyond in looking after and inspiring me during one of my most formative years. Life after Avalon has taken me to Methodist Ladies College then to University of Queensland. Over the last five years, I have thoroughly enjoyed working as a dentist in both the public and private sectors.

My best wishes for your Aussie adventure and my encouragement to get involved in all there is on for offer to enrich your experience!



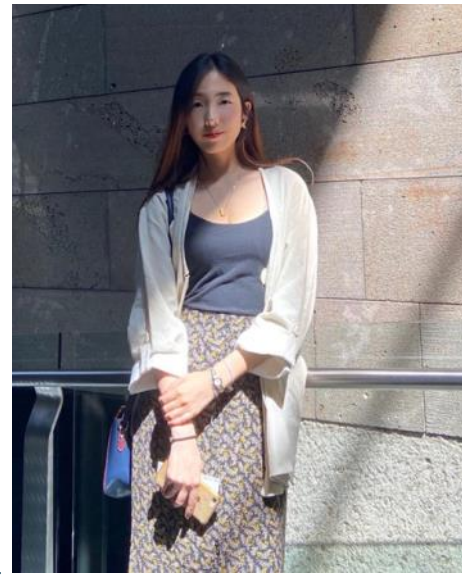


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Avalon College Aug 2014—Feb 2015

I think my experience in Avalon not only helped me with my English but also get familiar to the Australian culture. Avalon College also gave me the opportunity to build strong bonds with other students that were also going to study here, providing me with a sense of belonging and home in a foreign country. I definitely felt more confident talking and interact with people when I went to my high school. I don't think I could speak as fluent as I did without my Avalon experience.

I'm currently a junior jewelry design student at Pratt institute, New York.



TONG Cheuk Pan (Pan)

Avalon College Jan 2005 - Dec 2005

National hurdler and meets with the president of Taiwan . High lights were being a flag bearer at the 21st Asian Athletics Championships and representing Hong Kong in running.



HSIAO Sin Huang (Fiona)

Avalon College Oct 2004—Feb 2005

My time at Avalon had made me become more independent when I was only 13 years old. It wasn't easy to be a teenager away from home. I was so used to be looked after by my parents and domestic helper in Hong Kong. I didn't realise that it was such a privilege to be looked after by someone else. I had to learn to do my

own laundry, fold my clothes and do my own dishes. I didn't get to have what I want and do what I like. Freedom became something I valued at that time. Since I had to be supervised at all times except bedtime. Good lesson learnt. I attended Year 9 at Firbank Grammar School in Brighton. I think I was well prepared to be transited to another boarding school. I am a registered nurse and also a mental health clinician. I have been a nurse for over 10 years now.



Revisting Avalon

SONG Yue (Steven)

Avalon College Aug 2013— April 2014

Avalon College was my first home since I came to Melbourne. For years after graduation, I have always mentioned this dreamy place with friends I met later in Melbourne. I always want to come back and see it again, but I haven't been able to get a good chance until I'm about to finish my Master degree this year, which also means I'm going back to the country. Don't want to leave yourself with any regrets, so come back with your old Avalon friends.

Not seen in 7 years, Avalon is still the Avalon I remember, familiar, not cold, but full of warmth and human feelings. Let's say it hasn't changed. Mr. Parkin and Mrs. Newman is still so enthusiastic. 7 years have passed. Seriously, they haven't changed much Seeing them really kindly, the picture of the past instantly appeared in front of the eyes. Thank you, Mr Parkin, you are a stern looking, but in fact, delicate and kind. Thank you, Mrs. Newman is your advice that set me the course of learning for the future. I also met Mr Paul and Mrs. Elakis. Mr Paul playing the guitar for everyone on that quiet night was unforgettable, so handsome! To be honest, Mrs. Elakis's class is one with emotions. The reason is because I really like the last teacher. But when Mrs. Elakis gave me a few classes, the instant discontented emotion disappeared. The vivid and interesting class made me learn especially fast.

Avalon is so familiar to me, but there are many changes. Let's talk about the facilities first. Many facilities have been renovated and students have more space for activities and a more comfortable living environment. It's so cool to have students doodle the idea before the White House renovation, I really want to participate. Finn is growing taller and I'm really happy for her to hear that what she's learning in 12 is art related. I'm sorry I didn't meet Milla, I hope she had fun with her friend camping, and thank her for the friendship hand ring she gave me before I graduated, I still keep it. Jasper is getting older and hair is starting to fade too but you are the cutest dog I've ever seen in Melbourne, thank you for spending that night with me in my room on the day of my loss.

It's been 7 years since Avalon has retired many teachers and staff, thank you for teaching me so much. I remember Mrs. Kay " If you think you can do a thing or thing you can't do a thing. You're right." Avalon College is a magical place where Avalon is allowed to speak the language of his country only one hour a day, and in such a language environment, if students follow the rules, they can improve themselves in English.

In Avalon, from a 16-year-old boy who came to a strange country who could barely speak English to now a young man who is fully adapted to the rhythm of life in Melbourne I made many precious memories at Avalon and made many lifelong friends.

Thank you Avalon College.



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