

# Avila College

*a leading Catholic school for young women*

## Mount Waverley



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## **Mission Statement**

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*Our motto, 'Ecclesiae Filia', which is Latin for Daughter of the Church, honours the patroness of the College, Saint Teresa of Avila, whose spirituality and dynamic leadership in the Church provides inspiration for our students.*

Avila College was established in 1965 by the parishes of Mount Waverley, Glen Waverley, Syndal, Mulgrave and Jordanville who invited the Presentation Sisters to administer a Catholic College committed to the education of girls.

Central to this commitment is the belief that students learn when they are valued and respected. To that end, Avila's policies are based on Christian values which uphold the dignity of the human person.

The vision of Avila is to encourage each student to grow toward a womanhood of faith, hope and love.

The mission of Avila is to be a Christian community that actively encourages an environment of faith, trust and concern for others.

## **Pastoral Care**

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Avila is well known for its care and the wellbeing of all students. We believe pastoral care is a crucial part of ensuring that our students have the best environment in which to grow spiritually, academically, socially and personally. We consciously focus on the development of positive and nurturing relationships within our community by providing many opportunities for students get to know themselves and each other, learn new skills, reflect on their rights and responsibilities, lead peers and contribute to the life of the College.

Pastoral care at Avila is a shared responsibility of all staff and includes initiatives such as a transition program from primary to secondary school; a homeroom teacher for each class; year level co-ordinators whose primary responsibility is pastoral care; a counselling team available to assist students, parents and staff; student leadership programs where students are encouraged to serve each other and the wider community; parent/teacher/student interviews.

## 2011 VCE Results

- Three students achieved ATAR scores of 99 and above
- 17% of students achieved an ATAR of 90 and above
- Six perfect scores of 50 across a range of subjects:  
English, History-Revolutions, Business Management, Design & Technology,  
Health & Human Development, and Visual Communication & Design

## **Avila - A place of learning**

Avila is a place of learning. We provide a comprehensive and balanced curriculum which aims to:

- \* engage and empower students
- \* foster an environment where learning is valued
- \* develop critical thinking and problem solving
- \* encourage imaginative and creative talents
- \* promote life-long learning skills
- \* enable students to become active and responsible members of society.

Three languages (French, Italian & Indonesian) are offered. From Year 9, a broad range of electives provides choice. In the senior years, VCE, VCAL & VET programs are available. Learning support and enrichment opportunities are also offered at all year levels.

## **Avila - A place of innovation**

Avila is renowned for its commitment to developing articulate and assertive young women capable of achieving their goals. Through its visionary and holistic approach to education, the College provides students with a diverse range of curricular and co-curricular opportunities to challenge and prepare them as engaged young women and decision-makers of the 21st century. The College's innovative approach takes many forms from access to leading-edge technology to opportunities to be involved in social justice action groups.



Girls educated in a single-sex environment gain the benefit of not only an education tailored to the learning styles and needs of girls, but they are also more frequently exposed to strong female role models who exemplify what women can achieve in their lives beyond school.



Exciting new developments in 2012

- an Apple 1:1 laptop program in years 7, 10 & 11
- a new building complex comprising 16 new state-of-the-art classrooms



The Quill - a symbol of learning  
The Cross - a symbol of love