



**"The AVID program has shown me that I can be successful and has taught me different kinds of skills that I can use in the future."**

**"Being in the AVID program has been one of the most important decisions in my life. AVID has changed me in many ways. It made me feel more confident in almost every way. It taught me lots of skills and gave me many tips on studying and public speaking. After one year of study in the AVID group, I can now use my time more efficiently both in school and at home."**



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## **AVID & University Readiness Program**

Create The Future



**Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a highly successful and innovative teaching program which is offered to students at Years 7 – 11. It is designed to provide students with academic and organisational skills which prepare them well for VCE, university and beyond.**

AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

AVID is a holistic educational system that allows students to achieve the learning outcomes of which they are truly capable. With a proven track record of boosting student enrolment and success beyond secondary school, AVID prepares students for the knowledge economy of tomorrow. It nurtures academic potential with its comprehensive focus on instruction, systems and leadership. AVID recognises that rigorous content alone does not pave the way to success for every learner. It's not only what you learn but knowing how to learn that makes the difference.

The College has invested in AVID training for our teachers who use strategies in every subject school wide to teach the

**"An AVID Socratic Seminar is a group activity where everyone has to work together; it is also a great opportunity for kids to share their opinions and thoughts. I learnt to speak up without the fear of making mistakes. Without mistakes in your life you can't improve or fix them. A Socratic Seminar is a place where everything you say or do is neither wrong nor right. People are encouraged to speak up and share what they are thinking."**

students specific skills in reading, writing, inquiry, collaboration and organisation. In addition, students may apply for the AVID elective which prepares students for further study in VCE and tertiary education. Statistics collected over the last 30 years in the USA show that AVID students have triple the success rate of getting into and completing university, compared to non-AVID students. The College enjoys a partnership with Victoria University which provides the College with several university students who attend the AVID elective classes twice per week to run tutorial sessions.

AVID educators are highly skilled professionals. The specialised training provides teachers with a collection of strategies and tactics to build their students' abilities and aspirations. They receive a comprehensive suite of professional learning programs and teaching resources throughout the year. It is this extensive knowledge base that allows AVID teachers to lead by example and develop a nurturing culture with the behaviours and mindset that result in increased student learning, persistence and graduation.

## University Readiness Program

**Our partnership with Victoria University continues to greatly benefit our students with the implementation of the University Readiness Program.**

Year 11 students may apply to participate in the University Readiness Program. This program runs on Tuesday afternoons at school in collaboration with Victoria University. Students will engage in learning experiences that will prepare them with the skills and knowledge required for a successful transition into university.

Learning experiences during the year will include Victoria University Learning Hub workshops, VU Ready workshops and 21st Century Skills workshops through the VU app. On completion of the app based workshops, students will earn digital badges that can be used when attending Victoria University.

**"Tutorials helped me in all my subjects. They helped me to answer difficult questions and made my homework easier by having a tutor to guide me and help me better understand it."**