

Welcome to Avenues College 2021

It was terrific to welcome our new and continuing students, from preschool to Year 12 students, to the College last week.

The opportunity we have to continue the creation of a rich learning community, where Creativity, Courage, Resilience and Respect are values seen across all learning spaces, is one that the College staff members approach with optimism. We look forward to working with your children, and with you, to build a school of excellence.

Staffing:

As is the case in all schools at this time of the year, we are welcoming a number of new teaching staff members to our college:

Ms Tarni Rigney and Mr Shaun Wallace have joined our team as brand new teachers – Ms Rigney in our Reception class and Mr Wallace in Design and Tech.

Ms Natalie Tragos has commenced as our new Arts Coordinator and Mr David Bowering has returned to our Arts Department after two years away.

Our leadership team remains responsible for the management of teams on a daily basis:

- Mr Daniel Lasscock – Deputy Principal, Head of Senior Secondary Years (10-12) and Aboriginal Learning Preschool to year 12
- Ms Mari Terreri – Wellbeing, B-12
- Ms Danielle Smith – Business Manager, B-12
- Ms Ela Koczwarra – Head of Early Years – Preschool and Family Programs
- Ms Jenny Conn – Head of Primary Years (R-6)
- Ms Jen Geyer – Head of Middle Years (7-9)
- Ms Sue Sifa – Head of Inclusion R-12
- Ms Teresa Maiolo – Coordinator of Centre for Hearing Impaired (CHI) 8-12

Additionally, a number of staff members have moved into new roles within the College and they will continue to inspire and nurture the learning of your children.

My role as principal is to support the overall development of our school community. I look forward to working with you, your children and staff members to create a College of which we can all be very proud; and one in which your children will thrive.

Building Improvements:

The process of developing the outdoor learning areas across the college is continuing. We expect completion of the two secondary quad areas to be complete by the beginning of Term 2. In the meantime, there will continue to be some disruption for us all!

IT :

The start of the school year has presented challenges with our access to the internet across our site. The department IT unit has been working since last week to resolve the problems and get us back online. We believe that most of the issues have now been resolved. If your child/children is having difficulty with accessing the internet at school or having issues with their device set up, please ask them to notify their class teacher or their Care Group teacher who can put them in contact with our IT staff.

Fruit Fly Outbreak :

We have received notification from Department for Primary Industry regarding recent outbreaks of fruit fly in the metropolitan area. Campbelltown and the surrounding areas are identified as outbreak/restricted areas and resulting in a direction for all households to refrain from moving fruit across areas. This direction also applies to school lunch boxes More information relating to the restricted areas and the directions for packing/using fruit appropriately can be found at www.dpirsa.gov.au.

Car Park/Traffic Reminder :

With a new school year there are numerous new students, families and visitors moving in and around the College. Please take extreme care when driving, parking and walking around the school. Adhere to parking signs and restrictions and remain cautious for young students and children moving into and out of the College grounds. Your patience and respect is appreciated.

School Photos :

School photos for all staff and students will be held on Tuesday 9th February. Ordering details and envelopes will be sent home soon. A catch up day for any students who miss out on Tuesday 9th of February will be held on Thursday 18th February.

As always, your continued support and cooperation is valued and appreciated. Should you need to clarify and information or raise a concern, please contact us on 8261 2733 or dl.0906.info@schools.sa.edu.au.

Regards,



Robyn McLean
Principal
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