Welcome to the latest exciting edition of the Avalon News.

Springtime again at Avalon College! Blue skies and lush green grass after all the rain. The sun is shining and the birds are singing! Our boarding houses are full with many new students who are preparing for entry into Australian schools next January and new enrolments are welcome from February. Our new classrooms are in use, and there is an air of excitement and anticipation around the school.

This fabulous edition of Avalon News is written by the students about their experiences, celebrations and lifestyle here at Avalon College. It includes student first impressions of Avalon, rules and detentions, animal welfare, pets and fundraising, staff profiles, visitors, student after school and weekend activities and student leadership and awards at Avalon College.

This edition also contains lots of photos and celebrates the variety of activities we all enjoy here at Avalon College.

We hope you enjoy this wonderful Spring edition of Avalon News.

Paul Hoban
Head of School
CHENG Weilun (Jerry)

The first people I saw is the principle Mr Hoban. I found he was very kind, so I was looking forward to this school. I also realized the students and teachers here are very friendly and helpful. I walked around the school, then found this school is very big, it has a big play ground and a big living part. In the afternoon I thought lunch was very delicious, all the food her I loved very much, the dessert was also good. I want to summarize the first day in Avalon College, the school is big, the food is good and I like it here.

XU Zhihao (Janse)

At the first day when I was on my way to Avalon College, I asked the driver many thing about Avalon College. I saw the gate at Avalon College first the I saw flowers and plants on the both sides. I though Avalon College is like a farm, it has large lawn for AFL, so may green things I can see. The air is fresh here and just as I raise my head I can see the blue sky. Avalon College is very beautiful, I will adapt to here well.

ZOU Jiacheng (Griffin)

I still remember my first day, I’m so fear, but when I saw other students here I changed my mind, they all so happy. Everyone’s faces have a big smile, like a big family. I believe next 20 weeks I will be happy every time. I’m think about my new life here? Am I ready to adapt new life? I didn’t know, but when you are here for a few days , you will say “I’m ready”.

REN Yi (Frank)

I am a new student in Avalon, my first impression is that the school is just located in nature! So many types of wild flower, grass everywhere and we can see birds especially seagulls flying around the school. The first person met in Avalon is my roommate Eason, who is totally a warm hearted man. He introduced me to other students and tell me the strict time rules here. I’m moved by such a nice person and we become best friends.

Studying in Avalon College is a good choice!

LUO Richeng (Charlie)

Avalon College has the most beautiful environment. In front of the college campus is a great ocean. Every time you walk along the beach you will fell relaxed. Besides the grasslands are big enough to play the Australian football. You can have good fun on Avalon’s activitites. Avalon College not only has a large campus and beautiful environment but also offers a high quality education, I’m very lucky to study in Avalon College. I will try me best to get my targets.

HUANG Jianan (Angela)

When I came to Avalon my first impression is quiet, I could just hear birds singing in the trees and the sound of the sea wave. I walked straight along the signs and find the room of principle, he is Mr Hoban, he is really friendly gentleman. I don’t have to worry about I can’t understand him because he speaks slowly and I can hear really clearly. I have been in Avalon for three days, and I have already gotten used to the life in Avalon.
LIU Siyi (Ivy)

In Avalon, there are lots of rules about language what you speak. For example, you can not speak your own language during the day, except 5pm to 6pm. You must not speak your own language unless you are in free time. But some student always try to talk with each other on their own language. For this problem, there are 2 ways can solve it. First, this is the most comfortable way to solve it, inside detention. I haven’t done this before, but for the other students, they may think that is a easy way to solve your language problem. Avalon staff may let you copy the method of study, and you must finish it in one hour. Secondly this must be the most terrible detention, called “OUTSIDE DETENTION”. Every one hate it, every one want to avoid it. Actually I do not really know what should we do in this detention. The staff here will find lots of terrible things let you do like, chicken detention, garden detention. Don’t just think Avalon only has those rules to control you do not speak English. There may have lots of rules about your common life, the staff there all want to you make better in Avalon. At least these rules really can makes you better in the future!

LIN Qingqing (Ulrica)

School rules just like a cactus. When you touch it careless, you be hurt. As for me, I already come here for 5 weeks. The first three weeks, the life was terrible and horror. I always broke the rule like speaking Chinese. It is a bad habit for the Chinese student to speak Chinese in this college. Therefore, I have to be punished after 5 o’clock and went sign in. There are two types of punishment, the outside work and the copy work. The outside work includes push rubbish bin from gate to kitchen, pull up weeds, clean the wall and so on. And the copy work is copy the advantage of English and the reason of studying English. Do not think they are very easy to finish. All of the punishment are extremely tired and disgusting. Now, I am trying my best to speak English instead of Chinese. If you are a smart person, please do not broke the rule. It is not only a best way to avoid the terrible work but also the best way to improve your English.

SONG Kexin (Kathy)

There are many strange but interesting rules in Avalon, some of them are strict like you will get detention if you speak other language instead of English, while some of them are clear like you should try your best to learn English here. For example, when I got my first detention for speaking Chinese, I was asked to pick the blue tack off from the walls. Some of the students who get detention will also be asked to copy the paper ‘WHY WE NEED TO SPEAK ENGLISH’ or to tidy up the classrooms for punishment. Though sometimes we don’t like these rules, we are still influenced by them and become better and better with the help from teachers and staff. These rules limit us to behave properly and help us to adapt Australian life better.

HO Man Hei (Bertha)

I have been to here for two weeks. Luckily I still not get any detention yet. But for some of my friends they have been to here for several weeks or months they have been to the detention and they said that in detention class, and they said that was very horrible, they need to copy the school rules and copy “How important of English” (that was a very long passage) for once. If we don’t arrive the dining room for our meals on time, we will need to have detention too!
RONNAKIAT Salin (Irene)

Dear Mr Matthew,

I’m Irene, Avalon student that went to Lifeline on Wednesday 20th July, 2016. I know you as a manager of Lifeline in Geelong. Firstly, I need to say thank you about you were spending time with us to told us about the information of Lifeline. Yesterday I’ve learned a lot about Lifeline. Firstly, I know about Lifeline get money from donation and get money from open the second-hand shop. All things in the shop also from donation by people around Geelong. In the second-hand shop, it has a lots of different things such as furnitures, toys, clothes, shoes, handbags. Books including electronics. Some of them still have a good quality and it’s extreme cheap that when I knew the price I need to say wow that’s so good. Moreover, the most important thing that I know about why Lifeline need money. Lifeline need money because the need to pay money to worker and for the phone call. However, the still have got many volunteers that help to answer the phone call. Furthermore, I realise that the meaning of Lifeline is to connection made to someone drowning in tears and help them to get better by a phone line. The pivotal role of why people choose to be a volunteer is because they think it’s a great thing to done something to help someone else. In my opinion, Lifeline is a very great charity. They help a lot of people to feel better and give them some advices. I need to say thank you to Mr Matthew again about he told us many thing about Lifeline and I’ve learned a lot from yesterday.

XU Jiangming (Amy)

I’m a duck , now live in GAWS’ cage. Everyday I feel very full and happy. I think I’m a lucky duck. In the past, I was very dirty and afraided of people, But one day, a man found me, and gave me some bread to eat, he is very kind so I trusted him didn’t want to kill me. He took me to GAWS (Geelong Animal Welfare Society), lots of staffs around me include the man. I didn’t know what to do and I wanted to run away but I couldn’t because the door is closed. I stood near the wall, one of staffs go to me, and put me into warm water, another staff used brush to clean me, I didn’t know what happened, but I felt very comfortable, at last, I was very clean, it made me happy and excited. Now, I never find food and feel hungry. Because in GAWS lots of staffs care me, and give me lots of delicious food to eat. Now, I feel different from before. In the past, I always suspected humans, and nobody loved me. But now, I think the world is a warm and better place, because lots of people is kind enough to give a helping had to make animals feel warm and happy. Eventually, I want do thank them, because all of staffs love me and care about me, so I love them too. So I want to anyone can believe that if everybody give a little love the world, the world will become a better place. In GAWS diverse animals live here. I think we are family despite we are not the same type animal, but eventually, we all own the love from GAWS. Everyday, lots of people donate money or food to GAWS, it make me very happy and thankful. Good people always more than bad people is right. I hope all the animals and other living things can be lucky enough to meet kind people, and be friends or family with them. Thank for GAWS’ help.
LI Lixin (Lily)

There are lots of lovely and docile animals in the Avalon College. The charming thing is that when wake up every morning I can see a black and white bird which is standing in the grass. It’s just seem that he wants to welcome me every morning. The chicken are also the part which cannot be lost in a beautiful view of Avalon. If you walk on the avenue which is close to the beach in the day time, blue sky, white clouds and different colours of chicken accompany with you. I am one hundred percent sure that you will love the atmospheric Avalon College!

NGUYEN Duc Duc Hung (Hung)

In Avalon there is not only students, teachers and staff but also some pets and wild animals such as bird, rabbit, fox and kangaroo. In Avalon beach there are a lot of sea creatures like starfish, crab, sea snail and many different kind of fish. And for pets here we have three dogs Jasper Nikki and Tully, and a cat called Wasabi, we also have some rabbits and chickens. So if you also like animals maybe Avalon College is a good choice for you.

WANG Chao (Eric)

Avalon College is a very beautiful school, it is near a beach and it has a lot of trees. In Avalon College there’s a lot of animals too, that makes Avalon College more wonderful than other schools. First there is Jasper a super star in Avalon, he is a friendly little dog, he will sit down in front of you and you can play with him. He is a strange dog too, he loves eat tissue from rubbish bin, but that makes Jasper more special. There’s also another two dogs called Tully and Nikki. Nikki is a little female dog and Tully is a big black dog. Tully loves lie down in the sunshine and Nikki loves running around on the grass, they are both very friendly. There’s always some hen walking around Avalon College, a staff told me we get eggs from these hens, I think that’s the reason why we have eggs for breakfast once or twice a week.

TIAN Yulin (Chuck)

Jasper is pet for the Avalon. We all like it. He play with children. I think he is a good dog everyone likes it. I like Jasper. He often say woof! He run very fast. He is Important to Avalon big family.

CHEN Jialin (Vincent)

Avalon College is a good school. Here have kind staff, friendly students and lovely animals. In there we usually can see some birds, chicken and dogs. Jasper is a brown and white dog. He often comes out to take a walk in morning. Lots of class mates see it will touch it, and it’s very obedient. In the free time I would go dining room to eat my snacks when I sit down I also can see Wasabi (cat) in the window outside, it often lie down near the window, I think it is a lazy cat.
TANG Jingxia (Annie)
I like cupcakes, because it very delicious. Today we go teacher office decorate cupcakes. Teacher office have many decorate, cupcakes hear very news. I fruition three cupcakes, have chocolate & kit Kat cupcakes, marshmallows & sprinkles cupcakes and kit Kat & marshmallows cupcakes. Mrs Curley tell me their cupcakes sell people, and then people show animal. I think there very news, because have many people love animal, so I think have people come back sell.

GUO Yutong (Canex)
Today Mrs Curley say we will going to make the cake and then people give we the money. The money we will going to give the animal, because animal is no home.

ZHANG Zujia (Jacob)
Today we made cupcakes. I put marshmallows and sprinkles on top. I ate one and gave two to GAWS. I don’t like the cupcakes, because it is too much sugar. I didn’t eat it. I think it is too sweet. I put two marshmallows and icing on top. I put some small balls too. The cakes are beautiful, but it is not delicious. We put gloves on, because our hands are sticky, because there are some sugar on it.

XU Jiayi (Joyce)
Today we made cupcakes, because to give money to GAWS. My first cupcakes I think is very nausea two marshmallows on the top and put in the oven warming twenty second. Marshmallows become soft. I put some sprinkles on the top. But my hands is sticky, so I clear my hands put on the gloves and continue. So luck my clothes is clear. My second cupcakes is good, so I eat it, um! Nice, but I think is so many sugar.

ZHANG Zuming (Mars)
Today we made chocolate cupcakes. I put marshmallows and sprinkles on top. I ate one and gave two to GAWS. I put some chocolate on the cake too. It is yummy. I put many things on the cake. It is beautiful. I like to eat the cake very much. We wear plastic gloves to made the cake. There are some sugar stick on my clothe.

SHIRAKAWA Kudai (Kudai)
Today we made chocolate cupcakes. I put marshmallows. And sprinkles on top. I ate one and gave two to GAWS. (Geelong Animal Welfare Society).
RSPCA-Cupcake Day
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
SUN Jiazen (Peter)

Avalon College is a special school for students from other countries to learn English and continue their study in Australia. There are a lot of differences between Avalon College and my school in my home country. Firstly, my school has big buildings with five levels. But Avalon just have eight classrooms. Secondly, we have a lot of homework in my school but we only have a little homework here. It is really pleasant. Thirdly, we have many different activities in Avalon and lots of time for us to do sports. In my school we use most of our time having lessons or doing homework. Finally, the staff in Avalon care more about your safety than your study. But in my school lots of teachers only care about the students marks in exams. To sum up, Avalon is a wonderful school that you can choose to improve your English in Australia.

LI Zhiyi (Jessica)

I am a student in Avalon College now. I felt very different from here to the school in China. I like the way of educate in Avalon more than in China. In China we have to get up really early to do morning reading. After the lunch, we can sleep for an hour and we finish the class at 5:00pm. In Avalon we don’t have to get up early and after breakfast we have enough time to change the clothes do something we want, even go to sleep. But we can not sleep after lunch and we finish the class at 3:30. I think in Avalon freer than in China. In here we can eat something what I what and we have free time. In China we have many test and much homework. The classes are very boring. In Avalon, they are more focus on the interest of students, but in China they just care about marks of students. The teachers in here are more nice than the teachers in China they are strict, they don’t make jokes in class. I felt very bored when I had classes in China. There are many rules in China. If you are not very good behaviours, you will get some terrible punishment. In my before school the building are very tall and have many floors in here the buildings are very short and just have one floor. I love Avalon more than the school in China.

WU Junxuan (Jerry)

I have already studied in Avalon for one month. I find that Avalon College has many difference to my school in China. When I first come to Avalon, I find the students here fewer than the students in my middle school. Not only the school, but also the class, each class only has about 12 students. The teacher here are patient. Mrs. Strover always teaches us, explains the words until we understand, we have less homework than my middle school and we can also watch news on Thursday and Tuesday. The most different things is we can only speak English expect the free time, or we will get a detention. It’s quite difficult, but it’s good for our English.

LI Yichen (Eason)

Beyond the classroom in Avalon. We have short study time in each day, but we learn a lot. So we have time to do extra program after class time. Various sports are not only feature in Avalon, but also in the whole Australia. Firstly, the Australian football (AFL) is the most famous sport in here. Staff would teach us and leading us to hold race. Also we have real grasses and totally blue sky here which is different in China.

OU Haoxian (Nick)

Actually, I think there’re numerus differences between my school in China and Avalon College. Not only the timetable but the classes have lots of engaging features that you can’t imagine. The timetable is most different from that you get in China. You’re not asked to get up at 6:00am and leave at 6:00pm, you need to get up at 7:30am instead. The classed will be finished at 3:30pm there’s sports time for one hour which is after lessons as well. You will find you get plenty spare time and it’s essential to learn how to distribute your time. You need to balance your study and entertainment. This is the point to get great progress.

DENG Yuxuan (Tania)

It is my first time study in a boarding school. Boarding school is very different from my old school in Italy and it is far from my imagination. In my school students were allowed to bring and use their devices during the lesson. We had 7 lessons every day. My school had 4 floors, first floor for kindergarten second floor for primary school third and fourth floor for secondary and high school. We had also a terrace. Teacher from my school were a lot more loose. Avalon is a school with lots of rules, the worth rule which everyone hates is that we are not allow phone and wifi except 5:00 – 6:00. Teachers are rigorous about everything. Avalon is a school with large fields. Students are able to have plenty of sport time. Avalon is a talented school, it is a terrific experience.
HUANG Zilai (Jenny)

In the Avalon College there are many people come from different country, for example Japan, China, Vietnam, Thailand and more. I think it's an international school, I love here. My friend Smile comes from Thailand, Bangkok and she is 11 years old. She usually eat rice, favourite food is chicken. The weather is different than Australia. She very like Thailand beach is very beautiful and so much people go to the beach see the sea.

PENG Yu Fei (Feivi)

Avalon College has students from many nationalities. Including Chinese, Japanese, Tai and Vietnamese. We always share our own country to each other, I can learn more about the other country life, and we use English to Communicate, That improve my English speaking skill. We still talk about what food do they eat? And what is their country famous for? And we will find out the difference of living in other places. I’m alright to meet many different country people and know about their life. At Avalon College I can learn English, also I can meet many friends from different countries.

NGUYEN Duc Minh Tam (Tam)

At the moment in Avalon College in year 2016, we have students from six different countries most of staff and teachers in Avalon come from Australia two of them come from China. Most of the students in Avalon are coming from China or Hong Kong, two of them come from Japan, two come from Vietnam, three come from Thailand and one from Korea, Chinese students in Avalon can speak Nanina, Mandarin, Cantonese and English. Japanese students in Avalon can speak Japanese and English. Vietnamese people in Avalon can speak Vietnamese, English and French. Thai students can speak Thai and English. All the students in Avalon at the moment come from Asia. China’s a popular country so I think everybody know where it is but I will situate for the ones who don’t know it is in East Asia, Vietnams next to Thailand and in the south of China Korea and Japan is in the east Asia too.

YANG Zi Shun (Crystal)

Avalon College is an international school. So there has many different nationalities at Avalon College. Most of us are Chinese and some parts of them are come from Thailand, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Russia, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, Singapore and so on. As a Chinese, today I want to introduce my country China particularly. China is a massive country in Asia. It has 5,000 years history in the world. China’s official language is Chinese. However, China has different dialects in different area. For example, the most famous language in China without Mandarin is Cantongness. About China, we have many different festivals every year. On the different festival, we can eat all kinds of delicious food. The spring Festival is the most spectacular festival every year. It is similar to western countries New Year we celebrate it for a long time. At night we can fired fireworks.

XU Junjie (Jason)

My roommate is from Korea, The country is in Asia and that is an island next to China, Their official language is Korean. They always eat rice, their tradition food is kimchi. Koreas BQQ is famous all over the world the meat is very good. Australia is bigger than Korea and the eating habit is different. Australia’s weather is hotter than Korea but the air is better.
Weekend Collage
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YOSWICHAI Sakpon (Boud) I was in class D when I first came to Avalon and my first teacher was Mrs. Bishop. I was quite nervous on my first class. Leo and I arrived the classroom early. I was sitting next to him quietly, and wondering who would be my teacher. While we were waiting for the teacher, my Chinese friends were shouting and running around and in a sudden, they stopped and ran back to their seats. I noticed that the teacher had arrived. A woman walked in the class with books and bunch of stuff in her arms. She greeted everyone and introduced herself to me. I knew in an instant, she is so kind. She gave me a really warm welcome. Every morning she always walks in the classroom with a friendly smile. Her small talks before lesson builds a good atmosphere for everyone. I spent few weeks with her, and then I had to move to class E. Although it was not a long time, but I could say that every minute in her class was full of joy. She always comes up with a good topic for us to write. I can feel her strong willing to improve students. Everyone loves her, and that includes me. I would like to say thank you for her effort she has made and care that she has had for me, I am very thankful. and if you are reading this essay, thank you so much for everything you have done for me, I promise that I will try my best at my new school and your effort will not be wasted.

LI Deyao (Danny)

My teacher is Mrs Curley. Mrs Curley is a nice, good and friendly teacher. She always smiled in class, she teaches us so many thing, sometimes she will give us some very hard works, but we still can finish will. She is very kind to us. She never gave us detention when we didn’t finish homework, we will get one day to finish. Is a good rule, (I think so, maybe class A only) . When I first came to Avalon College, my English was very rubbish, but only 3 weeks, I can say so many word I can’t say before.

RADEESRI Arut (Tew)

I consider Mrs Chalmers a good teacher. She provides a good classroom environment fc a little boring. However, she always makes it more interesting after a bit of boring time. T organizes the home work. She makes a homework tray for us to turn in our homework, She is very clear when she teaches us. Sometimes she grabs our attention by picking different kids to answer the question. This makes me pay attention to what is going on in class. I have to admit that the way she teaches us impress me a lot. I still remember the first day she taught me. When I was sitting in the classroom, the chair didn’t even dare to talk. Nothing move it was silent. I thought it was because the teacher who must be very picky and strict but actually it was because everyone is paying an attention. Thank you for teaching me.
USHIBA Hayaka (Hayaka)

Hello. It’s me. I want talk about my teacher. My teacher is Mrs. Hobbs. She is class B’s teacher. She is very good teacher in class B. I like her class, because she takes care of students very carefully and her teaching is very good. And sometime she brings some snacks, cookies and other snacks for us. First I came to Avalon college, I took test and I went to class B. My first class is Art class. And in the Art class time, she brings homework and book for me. She is very kind for students. I always think she is good teacher. Class B’s class is fun for me. Some time I thought homework is so difficult and so many home work in class B. But home work is good for student. Finally, I think she is very kind, nice, good, funny, and lovely teacher. I like class B.

NGUYEN Anh Minh (Minh)

Ms Flowers she very good teacher. She very like to play game with everybody and like drama. She very good when my friend hit me she say don’t hit Minh any more Mark, if you hit Minh more you have detention. Ms. Flowers is very good teacher. She very good when I have problems about sleeping and I shared it to her. She told me some tips that I can use for me to sleep better. Even though, she gets to be my teachers for 3 weeks she has gave me a lot of tips that I can use in my future essays. Also, not only she gave me tips about essays but also about sleeping. This lovely teacher is Ms. Pottenger.

SAENG-AROON Napat (Amp)

Hello! my name is Ampamp. My friend call me Amp. I’m Thai girl. I’m 1 person to hope have a good language. When my parent know the help me to go to practice English in Australia. When I knew I will go to Australia. I felt excited about new school, new friend, new place and new teacher. First time when I went to Avalon college, I felt a bit scare, because if I couldn’t understand something, “How should I do?”. First day I stayed in Avalon, I didn’t have many friends. I only stayed in my room. Later Mrs. K came to my room, and told me “Now is a homework time Amp, follow me.”. I said “ok...”. I followed Mrs. K to classroom 1. She gave 1 book and paper to me. In paper had homework for me, under homework had name of someone “see you tomorrow Amp, Mrs. Hobbs”. Next day I came to class B and then I met Mrs. Hobbs. She was very lovely teacher for me. She was my teacher. She always take care everybody in class room. When she know I can’t see white board. She always take care me and she always asks me “Do you see white board? If you can’t I can spell to you.”. Now I feel Mrs. Hobbs very good teacher. I feel good to have Mrs. Hobbs is my teacher. Thank you Mrs. Hobbs.

PHOLPIPPATANAPHONG Baramee (Perm)

When I have finished the test, I was assign to a class. At first I was scared and worry about the teachers who is coming to teach us. I’m scared that she would be mean and scary. One normal day, I was sitting properly waiting for the teachers. As I look out the window I saw four teachers walking to where I’m sitting at. At that moment I was guessing who would be my teachers. I didn’t even come up with an answer of my hypothesis because someone already stepped into the room...I opened my eyes wide opened and see a lovely women walked in. At first I was thinking is this a teachers or a student. But then the lovely women said, “opened your assignment book.” So I realized, she is my teacher. Not only she is beautiful but, she also teaches us very well. She teaches us variety of skills that students should have. I have to admitted without her I maybe wouldn’t be able to pass the exit test. She is the one who gave me extra works to get me ready for the exit test. Moreover, she takes care every student very well. Once I have some problems about sleeping and I shared it to her. She told me some tips that I can use for me to sleep better. Even though, she gets to be my teachers for 3 weeks she has gave me a lot of tips that I can used in my future essays. Also, not only she gave me tips about essays but also about sleeping. This lovely teacher is Ms. Pottenger.
LIANG Heng (Jericho)

I learnt “Do what you love, love what you do” I think this sometimes mean a lot. If you have a dream, chase it, you don’t need to care about what others think.

DU Yunxi (Ann)

The person that I had an interview with named Shirley. She is nearly 92 years old! Although her physical health is not very good, she still keep a good attitude about her life. She was proud that she could live for a long time and positive to face everything. At first I was surprised because of her ages, then I noticed that she is a very respectable old woman, her stories and experience were touching. So I want to give ‘Whatever how old you are be positive to face everything, be hopeful in your life, believe everything you have are the best memories’. After this interview I change my attitude of old people, I’ll become more respect them in the future.

SONG Kexin (Kathy)

Today we had a wonderful trip around Avalon College with Brian and Marty. They were both kind and out going. We talked a lot about the history of Avalon and they were interested in the culture and history. I think the ‘pearl of wisdom’ they gave me is ‘Never stop learning’ Brian is very healthy and energetic, we played basketball and he played table tennis with Alice. After today I learn to respect and listen to others carefully. They really gave me a wonderful experience.

KANGWARNWIBOON Surisa (Tan)

I had a conversation with Mrs Kay’s mum, Mrs Lois and Mrs Phyllis. We showed them around the school and brought them to the short wall which is Mr Hoban’s office to see the Tudor Rose. Tudor Rose is a sandstone that had been brought from Glastonbury England to Avalon Australia by Frank Austin. Tudor is a period of time in British history. I feel interested in the story of Tudor Rose because I like to listen about story of the past and history of Avalon. I think the guests really liked the main building which was the Austin homestead in the past. They asked me about my career in the future, I answered medicine and they said something that encourage me a lot. From now on I will study hard and reach my goal. Lastly I’ve learnt from them that we should do what we like doing and never stop learning.
XU Yidan (Karry)

Today I talked with an old man called Duncan. Our team introduced Avalon College to him. Duncan has some ear problems so we needed to talk loudly. Duncan said that he stayed a farm for nearly 40 years. It’s a really long time. He told a story that was interesting to me, he said although he was 85 years old he’s still learning. The never stops learning, that’s really great. Before I don’t like studying I though that I studied many things but they’re useless in the future, now I changed my mind, I need to continue to learn forever. After this meeting, I know that we should take more attention on old people, we should be patient, and the important thing that never stop learning.
Afterschool Activities

From 4:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. is the period of time having daily exercises, which makes a bond between classes and free time that starts at 5:00a.m. It may be said that the afternoon activities are life-enhancing and delight after a whole day studying. Once you come back to your room form classes, putting school uniform on, standing upright behind the yellow line of the basketball court, which represents the daily fabulous activities begin. The activities have been myriad. Many kinds of games with rubber balls, Australian football, long run, non-repetitive games and related competitions. It will astonish you that you cannot find the games as same as it next day, even next month. The rules might have somewhat different but the conviviality that gatherings of friends brings to you would increase day by day. Mr Paull, Mr Benson and Mr Cashin would make this games full of laughter, meanwhile, you can strengthen your bodies and also have mentally development growing up in the daily activities, making yourself immerse into the whirring of the wind, stepping on the earth that if filled with the smell of grass, and having a fantabulous one hour’s fantasy on this glossy green field with your lovely friends and staffs.

SHUM Ho Yin (Rex)

Every afternoon, I will eat lunch at 1p.m. At lunch time we have so many things to eat such as today I eat chicken wings, I eat lots of food because it is very yummy. After I finish lunch, I go to play basketball with my friends sometime I will play table tennis. I don’t have too many time because I will in my bedroom remember English word, when the time is near over I will go to the classroom. After school we will have activities, we need to change our close and go to enjoy activities. Teacher always tell us to do some sport, such as basketball, football, soccer, short run, long run and some sport team games, if raining we will go to the classroom watch some video about sport or go to the games room play table tennis and card games. We finish activities at five p.m. I feel afternoon activities is funny and exciting.

ZHAO Yu (Yu)

Every day in Avalon college afternoon we will have activities time (4 pm-5 pm) an hour time. We always do some sports like basketball, Australia football, long run, table tennis baseball...... Everyday do this sport can make us strong and healthy and make the study life not so boring but when the weather was rain we will go to the classroom and the staff will tell give us sports and Olympic games knowledge. It is so interesting and useful and we will in the classroom to play some games about sports. It is good for us because we can in games to remember many sport knowledge and many new words. Yesterday the weather was rain so we went to the classroom the staff told us some we should to careful things and watch the video about Australia football. I like video very much so I very enjoyed. My favourite sport is long run because I think it can practise our patient so I was very careful to face it. So the Avalon college life is very colourful and interesting.
**Weekend Activities**

**HUANG Taolue (Tony)**

On the weekend, we went to camping at Baanya Biami. We were living outside. I liked the night walk. I could not see anything. It was very black. I liked the slide too. It was very interesting. I played this four times. I like this very much. I did not like walk around the hill in the morning. It was very tiring. When I made a little house of sticks I saw the big black kangaroos. My favourite dinner was lamb and sausages. It was very delicious. When I was in the sleeping bag, it was very cold. I want to go to there again.

**XU Tian Xiang (Dennis)**

On Sunday Avalon students went camping. I like the flying fox because it is exciting and has I didn’t like campfire because it is boring. I liked the food especially the hot dogs. I played soccer with Steve, Mr Paull, Ms Barkley and Boud played guitar at the campfire.

**SHIRAKAWA Kudai (Kudai)**

Avalon students went camping. I liked the camp fire very much because it is warm and has beautiful colours. yellow, orange and red. I didn’t like the Night walk because it is black and I can’t see.

**XU Tian Ci (Daniel)**

On Saturday we went to Melbourne Central. we did some shopping. We bought some snack noodles and drinks. We went by bus and it took about one hour. Later We came back to Avalon and We had dinner fish and chips. On Sunday We went Ten Pin Bowling in Geelong. We went on bus. It was ok, but I don’t like Bowling. Later We went to Coles. For dinner we had subway beef breed rolls.
SU Ying Jia (Aimee)

As we know, everybody in Avalon has a roommate. I have a roommate too. My roommate is Julie. She is a lovely girl. She is 13 years old. She came here earlier than me. She comes from Jiangsu, China. She is a very cheerful girl. She always tells me lots of interesting jokes. (of course in English) Julie sometime very silly I think. Why she sometimes very silly? Because she always forget something very important such as test book, pens, even money when we go out. But sometimes she is very careful. When we go out to shopping or do other activities. Julie always can look after her important things very careful. Julie sometimes very careful, but sometimes very silly. I think Julie help me a lot. I remember my first day at Avalon. I don’t know anything about Avalon. She told me lots of thing and taught me how to do anything. That is my roommate Julie. A funny, silly and warm heart girl.

SONG Li Yin (May)

My roommate is Maggie. She is an independence girl comes from Hong Kong. When the first day I came to Avalon, I knew nothing about the Avalon rules, where do I have classes or what should we pay attention to on classes. Maggie helped me a lot with that. She is a very hardworking student. She always focuses on all the classes and finishes her homework quickly. She also reads many famous literary works in her free time in order to enrich her vocabulary. Besides, she can also manage her life well. She wakes up on time every day and never late for any assemblies. Her bed and cabinets are always very tidy. I think live with Maggie is quite relaxing.

XIAO Zang Ze (John)

My roommate is Rex, he is a very kind and friendly person, when I live in his room last week, we became a good friend, he always helps me in the room, he always calls me up before breakfast, he tells me something about staff and something about this Avalon college. He always makes me laugh. And some time we have some mistake, but we always friends. I feel very happy, because I have a very good roommate.

LO Nga-Kwan (Maggie)

“Best friends are like stars. You don’t always see them but you know they are always here” I wrote sincerely on the letter which was the first and a farewell letter to my roommate, Lera. When I first came to Avalon College which was my first time travelling oversea alone, I was full of anxiety and worry without parents being with me. On my first day at Avalon, I went to my room after finishing all register. In the room, a note with beautiful hand writing caught my eyes while Mr. Parkin was introducing some rules of Avalon.

“To my new roommate : Welcome to Avalon College. Hope you enjoy staying with me! From Lera”

The letter is short and simple but it made me feel touching at that moment. As a new student in a definitely new place, those few words do comfort me. After that, we became very close friends. I can’t imagine how my Avalon life would be without her chatting with me all the time. Although she has already returned to Russia, we still keep in touch and sharing our daily life each other. I’m quite sure we can once again meet each other in the future even we are in different countries, even we are far away from each other.
Birthday's @ Avalon

CHENG Stephanie
“13”

ZHAO Yu
“15”

SONG Kathy
“17”

YU Alina
“13”

GU Ciara
“14”
At Avalon College, in Term 3 of 2016, the following students were recognized for their outstanding contributions:

**INITIATIVE AWARDS**
- Yuan Juntong (Paul)
- Zhou Yu (Yu)
- Li Deyao (Danny)

**BIG STEP AWARDS**
- BAKHSH Abdulelah (Abdo)
- CAO Lishan (Carol)
- Chen Yuyan (Isabella)
- Chun Seoungjun (James)
- Kawai Keita (Keita)
- Li Deyao (Danny)

**BIG STEP AWARDS**
- LIU Xueyuan (Astrid)
- SONG Lin Yin (May)
- SONG Ruihao (Jacky)
- TIAN Yuan (Chris)
- YANG Zi Shun (Crystal)
- ZHANG Jinyuan (George)

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