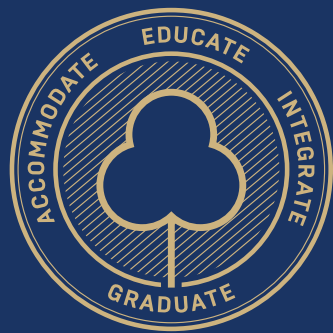


Avalon College
Geelong Australia



LIVE &
LEARN
ENGLISH
AT AVALON
A COMPLETE
LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE

EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND BOARDING
SCHOOL PREPARATION FOR 10—17 YEAR OLD STUDENTS



Avalon College is a unique English language school providing the very best care and educational programs for international students aged 10 – 17 years.

All students attending Avalon College live in our boarding facilities so they can benefit fully from all aspects of our English language program, seven days a week.

WELCOME TO AVALON COLLEGE

A complete language experience. There is simply no better place for your child's successful future to begin.

Reasons parents choose Avalon College

1. Safe and secure all-inclusive boarding school experience close to Melbourne.
2. 24 hour, 7 day a week complete English language learning package that maximises academic success.
3. Supervised after school, homework and weekend activities programs.
4. Holistic approach to students' personal, social and academic development.
5. Avalon students graduate to Australia's top schools.

'Studying in Avalon is a wonderful journey in my life. Stunning campus, friendly classmates, devoted teachers and a lovely school life...Everything in Avalon College is just amazing.'

Natalie

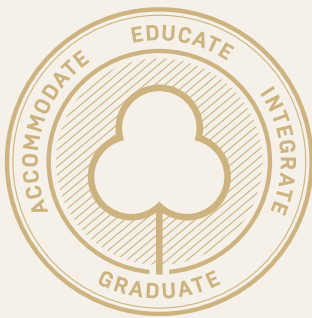
'I have improved a lot of skills. For instance, my grammar, word choice and increased my fluency when speaking. Now I can communicate with Aussie students. Thank-you so much for teaching me how to improve the structure of my essays. Thank-you for providing an extraordinary study environment.'

Xue, Shi Hao - Dwight



A COMPLETE LANGUAGE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Avalon College combines first-class English language and school preparation programs with full boarding care for primary and secondary aged students.



ACCOMMODATE – EDUCATE – INTEGRATE – GRADUATE

At Avalon College, your child will be accommodated in a nurturing and safe environment, educated within a specialised curriculum framework and become integrated into Australian school culture. Your child will have the opportunity to graduate to Australia's best schools.

There is simply no better place for your child's successful academic future to begin!

Care and safety for your child

Avalon College is a unique and secure environment for your child to study. By joining the first English language school in Australia offering full boarding care, our students become part of a happy, supportive English speaking community. Full boarding care means that your child is supervised 24 hours a day, seven days a week in a structured environment where their everyday needs are taken care of by our professional, dedicated staff. Avalon College is committed to delivering the Australian Child Safe Standards and we make sure that your child's safety is our number one priority. We value each student as an individual and are fully committed to ensuring that your child's social and emotional well-being needs are met.



The pathway to success

At Avalon College we are devoted to providing the very best environment for your child to develop their English language skills and knowledge of Australian culture. Our classes are small, enabling our experienced, professional teachers to focus on individual learning, providing quality feedback and timely reporting for each student.

We challenge our students, giving them every opportunity to reach their full potential helping them progress to higher levels of English competency.

As a result of our carefully designed curriculum, students can enter Avalon College at any skill level. In addition to providing outstanding preparation for entry into an Australian school, courses at Avalon College are also appropriate for short term academic study.

Discovery through experience

English language learning at Avalon College does not finish at the end of academic classes. Unlike traditional language programs, Avalon College runs a comprehensive after school and weekend program to provide further opportunities for our students to experience Australian culture, lifestyle and landscape. This gives them every opportunity to practise their English skills in varying contexts.

Preparing for the future

Students from Avalon College graduate to leading private and government schools in Australia. On the successful completion of our program, students are able to transition to either a boarding school or day school environment. Through our close relationships with schools, Avalon College assists in placing students in prestigious Australian primary and secondary schools, paving the way for educational prosperity.

Those students on short term stays graduate with significantly improved English language skills which enhances their motivation to be successful at learning English in their own countries.



ACCOMMODATE

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Boarding: Total care and safety for your child.

Be assured your child can focus on his or her learning in a safe, nurturing and secure environment with full boarding facilities.

Unique location

Avalon College is set on an historic, beautiful, rural 35 hectare property by the sea. Living at Avalon College is like being part of a large family. The community we have created welcomes new students with warmth and security. Within clearly established boundaries our students relax, develop friendships and share new experiences in an idyllic setting.

Boarding facilities

Our students enjoy an excellent range of on-campus facilities:

- 2 student games rooms
- pool and table tennis tables
- music room with piano
- basketball / tennis court
- volleyball court
- extensive playing fields
- beachside walking track.

Student counselling and medical care

Our dedicated and experienced staff treat each student of the Avalon College family individually and support his or her social and emotional needs. Individual counselling is available and can be arranged in the student's first language. Our first aid trained staff promptly respond to student illness and other medical needs. We are in close proximity to a full range of professional medical services.

Dietary requirements

At Avalon College we provide our students with three nutritious meals a day seven days a week. Our menu combines Western and Asian food and can meet with any specific dietary requirements of religious beliefs or medical conditions.

*'We eat all kinds of delicious food every day!
Avalon's food makes us healthy.'*

Zhou, Yi - Julie.

Lasting friendships at Avalon College

Strong bonds of friendship form between students from different nationalities as they share new experiences together. These friendships provide invaluable support for students while they are at Avalon College.

'My room-mate treats me so sincerely that she is just like my sister.'

Cen, Ruiyang - Lena.



EDUCATE

A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

English language learning: A specialised curriculum with highly qualified and experienced teachers attending to your child's individual learning needs.

Inspiring English

Students at Avalon College are required to use English the entire day.

A specialised curriculum

The curriculum at Avalon College is designed to meet the needs of our students. In teaching the skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening, our classes have a special focus on the range of text types that are extensively used in Australian schools. Our broad curriculum integrates teaching of English for mathematics, science, humanities, media and physical education.

Small classes – a distinguishing quality

Our small classes offer students the best possible opportunity to achieve their maximum potential. The development of Individual Learning Plans allows for each student's progress to be monitored and individual needs met.

Supervised homework

Each weekday students are given homework to be completed during supervised study sessions. Homework reinforces the learning of the day and is vital to maximise the learning experience. Independent study habits are developed and individual assistance is available for each student.

Preparing for school

At Avalon College we support our students as they adjust to the different classroom environment of an Australian school. Our students develop confidence in skills essential for success in Western education such as group work, expressing opinions, promoting independent thinking and actively contributing to class discussions.



'Thanks to my parents for providing me with this period of transition before school started. It is going to be a precious memory for me.'

Wang, Hetong - Tonia.

Short term study with a difference

Every year we welcome students who attend our short term programs. They participate in all aspects of our curriculum, combining language study with a range of exciting recreational activities. On completion of the program students show significant improvement in their English language and social skills: having made new friends and experienced many aspects of Australian culture and school life.

Outstanding teachers

The teaching staff at Avalon College are experienced and dedicated professionals.



'I tried to be very active at Avalon too. Now I have more acting skills, and experience being a student leader and a lot of photos from different places in Australia.'

Nadia Danchenkova

INTEGRATE

DISCOVERY THROUGH EXPERIENCE

Avalon College opens up opportunities for your child to explore the Australian culture and environment whilst discovering more about themselves.

Learning beyond the classroom: Lessons for life

After-school Program

Our students are encouraged to develop skills of teamwork, independence and personal responsibility. Our highly trained staff run the After-school Activities Program involving team building and sports activities, games, dancing, trivia and talent nights and themed dinners. Using English in

different social contexts continues the learning of the classroom and reinforces the values of Avalon's pure English immersion experience.

The Weekend Activities Program

Every weekend, learning moves away from Avalon. Students use English in a range of different social and cultural contexts including: shopping trips, zoo visits, barbeques, going to the movies, museums and historic sites.

Students experience Australia's beautiful environment through nature walks, camp programs and beach days.

Afternoon Activities

Students are introduced to Australian sports such as netball and Australian Football.

'Avalon didn't only teach me English, but also taught me other important things in life. Such as to be on time, respect others, be responsible and the most important thing, to have discipline. Avalon has made me more confident and more measured. I really appreciate my time here.'

Thientankij Nattapat - Pat

GRADUATE

YOUR PATHWAY TO THE FUTURE

Our students graduate to Australia's leading primary and secondary schools.

Advice and placement

Our close relationship with Australia's top schools allows Avalon College to advise and assist students and parents with their school selection.

School transition

At Avalon College we are proud of the wonderful successes of our students. Graduates from Avalon College have successfully moved on to many top Australian schools.

Transition into the student's new school is facilitated by the attention we give to his or her specific needs.

We provide:

- practical advice
- academic counselling
- frequent communication with schools
- individual support, encouraging students to reach their academic goals
- school visits to help students better understand and prepare for their new school.

ESOS Framework:

The Australian Government regulates the provision of courses to overseas students through the ESOS legislative framework. A simple explanation of this can be seen on the AEI website.

<https://internationaleducation.gov.au/Regulatory-Information/Pages/Regulatoryinformation.aspx>

'I'm leaving here this Wednesday with a wealth of knowledge and experiences that I'll always treasure. Avalon College has been a fantastic learning experience and it has brought me lots of significant lessons about life.'

Zhang, Jihan - Joanna

'Avalon is such a wonderful place that made me learn many wonderful things. Not only English study but also some important social skills. I'll always remember Avalon College. Thank-you.'

Zi Ying Meng - Blanche



COURSE INFORMATION

Primary and Secondary courses: Avalon College is Australia's first fully residential English language centre. Its mission is to provide quality English language education and school preparation for primary and secondary age students.

English Language Preparation for Australian Primary Schools Course

Our curriculum and teaching pedagogy reflect how students will experience learning in Australian schools.

Entry requirements

Students undertaking the English Language Preparation for Australian Primary or Secondary schools must be between 10 and 17 years of age and be able to show an adequate level of academic progress in schooling in their own country.

Duration of the course

Each course runs for 20 weeks. The amount of time needed to complete the course is dependent on the skills of the student at the time of arrival at Avalon College. Some students may achieve school entry in less than 20 weeks.

Modes of Study

Full boarding, full time courses on campus.

Assessment methods

A balanced range of oral, aural, reading and written assessment is used to track student progress.

Entry and exit testing is used to determine and confirm the academic level of the students. In addition, vocabulary and spelling tests, unit and topic tests, assignments, structured essays and timed in class responses are used. Criteria-based assessment tasks are used to introduce students to the assessment methods they will encounter when they reach school.

Certification

A Certificate of Completion is issued on the successful completion of the course studied.

Beginner Level

Students successfully completing this course will be able to:

- engage in simple face-to-face conversations on familiar topics in known situations
- comprehend simple directions related to classroom and everyday situations
- respond to basic questions and ask for clarification if they are unsure
- follow simple instructions and demonstrate complete comprehension of basic texts
- construct and apply plans from learned models for a variety of text types
- apply learned grammar and vocabulary to express their opinions more effectively.

Elementary Level

Students successfully completing this course will be able to:

- maintain a simple face-to-face conversation as well as accurately pronounce commonly used words
- comprehend simple directions related to classroom and everyday situations and show understanding of the meaning of selected, graded material
- read and comprehend graded language texts with simple language structures
- select relevant information from a passage and understand the meaning of simple native speaker texts
- research a topic using graded material and be able to express their ideas in their own words
- produce sustained writing using simple sentences and correct word order.

Pre-Intermediate Level

Students successfully completing this course will be able to:

- demonstrate correct use of known grammar and maintain conversation on every day and familiar topics
- pronounce known words correctly and be aware of accurate intonation
- be able to process and reuse information given aurally on familiar topics
- cope with native speaker conversations and show some understanding of meaning of unfamiliar aural material
- read and research a topic using simple native speaker material as well as select relevant information and show full comprehension of graded material
- write demonstrating correct use of known grammar and spelling as well as show an ability to write for a range of purposes on a variety of topics.

Intermediate Level

Students who complete this course will be able to:

- maintain conversations with native speakers and present ideas in a sustained and organised manner
- use correct pronunciation and intonation as well as correct use of known grammar
- can process and re-use information given in a native speaker context
- can understand a range of discourse forms and be able to take notes from a discussion
- accurately paraphrase and summarise key points of material in native speaker voice
- write accurately using complex sentence structures with clear use of supporting evidence where required.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Avalon College staff work together with a focus on providing a supportive and nurturing environment for all students.

Additional support services include:

Director of Studies

Provides information and advice on academic issues including: individual learning strategies and goals, subject selection for chosen schools and future career planning.

Head of Boarding

Is primarily responsible for the welfare needs of the students. They work with the academic and support staff to address any particular issues that arise. These may include homesickness, peer-related issues, health and general well-being.

Well-being staff

Provide additional support for the welfare needs such as giving advice, support and strategies that facilitate students' ability to transition into a new environment. They network with students in class and with community support groups to address topics such as mindfulness, bullying, mental and physical health, and study strategies.

Professional counselling services can also be accessed in the students' first language.

Bullying and harassment

Avalon College has a zero tolerance policy toward bullying and follows 'Child-Safe Schools' standards. Issues around bullying and harassment are explored through seminars and workshops and students are made aware of a network of support provided in school and in the wider community.

Liaising with schools

The Head of School and Director of Studies are in regular contact with the network of schools our students attend. Visits are made to the schools by the Head of School and Director of Studies to discuss students and their progress. In addition, we facilitate orientation visits to Australian schools for all of our students.

Individualised learning focus

Some students require additional one-on-one tuition to facilitate their learning. This allows for the consolidation of learning for those who need additional, specialised support or those who are seeking extension in subject areas other than English.

Specialist medical care

Avalon College has developed an extensive network of links with the local health care providers. The services provided by these professionals are available on a referral basis.

'The longer I stayed at Avalon the more colour I discovered about this school. This is a place full of warmth and memories. I want to thank every staff and student here.'

Yui Yang Gen - Lena





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