



Avalon College  
*Geelong Australia*

## INFORMATION ON AVALON COLLEGE FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS

Avalon College is the first fully residential English language centre in Australia devoted solely to providing quality English language education and school preparation for primary and secondary age students.

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### COURSE INFORMATION

Avalon College is dedicated to providing excellent academic tuition as well as quality boarding care. Our commitment to very small class sizes means that each student has their individual needs comprehensively addressed by experienced, fully qualified, professional teachers. We believe that regular communication between parents, guardians, schools and ourselves is essential. Formal reports are issued every six weeks and the Director of Studies is always available to discuss current progress and to make suggestions for improvement and development.

#### English Language Preparation for Australian Schools Course

- **Primary Elementary Level:** Students successfully completing this course will be able to maintain a simple face-to-face conversation in routine situations as well as accurately pronounce commonly used words. They will be able to comprehend simple directions related to classroom and everyday situations and show understanding of the meaning of selected, graded material. In their reading, the students will demonstrate full comprehension of graded language texts with simple language structures. They will be able to select relevant information from a passage and understand the meaning of simple native speaker texts. In writing tasks the students will research a topic using graded material and be able to express their ideas in their own words. Sustained writing will be evident using simple sentences and correct word order.
- **Primary 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. Known words will be correctly pronounced and there will be an awareness of accurate intonation. In addition, students will be able to process and reuse information given aurally on familiar topics. They will cope with native speaker conversations and show some understanding of meaning of unfamiliar aural material. In their reading they will be able to research a topic using simple native speaker material as well as select relevant information and show full comprehension of graded material. Written tasks will demonstrate 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.

**Qualifications gained on completion:** A Certificate of Completion is issued on the successful completion of the course.

**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.

**Modes of Study:** All courses undertaken at Avalon College are Full time, on campus courses.

**Teaching methods:** A variety of teaching methods are used in the classroom. These include a traditional instructional approach, group work, teacher lead discussions, student-centered learning exercises, and one on one individual tutorials. Classroom teaching is enhanced by the use of videos, television programs, radio sessions, computer technology and fieldwork exercises.

**Assessment methods:** A balanced range of oral, aural and written assessment is used to track the progress of each student. Entry and exit testing is used to determine and confirm the academic level of the students. In addition, weekly vocabulary and spelling tests, unit and topic tests, assignments, structured essays and timed in-class responses are used. Criteria-based assessment tasks form part of the above and are used to introduce students to the assessment methods they will encounter when they reach school.

**Entry requirements:** Students undertaking the English Language Preparation for Australian Primary Schools must be between 10 and 12 years of age and be able to show an adequate level of academic progress in schooling in their own country.

## SUPPORT SERVICES

Avalon College staff work together with a focus on providing a supportive and nurturing environment for all students. Additional support services include:

- **Academic Counsellor:** The Academic Counsellor is available to provide information and offer advice

on a range of school-related issues. These may include individual learning strategies and goals, subject selection for chosen schools and future career planning.

- **Welfare Officer:** The Welfare Officer is the person who is primarily responsible for the welfare needs

of the students. This person works in conjunction with all other academic and support staff to address any particular issues that arise. These may include homesickness, peer-related issues and health and general wellbeing.

- **Bullying and Harassment seminars:** These are conducted regularly throughout the year and are

designed to raise awareness of the importance of these issues in our own environment as well as in the schools the students will eventually attend. The seminars provide information, discussion through group work and the opportunity for clarification through a question and answer session.

- **Liaising with schools:** The Director of Transitions to Schools is in regular contact with the network of schools our students attend. Visits are made to the schools by both the Director of Transitions to Schools and the Head of School to discuss students and their progress. In addition, we facilitate orientation visits to Australian schools for all of our students.
- **Individual tutorial sessions:** Some students require additional one-on-one tuition. 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.

- **Back-up specialist medical care:** Avalon College has developed an extensive network of links with

the local health care fraternity. The services provided by these professionals are available on a referral basis

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**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 at <https://aei.gov.au/Regulatory-Information/Pages/Regulatoryinformation.aspx>.

**Complaints and Appeals:** Avalon College has an internal and external (independent) process which can be viewed on our website at <http://www.avaloncollege.vic.edu.au>. Hover your cursor over the **Contact Us** tab then click on the **Complaints and Appeals** dropdown.