Welcome to our exciting edition of the Avalon News

On Saturday, 28th November 2015, around 200 current and ex students, staff and friends of Avalon College attended a wonderful garden party reunion at the school.

Tours of the school were conducted throughout the day, including our new boarding house, Robyn House, named in honour of our founding Principal, Robyn Brook. The tours also included our newly renovated Mathieson House, the 1970’s Elliot house, and the historic Avalon Homestead, Austin House.

It was a beautiful sunny afternoon with outdoor games on the green lawns, and indoor slide shows of photos and films throughout the 17 years of Avalon College as we grew from our first student in 1997 to our current capacity of 100 international students.

Following a spectacular sunset across the deep blue waters of Corio Bay, the crowd relaxed on the lawns with a barbecue and an evening of entertainment and catching up with old friends. Musical performances by staff and students were followed by a band and a student party. It was a lovely day for all.

We hope you enjoy this wonderful edition of Avalon News.

Paul Hoban
Head of School
JIRAPANATHORN  Siraya (Yok)
In this year Mr Parkin is chairman open party at 6:00pm and have tour of Avalon. In first tour is start at 6:10pm and next tour start at 6:30pm. Guide is staff and some old students they take to saw new boarding house now it for boy students but in January 2016 it will change for girl students. Original boarding house guide saw bedroom, game room and atmosphere around party. In that night Miss Stojanovski is take photographs around party and all staff help to save safety to the fullest. In that day have so windy and cold. In party have fun activities, food stalls, music, tours, photographs and video displays. I think it good for students because some old students go to school already but in this party they come back to Avalon College they can give many good introduce to present students.

FU Weiyu (Niki)
Last Saturday, Avalon College held a party, the old and new students attended together. The party started at 5 o’clock. First of all, the principal made a speech and then some of students played musical instruments, they all played very well, they were carefully prepared for this party, before the party, we could always hear them play the piano in classroom 6, their efforts have paid off everyone liked it, it was a great applause and cheers. The school proved us with delicious foods and drinks. We played games and the old students sang a song on stage. We also looked at the old picture of Avalon College, with the two staff singer we finished.

ZHENG Hanyu (Crystal)
Last Saturday there are some funny things happened in Avalon. It’s a party.
I saw so many old students from Avalon both joined this party and I also met my old friends Angel.
This party started at 5 o’clock. I remember that day was very cold but there has some drinking gave us to keep warm. And then somebody was play the piano showed us. They are both very good at it. And there are also has some funny games we can play.
On the ground has a big white tent. Inside is some food we can eat it. In that time we just play by self when the sky become dark. These old students should go back I said goodbye with Angel and we also should assemble in the white tent.
The staff told us, we can join the night party at 9:45pm. But someone choose didn’t went. But this is my first time to joined party so I decided to join it.
On the party we really ad fun we played game and danced. It’s was very fun. That time I had enjoyed it. And I want say thank you for the staff.

LIN Zhijun (Fiona)
On Nov 28, 2015 we have a big party. Many graduate come back. It is a happy time.
Our party started at 5 o’clock, we can go to find some graduate, if you know them, but I don’t know them. So I go to eat some food with my friend. About 6 o’clock, some people went to sing or played the piano in the stage, we were very enjoying, then we went to play rope skipping and other people went to play the staff prepare the game. After 9 o’clock, all the graduate must, and our real party is coming. Because we will play very night. We danced and played many funny game in the party. I am really remember one game. It is on eat noodles game, my classmate just use I second finish noodles, so amazed!
I hope next party it is very interesting.

TENG Yuwen (Ashley)
On 28 November people in Avalon were all happy because they finally welcomed the reunion day of Avalon College. People gathered together on the lawn in front of the dormitory including current students. Students used to study here and staffs, teachers together with their children. The party started at 5 o’clock with the speech of the first head master Mr Brook. After that everyone began different activities like eating pizza, playing basketball and jumping rope. At 9:30pm the party dance, the most motivated activity that day commenced at classroom 1 until nearly 12 o’clock, that was so exciting.
Avalon College Reunion
Today is December 10 2015, which is a sunny Thursday. In this lovely day, we had a very special Christmas lunch in the afternoon. It lasted about 2 hours. Every student, staff and teacher gathered in a marquee which had many benches and tables in it. After all the people sat down, we started eating the snacks and drinking the soft drinks on the table. After a while we had some meat vegetables and cakes to eat. As we were enjoying the food, there were some performances which were performed by students and teachers. They all very interesting, such as the Christmas Carol which were sung by class D and E students (including me), and the Avalon song which were sung by Mr Parkin, Mr Paul and all the teachers in Avalon. I like this performance very much, because it described a naught boy’s life in Avalon. It’s very similar with our life in Avalon and it also showed different teachers and staff’s jobs and the sentences they always say, it’s very suitable so most of us were laughing at that moment. What’s more, we also got gifts from Christmas trees. It was very excited to get a gift from others and open it by ourselves.

For most of us, this was the first time we celebrated the Christmas and it was a hot summer day, just like a sentence of Christmas Carol “Christmas in Australia in a scorching summer day.” In a word, we all had fun and enjoyed ourselves in this Christmas party.
WEI Jianqing (Peter)
On the 10th December 2015, all the people in Avalon College enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch. We had lunch in a fantastic big white marquee and everyone sat along the long tables. How delicious the meal is. Juice, sweets, snacks, desserts…. And of course the most important, turkey during the lunch. We sang songs such as Silent Night, Australian Jingle Bells. But I think the most interesting song must be “Welcome to Avalon.”
It was so funny. This day would be unforgettable day in my life.

ZHANG Chenchen (Nancy)
Last Thursday we had Christmas lunch of all lot of people who in Avalon College. I’m happy to see the staff do slush, and they real did that, of course the students don’t need do it. We watched the perform from students, teachers and staff. And I only can remember Mr Paull he always played the guitar, and I think he only good at play guitar. After that students and staff sing the songs of Christmas, that was well. I enjoyed the Christmas party.

ZHA Jenny
Christmas is a big day for all the Europe countries and same for Australia. Avalon College had prepared a lot for this big meal, from 9.12.15 to 10.12.15. There were candies, drinks, turkey, Australian traditional desert and gifts, which students bought it themselves and were settled under a Christmas tree, so people can pick anyone they want. Everything was perfect, staff members, students and teachers all sat together and enjoy this big fancy meal. The company which organised this set long tables and made it into a square, which really let us feel we were at home and everyone in Avalon College was a part of the family. Mr Paull went on stage and song with teachers and students. With in the music, we all had a great time, felt the happiness and warmness from home.
**First Impressions**

**HU Yanzhen (Amy)**
I arrived Australia at 2015/9/21 I’m a little bit nervous and excited! When I arrived my school everyone is bigger than me so I was a little bit afraid about they think I was small and don’t play with me but I was wrong ,when I ate lunch everyone was helped me ,I ’m very happy and few day later I was friend with everyone ! And when I first morning class teacher was very well to me and my classmate I like my teacher .Here is really different when I’m in China here’s teacher is very kind but in China teacher is also good but here’s teacher is nicer and we are learned different things in China .I really like Australia and my school Avalon!

**TAO Runkai (Kevin)**
Monday afternoon 5 o’clock I arrived in Avalon College by Mr. Paul. In that time I was so excited and interest in everything which is in Australia. After that I met Antonio in my dormitory. He was very kind but a little bit shy to me. Second day, I went to class I feel very different between Chinese class. In the class we had a lot of conversation and teachers were very kind to everyone, and the study is not very easy but full of knowledge! Every day in Avalon College was in order and it was really full!

**LI Sang (Sunny)**
When I first came to Australia I felt so excited. The sky in blue and the air is so fresh. The weather here is so comfortable. The temperature is not too high, but also not too cold. And the street is clean and not crowded. The traffic is not heavy. Also the people there are friendly and enthusiasm. The environment is less pollution then China.

**SONG Renquan (David)**
When I arrive at Avalon College, I find that it is very different from my old middle school in China. There are no tall buildings and many students. There are only 70 students here and only some common house stay behind the blue sky. Actually, my old school is stay behind the gray sky. In my old school, there might be 2000 students there that is much different. There is a big playground here, but in my old school, the playground is very small, it is not common to have a playground as big as this. We can have different activities on the weekend, but in my old school, you can only stay in your room on weekends. It is much different for me, and it is a challenge for me to live in a school like this.

**MU Yuzheng (Abby)**
How time flies! I had completed my primary school I become Junior high school student. When I set my feet in school gate, I felt excited and stressed at that moment. There are many different from my past school. It’s small but it’s very tidy and warm. And it is have good environment and so beautiful. In here I fell so happy, because every friend always smiles to me. Even we don’t know what is other’s name. Also I should study more harder, prepare for my school.
First Impressions

YUAN Yuan (Lily)
When I first time come to Avalon College I’m scried, because everyone is taller than me, everyone is bigger then me and no one want to talk to me. I think I will never make a friend in Avalon College!
Most of time, I’m alone, I’m very lonely. But later on I got two friends and they are May and Maggie. They are my very good friends. At night if I’m bored I got someone to talk with. They are in my room. When the first time I got to Avalon College I feel scried and lonely, but now I feel comfortable.

LIU Tang Pusen (Thompson)
I went to Australia to go abroad study in last month. I find some differences between Australian school and Chinese schools that I study here.
Firstly, students feel stressful who study in Chinese schools. I always have much homework to do and I need to study for more than 10 hours a day. But now I have more free time to do things which I want to do. And I feel happy every day.
Secondly, Australian teachers are more kind. In Avalon, teachers always encourage me and teach me carefully when I am in troubles. But most of Chinese teachers will be angry with you.
Thirdly, Australian schools focus on students’ sport. In Avalon, there have enough space for students to do sports. I think health is much more important than study.
Above all, I like Australian education and I like Avalon too. It looks like a big family. It is correct to choose Avalon.

LIU MuZi (Alice)
My first impression of Avalon College.
How about Avalon College, I thought this question again and again on the plane. This was my first time to go to Australia. I was nervous and hopeful. I hoped this is a beautiful school and I would like it.
After getting off plane. I met Mr Newton. He helped me carry luggage and sent me school. His friendly smile reduced my fatigue of trip. When car passed the gate of Avalon College, I saw bright sky and many Australian trees. I enjoyed the sight of purple flowers and palm trees swing in the breeze from beach. The singing of birds also made me please. There were many lovely houses and nice people. Everyone treated my very well. However, I couldn’t control my tears in the night, because I missed by home and parents.
The next day was sunny, I started my first class in Avalon. Our teacher was patient and humorous. She taught us skill of reading and note-taking. At first I didn’t adapt the class very well, I was at a loss about practice and class games. Luckily my teacher helped me and encouraged me to let me in to the classroom. When night fell, one of the staff asked me How about today and why I burst into tears yesterday. I told her reason and she comforted me, that I will love Avalon College and everything will be fine.
When I come back my room, my roommate waved her hands and said ‘goodnight’ to me. Good Night I replied and smiled.
CHEN Mengting (Maggie)
Hi my name is Maggie I'm in class B.
My teacher is Mr Matthews. Every day Mr Matthews will let us play games. It was different games every day. He want us learn English in the game. Then he will teach us English. He teaches his lesson very well. I am very happy in his class and he will us some books for practice reading.
I hope to have a good time here. I'll try my best on studying English.

DAI Yi Fan (David)
Ms Elakis is my favourite teacher. She teaches very patiently in class and all the students are willing to listen to her and ask her questions.
Once I was confused with a question, so I hurried to Ms Elakis, it took us 15mins after class to solve this question and Ms Elakis was very patient and smeling all the time. I think that's why students like listening to her classes Ms Elakis likes to communicate with us, and help us to solve the problem. All the students in my class respect her.

MENG Qi (Jennifer)
I’m a class E student. In my class, we usually have 12 – 16 students.
From Monday to Wednesday our teacher is Mrs Elakis. On Thursday and Friday Mrs Grey teaches us. Mrs Elakis is the only Chinese teacher here, but she never speaks Chinese to us. She is kind. She is always willing to help us about every aspect of questions. Sometimes she may show the pictures of her mixed blood daughter to us. She’s not only teaches us the things about study, but also helps us to expand our knowledge about our lives.
Mrs Grey seems so strict, but actually she is really attentive to our homework. She always marks a lot and give us sincere comments in our homework.
In class, we do lots of different exercises like grammar, listening and something else. Mrs Grey likes to give us a map which provides some questions for us to practice. We just need to set up a group and throw the dices.
That’s really interesting.
This is our Class E.

MENG Yang (Justin)
At the beginning of November I arrived at Avalon College. This is a completely new situation for me, and I’m trying to adapt it. Teachers who are teaching me English are Ms Elakis and Ms Grey, they are experienced at teaching and kind.
We have a very good study environment which is classroom. In classes sometimes we practice speaking English or do some writing tasks. My favourite part is the speaking part. The teacher may divides us in several groups and offer a picture which we need a dice to play. We have to talk about the question when step forward I think this is a great way for us to communicate with each other. Besides the journal classes have helped me a lot. After nearly three weeks study. I now have a clearly structure of an essay.
I hope to have a good time here. I’ll try my best on studying English.
JIN Zhuoli (Alice)
Art class experience
In Avalon College, I have already gone 4 art classes, and I choose are regard as my exercise class, because I think this class is very interesting. It can let you develop your imagine!
Last week, I had art class, that time, teacher let us make cap, because that day is 'Melbourne cup' this special day. I draw and adraw, enjoy and enjoy. I also had a lot of fun with this. At last, I finished my drawing early. I did a colouring after my drawing. I want to tell you, I like this class very much. Just lerr love it!

SUN Zhexun (Williamson)
Today, I went to the Art Class for drawing in the afternoon. The teacher who was teaching the class is Mrs Curley. She is old and kind, but she hate rude languages. First, I did sketch in this class. I was drawing a Toy bear. The hardest part is the hair of the bear, because I finish the head and the line of the body of the body of the toy bear picture. I draw and adraw, enjoy and enjoy. I also had a lot of fun with this. At last, I finished my drawing early. I did a colouring after my drawing. I want to tell you, I like this class very much. Just lerr love it!

QI Zhixu (Tina)
In Avalon College, every week Tuesday and Thursday we have two interesting class. Last week I have drama and photography. In Drama class, we dance and play gams, This was so funny and exciting. We also strat with warm game in class run and try to catch anther students, everyone enjoy the games and enjoy drama class.
I always like go to seaside in photography class. In photography class, we learn to how to take a good photograph. Avalon College have very good scenery, so we can have a lot of beautiful photos. Last time we took a lot of photo about Avalon beach. We enjoy leave classroom to go outside take photos.
I like have different class in Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. We can have a lot of fun in class!
GAO Xianwei (David)

November 3rd is a special day because we were going to visit a small house called Barwon Grange. All of us were allocated into three different groups and we will visit there separately. I was allocated in red groups, which will be introduced the old games first. A man who is full of enthusiasm talked about many games that people in hundred years ago liked to play, such as hookey, quoits, croquet, skittle. Besides, He talked about Shanghai and say “Shanghai is an amazing city.”

After that, I was taken around to see the environment of Barwon Grange by a woman. She introduced various trees and flowers, and, She also mentioned olive tree, fig tree and pineapple tree. After we looked around the building, we went into the inside of the house. There were two bedrooms, smoking room, room for maid, dining room and kitchen. All rooms were decorated by strange picture and each room had a big mirror because it can create more

ZHANG Ruoxi (Michelle)

Last Wednesday, our Avalon College went to the Barwon Grange. It was very old and beautiful house. We learn a lot of new knowledge and some old furniture. And we also learn many new vocabulary, like mangle, it like old washing machine, tapestry, shandelier conservatory and so on. We also know many interesting games that people played in the past. Like skittle, Croquet, Skipping, Hookey, Quoits and hoops. We visited the grand of the Barwon Grange. Like it dining room is very beautiful. There is a large table for a meal in the middle, it is very big and long, it can sit nearly 15 people, and there is also a library in the dining room. And it is very old, more than a hundred years old. We also visited the beautiful garden, it has many old and famous tree, even some Chinese tree, like Chinese ELM. And there is a big fountain in the middle which makes the whole house more gorgeous.

At last. Thank you for Avalon College and Barwon Grange give us this chance to visit the gorgeous and old house.

SUN Qihan (Katniss)

On Wednesday was remembrance day. Everyone need to wear a red flower. To remember the soldiers in WW1.

And there had some history in Barwon Grange and Lara Museum.

In the morning we went to the Barwon Grange and volunteers told us about the house and games in WW1. There are a lot of old games. For example, skipping, hookey, quoits, hoops, skittles and croquet. I like skipping most. Because I can skip very well. The house has a kitchen, a orchard, a smoking house, four bedrooms, one drawing room (games room for lady), and a dining room. The shape of the house is gable. The owners can plant a lot of fruit trees in the orchard and play a lot of games there. In the kitchen owners can make a lot of delicious food. In the smoking room, gentlemen can do some business in there. Ladies can play some interesting games, play piano of do something else in the drawing room. There is a fountain in front of the house, I think that’s very beautiful. There are some trees around the house. There are different kinds of plant. Some of them can make sausage. The house is near the river so plants can grow very quickly. Then we went to the Lara Museum. There are a lot of old and histories things in there like clothes, vehicles and games there. The volunteer did some introduction about them and we felt very interesting.

This is Wednesday. A interesting and remembececes day.

YANG Jin Nuo (Cook)

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HUANG Shijing (Daisy)

Barwon Grange is a lovely house has its own style. I could imagine how these young ladies’ lives look like when I visited this beautiful house. My favourite room is drawing room, its very magnificent. In the middle of room is a big round table with exquisite woodcarving. Above it, is a huge green ceiling lamp. There is a big fireplace, a piano and a set of table and chair used to do some sewing. I can imagine, in the past, a young lady played the piano and sang songs, some of them sat at table, chatted with each other, on the table there were several delicate cups and pieces of cakes. Beside the window, a girl did sewing quietly. I think if I were a member of them I would enjoy this peaceful afternoon.

Everything in this beautiful house shows the owner’s fine life. I hope I can have a house like this one in the future.

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A Tour of Barwon Grange

I was very glad and surprised to visit the Barwon Grange on Wednesday. It’s an old grange with 160 years history and it can also show the lives of Australian nobles. First of all, our group enjoyed the sight of it’s garden. We walked along the stone road to a circle lawn with a fountain in the middle. Around it, there were beautiful and different kinds of trees and etc. Most of them were Pomegranate trees, gum trees and etc. Most of them came from other other countries, because of their different habits, some of them had a regular nursery. 

Follow the guide, we went to a small house for servant. Servants lives were very hard. They had to get up at 6am and get sleep at 9pm. Also, five young girls lived in a small room and they can’t get high salary. Compared with servants’ room, the hacendados’ house were more luxurious and magnificent. The host and hostess owned a smoking room and arder roo. In smoking room, there were some sofas and a special chair with a pipe in the back of the chair. In the arder room. There were some nice paintings and a chess on the table. There was also a wooden table in the corner.

After that, we visit the games of old Australians I also learnt a lot, for example, hookey, skipping, quoits, hoops. Although the rules were very simple. It’s very hard to win actually. All in all, this tour of the Barwon Grange taught me a lot, and I think this is a precious treasure to all the people.

On Wednesday, we went to visit Barwon Grange. We learn many new words in Barwon Grange. And we know many interesting game in 100 years ago. I study many tools in 100 years ago to cook. We visit the Barwon Grange all rooms. And we know in 100 years ago, people not go to toilet at night. Then we visit the ground. We saw many different trees in the ground. We visit the river and we know why the house near the house because this easy to use water. We have a very interesting day in there. We do many useful tings in there.

Lara museum is just amazing for a student who love history! Actually it was an old hotel that from last century, as the result, Lara museum is very different from the other. When we looked around, I saw many tools and they took me by surprise. They are old but enduring. They showed us the Australian life in the past. The people in Lara museum were very amiable and lovely as well. In short, I love it so much!

NGAMKERSIRI Sanyakrit (Best)
In weekend we went to the Barwon Grange and Lara musume but this is a special weekend because this is 11/11/2015 remembrance day to World War 1. First my group we went to Lara musume and learned about history of Lara,a 20th centanyy tool, 20th century house and 20th century game. And then before we had a break we stood to be in memory of the dead armies for World War 1 after that we had a lunch and went to bus to went to the Barwon Grange. When we arrived in Barwon Grange. First the lecturer of Barwon Grange divided us to two group. And then my group went to leaned about plants in Barwon Grange, for example it’s have a New Zealand plants, Wattle, Figtree, Agipinus and African Hamp. After that we went to another house in Barwon Grange and sketched some picture. Next we had a break for few minute. And then we came to visit some house and this house have a unusual room, it’s smoking room. And before we went back to Avalon College we played some 20th centanny game. In Finally student leader said tank you to Barwon Grange lecturer and then we came back to Avalon College safely

LIANG Zhu Feng (Evan)
Today I got a visitor from Lara Museum and her name is Jean. We didn’t see her before but she is kind. At the started of she visited Avalon College me, Jenny, Ivan and Tina let her to go the girls boarding house, then we introduced how was the girls boarding house before and how is it now. Afterwards we brought her to the girl’s games room, and after that we brought her to the dining room, then we brought her to the front of the reception and told her, the History of the reception. Secondly we went to the place where we usually have brunch and she took a photo of us, we went to the boys boarding house for Jeans. Eventually we went to look at the sea and went to the classroom 6. Lastly that was the end of introduced Avalon College to Jean.
FAN Minghui (Peter)

We went camping in this September. That was an unforgettable week in Avalon life. There are plenty of activities in there, for instance flying fox, Giant slide, Team work games, and campfire and so on. But I think campfire is the most excited part. Because we had a ‘soul’ singer, his name is Hollis. When he sang a birthday song for another girl, the whole atmosphere was burn. And I was very lucky to be slush in camping. I learned a lot of things from this camping. I felt very fortunate to have those friends, because they gave me a lot of fun.

LI Ziyan (Leo)

On Friday, Avalon students went to camp, I’m really exciting and expect on Tuesday night, did you guys know why I feel exciting, because I have a camp before when I in my primary school, that’s really fun. I hope so don’t be the same activity with my last camp, but when I been there and finish all the activities, OH, the most things are actually same, but, this camp still fun for me, because I learnt a lot of important things. When get to there is night, first, we put our staff to our room, then we get our torch and get ready to walk up to the mountain, the sky is very dark, only ten left stars on the sky, I follow to my friend and talking together. Imperceptibly, we arrive the top of mountain, there are no thing here, everyone are disappointed, suddenly I just hear somebody say ‘look up the sky.’ I lift my head up, innumerable stars are in the sky, that’s really nice. After that, we follow the staffs to a room on the mountain. When we guys going to the room, the staffs took our torch, then close the door and lock it, the room is really dark, we can’t see anything. The staffs throw the woods to the room, the most people are afraid of it, so we sing the country song together. That night is a interesting night. Second day, we get up early, then we do a lots of activities, my favourite activity is “Giant Slide”, it’s little big scary, because it is really fast. At the night, we have a campfire, someone singing, someone play guitar. That night, I slept in a tent with my best friend Owen, Roy and a crazy boy Jason Y, but he’s my friend too, we have a good night: we talking together play games together. The last day, we do some interesting activity. I like Flying Fox, it’s really exciting, and I like fly. At the end, is time to say goodbye to here also to my “Friendship tent”, I can’t forget here, because it give me chance to sleep in a tent with my best friend and it’s also my first time to slept in the tent. Thank you for gave me fun, thank you for the activities and thank you for gave me a good memories. Thank you and goodbye.

XI Yu (Quinten)

During the camping, I participated in many meaningful and joyful activities. Among them, the most impressive activity is the campfire party. As soon as campfire was lighted, the sky immediately turned dark. Everyone sit around the campfire, someone talked happily to each other and the other heated marshmallows. We picked up the twigs on the ground and strung them with marshmallows together. The marshmallows melted immediately when it approach campfire. Honestly, heated marshmallows tasted like scorched popcorn. And three of the students who play the guitar very well performed a fantastic guitar show. What a incredible night!
SUMENDAP Jeremaia Azarya (Jeza)
Weather in Avalon is very strange and very unappealing because it can be super hot and freezing cold. Sometimes the wind can be very strong so when we were playing a game using a Frisbee, the Frisbee went flying away so we have to run very far to catch it. Sometimes if its very hot the sea breeze can make it all better. The weather in Avalon is very predictable. If it is very hot the next day will be very cold and windy.

LI Xiang (Summer)
Weather in Australia is very changeable. You can feel the different 4 seasons in just 1 day. Everyday is the early morning is very freezing. It is necessary for you to put on coat, but in the afternoon the weather is boiling and the sun is shining. It might be an excellent choice for you to wear a hat when you go for outdoor activities. And in the evening , it becomes cool. Although Australia’s weather is changeable, Australia has no air pollution.

LIU Yu Heng (Johnny)
My first impression to Avalon College it’s the weather, it’s cool and the air is clean, it’s remind me my hometown, it’s quite a huge place. Sometimes when I look up I still can see some stars in the sky, in China, a lots of people always talking about stars, we called ‘starry star’, because it never happen in China sky, some adults says because the air its not clean enough, so we can’t see it.
I remembered, there’s one time, our school doing long fun in the afternoon and the winds from the ocean, man, that sea, wind can blow me up, it’s cool to me. I didn’t sweat at all. I’m just enjoy it, like I’m part of the Avalon beach. I saw the news and told me tomorrow will raining and it’s cold, but you know what? The day before rain, it’s always hot, that heat, you can’t even imagine, it will make you want to naked all day, and the day after that, your bone will fell that freeze.
Anyway, sometimes is good, sometimes is bad, but I like it and enjoy, it’s feel really good to live in here.
CHEUNG Chun Yin (Samuel)
Architecture class is an interesting class. I learn many things in the class, such as planning, designing and constructing buildings. Architecture has to do with planning, designing and constructing from, space and ambience to reflect functional, technical, social, environmental and aesthetic considerations. The most interesting thing is drawing a floor plan for myself, I design it and make it to become my dream house.

CHUNG Cheuk Nam (Nicole)
Every Tuesday and Thursday, we will have some elective classes, like Music, Technology, Drawing, Drama, Debating, Architecture, etc. Did you know when I know that we can choose the class by ourself, I really excited because it was the first time I can chose the class. In Hong King, we can’t chose the class, the teacher did everything to us.
On Tuesday, I was having Drama lesson, and the teacher was Ms McAuley. And we play the “duck, duck, goose”. This game we need to have one person to be the goose, and we need to touch each people head to said “duck, duck, duck,...” if you want the next person to be goose, you need to touch the person head and say goose and that person will be goose, and the goose need to caught the person who touch he/she. And the person need to sit on the sit of the goose. The game was really fun, this game need our reaction to being faster.
On Thursday, I had Photography lesson, and the teacher was Mrs Morgan. And we went to the beach to take some photo, in the beach there a lot of shell and it was white colour, but in Hong Kong, there only brown shell, I didn’t see there have many white shell and the shell look like line up one by one like a road. The first time I went to beach the stair was broken, now the stair was totally fix. The water in the beach was so clear and we saw the seahorse but so sad, it died. I didn’t see any beach was like this beautiful, in Hong Kong. In the beach, there a lot of plastic bag on the sea. In the end, it is the time to say goodbye, I can’t forget here, because I can see a lot of thing that Hong Kong can’t see, and I have a lot of fun here.

LING Ching (Jocelyn)
Brain Training Class:
I think brain training class is a very good period to let students train their brains. We always do exercises to let our brains get working which can develop our brain. Usually, people don’t always think methods to solve problem so their brains do not have many chances to be use. But in brain training class, teacher will give us many papers and ask us to solve questions which can let us use our brain to think. We also have some games to play in class which have to use our brain to think. This is an awesome chance cause it can increase our memory ability which is very useful. Students always stress about their memory because they find out that its not easy to memorise the notes from teacher. After i studied four lessons in Brain Training class, i think my memory ability have been improved which is good for my future because i have learn some skills in class.

BAI Yu (Larina)
My Tuesday afternoon class is Music and my Thursday afternoon class is Drama. Usually what we do is learning some basic knowledge of Music and Drama. We learned some technical words of those 2 subjects. Not only learning, but also have some games and the teacher would play some song to us. Anyway, every week’s Tuesday and Thursday afternoon are my favorite. It’s a kind of rest for all of the students in Avalon College. I don’t know what we would do for afternoon class before, but I think let students to choose something or some subject they want
**Elective Classes**

**HU Xinyi (Cindy)**
There are interesting classes on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon in Avalon, because I can choose the class in these two days. I like painting and playing music that I choose drawing and music. Draw picture is very interesting and cheerful. However, I am not good at drawing. That means why do I choose it. It is helpful my mind. The reason is you need to think shape of the picture. You must to image of the picture. It is particularly interesting. Music have a special meaning for me. I learn many musical instrument. In contrast I am not good at them, too. Sing songs is very easy for me. Music can give different emotions to people. It is quiet good. Thanks Avalon give changes to me that give me learn Music and painting.

**CHEN Tian (Tammy)**
Music/Photography Class
It is a very good way to let students choose the class they want to. I think music class is very interesting. And the atmosphere is very relaxing, Mr “hero” is very humorous and I learnt a lot of words about music. Photography class has so many people. I think take photos can keep the meomery. Mrs Morgan is very kind. I’m so glad that I borrowed her “ipad” to take a wonderful photo. Also I am very expected the book of our photography photos. It’s must be very fun. It is a quite exciting experience about option class.

**ZANG Bohan (Jacky)**
Art & Photography class.
I’m glad to choose these two class, art & photography. It’s great fun for me to sit in a quiet art room and drew amazing picture with warm sun light. The most happy things for me is to draw a picture I love, so choosing art is the best chance for me to achieve my self. Photography is another way of art, use your camera to create and remember a story or a moment. In photography class, Ms Morgan told me lots of new and interesting vocabs about photograph and camera. If you like taking photos, why don’t you join photography class?

**CHOI Wing Sze (Jasmine)**
Article (100)
Avalon College has been creating new activities for students to gain more knowledge & experience from their interest. Avalon has created eg. Photography, Technology, Music, Architecture more to let students to find their interest in it. It is also for the later subject selection preparation. Each activity is Interesting and full of excitement. Photography, one of the most interesting activity, has taught students about the use of language in the photography society. It has also taught different angles and shooting technical, it even gives students a chance to experience and making in Avalon gallery which it will be presented soon.

**WU Zhao Lin (Wayne)**
In Avalon College, sometimes we have extra classes on Tuesday and Thursday. That means we can choose the class we want like technology, train training, drama and so on. I choose the technology, in this class, teacher teach us how to make a app. We make a app that tell the things in Avalon College. I and my group members had different task to do. I took photos to the boarding house, dining hall, games room, and playground. And others in my group also had task to do. One wrote the paragraphs, like time table, and the rules in Avalon College. The last person did somethings else. Like the location and the teachers in Avalon College. In the end, we did a fantastic work. And from this work, I learned a lot about the app, and I also learned a lot about the importance of teamwork. I very enjoyed the extra classes. I think the others extra classes also must be very interesting, and students also can learned something different from the others classes, so I think the extra classes is very good and I like these very much.
HOU Yakun (Ivan)

From 4pm – 5pm every Monday to Thursday is activity time in Avalon College. Normally we do some Australian sports, to let Asian student know more about Australia, it can make students more quicker to fit into Australian local schools. On every Wednesday, we normally have a long run, it goes around beach first, then come back from the white gate. You will find it is really tired, when you do it first time, but you will like it after a few times, it is really good view when you run beside the beach.

We ususally do inside activities when it is raining or the weather is too hot, we play some games with boarding staff in the dining room, which I think is very fun. It is really good to have an hour of activity time with boarding staff and students, I think most of students will like it, and it will buring benefits to your health as well.

ZHONG Jingyi (Jack)

I am a new study in Avalon College. I just study here 2 weeks. Everything is new to me. Also, the afternoon activity is new to me.

In my whole day, I think the afternoon activity is the interesting part toward us. When I was the first day here, I joined in the afternoon activity. First it made me scared, but I felt very interesting at last. Sometimes, we played games and did some exercises. All students tried their best to do a good job in the afternoon activity and they enjoyed themselves. Everyone was happy and had a wonderful time. What’s more it was a good way for us to keep our body healthy, and make out body stronger.

I like the afternoon activity.
Afterschool & Weekend Activities

QIU Cheng (David)
Activity is the most important thing in Avalon College. Firstly activity is the time for break and relax, we might do some sport, funning, games, anyway it is really fun. We might play some local sport like AFL, cricket, is the best for school preparation. However the weather is Avalon is not very good, at least not all time. So some time we might have some indoor games, like guess the word. Finally in Avalon College activity is a really good time to play ballgames and doing exercise, every Wednesday has a long run about 4km. It builds up the reflexes and strength by training in the mud or outside the road, because the floor is not flat, so you need more strength to push the ground, it is really good exercise to do. Avalon College is a fun place, the activity give us lots of fun, during the training of exercise.

WU Yujing (Duke)
When I first time at Avalon, I think it’s a such lovely school. Many students and many funny activities. But when I stay here for a little time, I feel more and more better. First the afternoon activities is very good for healthy and very good for the team work together. Second the holiday also good enough, shopping. But if we have more free time, it’s better.

CHEN Xinglai (Leo)
In Avalon the weekends are very interesting. We don’t need to get up early in the weekends. We can use our pocket money to buy anything we want. You can have your device for whole day long. You don’t need to sleep that early. Sometime. WE have some interesting activities. That’s why I like weekends in Avalon.
Farewell Speeches

YU Shiyun (Amelia)
I would like to show you a poem I wrote with my friend
I am honoured to present and share the final part of
the Avalon poem to all of you.
Wake up in the morning see the sun on the sky.
Know that it is Saturday good feeling appear in my
mind.
Go shopping, watch movie, do the thing we like.
I learned, I earned, I fought, I survived, now its time to
go, I have to say goodbye.
Goodbye dear Avalon
Goodbye dear Teachers
Goodbye friendly people,
Farewell my lovely friends
Wish we will see each other somewhere again!

SILAXA Viengnakhone (Lobo)
First I want to thank all the teachers who tought me about Australia
culture and improving my English skills. Before my English wasn’t so
strong but now I has improved a lot. I want to thank all staff who
took care of me, taught me how to be responsible for myself and
taught me how to fit in with Australia people, I also want to thanks
all my friends for sharing the good time with me while I’m in Avalon.
Lastly I wish you all the best, Thank you and see you Avalon.

WANG Yichun (Summer)
I think Avalon just like my home after
staying Avalon College already 33
weeks. Life in Avalon not that tough,
so just enjoy it, enjoy your every day in
Avalon, trust me! Thank you all, good
luck and much happiness.

JIN Wendi (Wendy)
Now I need to finish my final steps at Avalon. Looking
back I have been here 25 weeks nearly half a year. It
was my first time to leave my   parents for such a
long time and stay away from my home and country.
Fortunately Avalon College helped me a lot. The staff
helped me to solve many problems. What they must
care about whether we are happy and healthy or not.
Teachers not only teach us a lot but enrich our lives
by homework and classes. I treat Avalon College as
my second home more than a school making me feel
safe and warm and it also helped me improve my
English so much.

SATTHAPIYAKUN Nawacha (Nut)
Hi, I’ll say really briefly. My life is like a book and
there’s a chapter named Avalon. This chapter has
34 pages and now I’m on the last page. Time when I
read this book was really fast and I realise that this
is my last page in this chapter. Thank you everyone
for being the greatest memories of my life and the
**Farewell Speeches**

**HU Yanzhen (Amy)**
Good afternoon everybody, today is my final speech, I have been here for 16 weeks which is quite a long time for me, but I also learnt a lot of things and I have a lot of great memories in my mind. I want to thank Mrs Curley, Mrs Flowers, Mrs Kay and Mrs Hobbs helped me a lot and my English has also improve a lot. I also want to thank boarding house staff Ms Grbin, Mr Chashin, Mr Benson, Mr Linford, Mr Paull, Mr Parkin and all staffs. But I really want to thank my roommate, my class A and Class B you helped me a lot and gave me a lot of good memories, I will miss here very much!

**ZHAO Zheng (Gordan)**
When I first come to Avalon, I don’t know anything. But some old students very friendly, patient to help me. They told me what I can do what I cannot do. I want to thank Mrs Hobbs she taught me English she always explain the hard word for me, she wanted to let me easily remember. Thanks my Friends, they are playing games with me, playing basketball with me, joking with me and when my arms was broken they looked after me. Thanks everyone!

**ZHAO Jiansong (Jason)**
Thanks to all my classmates study, laugh with me. I learnt a lot at Avalon of course English, I think is friendship too. In fact today I feel very sad, maybe we can’t study, have long run and do detention together anymore, but we still can meet in Melbourne Central I the future I will find you! Hope I can see you all again.

**TSANG Man Ching (Sam)**
My last day in Avalon, 8 weeks pass by and it comes to an end, I have met some friends, I will miss this place and everyone, I will probably lose all my notes but not my memories in Avalon.

**GAO Xianwei (David)**
When I arrived in airport in October, Mr Newton picked me up, he noticed I am worried, and he said to me twice ‘Don’t worry everything will be fine when you arrive at Avalon’ He drive me to a place that like a desert, a remote area Avalon College. I have met a lot of friends, I move in Room 7 with Jacky and Ivan, they told me one thing with a sophisticated voice. When Mr Parkin tells you to do something, just do it, don’t say useless words “ Well I have to say it really startled me at that time. I am really shocked because I see a person who is full of sense of humour that use very strict standard as Mr Parkin such a humorous person. Mrs Ed is the one who teaches me I really enjoy the time we read books together.
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