



PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE

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WELCOME

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When I came to Avondale almost 40 years ago, I expected a good education that would enable me to follow a calling into Christian ministry. Along with being challenged to think in fresh ways about God, the Bible and the world, I found lifelong friendships and leadership opportunities that I'd never expected.

Fast forward 20 years and it was my son's turn to start his higher education journey. It was with great joy that my son chose to follow in my footsteps and also study at Avondale, as I knew the great experience that he was about to have.

For 117 years, Avondale has provided quality Christian higher education to students from all walks of life. Avondale is part of the worldwide Adventist Education Network that includes 99 universities and colleges with a combined enrolment of almost 90,000 students, and 5,500 secondary and primary schools, with a combined enrolment of almost 1,000,000 students.

In fact, the 2009 Australian Universities Quality Agency's audit report of Avondale acknowledged the "respect and affection which students, staff and community hold for the 'Avondale experience'".

Avondale has grown over the years. We now have approximately 1,500 students, highly qualified academic staff, more than 40 accredited courses ranging from vocational education through to doctoral degrees, and a growing research culture. Thanks to government financial support, most students also pay no upfront tuition costs.

One thing that has not changed with the years is Avondale's core values. Should your student choose to come to Avondale for their undergraduate or postgraduate educational experience, they will find a faith-affirming community, great opportunities for spiritual growth and service, and excellent employment prospects.

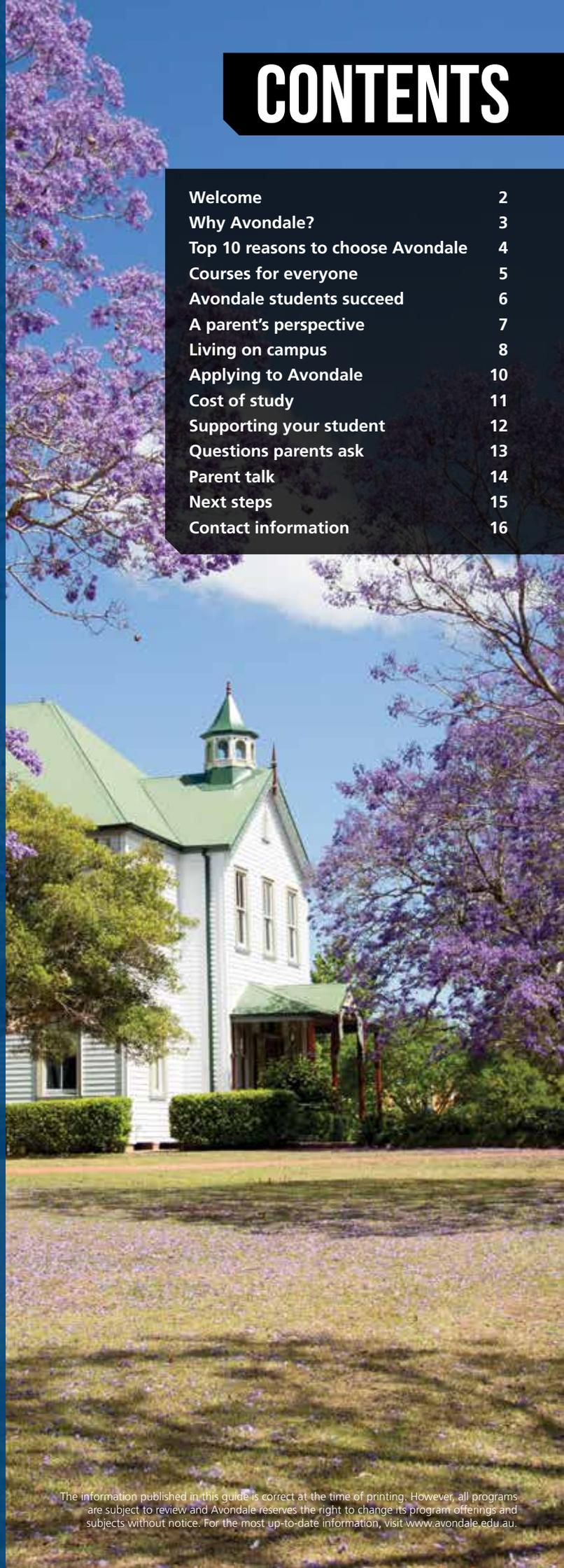
I look forward to sharing in your student's journey and seeing them at Avondale.

Professor Ray Roennfeldt
President



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WHY AVONDALE?

A UNIQUE, PERSONALISED COMMUNITY



Avondale College of Higher Education is unique in the Australian higher education system. Established in 1897, we are one of only three Christian Higher Education institutions in the country that offer such a wide range of government accredited degrees. We are also committed to providing education that prepares people to make a significant difference in the world.



Avondale's philosophy of education is based on a Christian view of life, which affirms that true education has to do with the development of the whole person. Avondale provides a quality educational experience based on the underlying values of excellence, spirituality, nature, service and balance, and welcomes individuals regardless of race, beliefs or background. Avondale accepts the challenge of discovering and sharing truth, of striving for excellence, and of fostering a creativity that blends individuality, wisdom and healthy self-evaluation.



Avondale believes that the quality of learning experienced is directly influenced by the professionalism of lecturers and the quality of their interaction with students. The rewards of this collaborative learning are: greater self-awareness and poise; an understanding of the past and present; a developed sense of value; a love of learning where eagerness is tempered by humility; respect for other points of view; and the ability to communicate effectively. The challenge to unite knowledge and understanding with appropriate and responsible action is constantly upheld.

Many Avondale graduates are widely sought after by employers and frequently become leaders in their workplaces, communities and churches. This is largely due to the smaller class sizes and staff mentoring available to students, leading to a great sense of community and belonging. Smaller class sizes mean that teaching staff are accessible, engaged and really care about the wellbeing of their students. Because of this, many Avondale students have confidence and a positive self-concept both academically and personally.

Both of Avondale's campuses are caring environments where your student can find vibrant academic, spiritual, and social communities that can stimulate, support, and challenge them to grow personally and professionally. Avondale offers a higher learning experience like no other. There are so many areas your student can get involved in to help make their time at Avondale a truly memorable one.



ONE SEMESTER AT A PUBLIC UNIVERSITY WAS ENOUGH FOR ME TO REALISE THAT I WANTED MORE FROM MY DEGREE THAN JUST BEING A NUMBER IN A LECTURE THEATRE. I NEEDED AN INSTITUTION THAT WAS SUPPORTIVE BOTH SOCIALLY AND ACADEMICALLY, WITH LECTURERS WHO WERE ACCESSIBLE AND WHO COULD ACTUALLY INVEST THE TIME IN MY DEVELOPMENT. I ALSO WANTED A DEGREE THAT GAVE ME OPTIONS, WAS DYNAMIC AND WELL-RECOGNISED. THE BBUS/BTCH DEGREE AT AVONDALE WAS THE PERFECT FIT.

Melinda Pomat

Then: Bachelor of Business/ Bachelor of Teaching

Now: Social Science teacher at William Clarke College

TOP 10 REASONS

HERE ARE THE TOP 10 REASONS YOUR STUDENT SHOULD CHOOSE AVONDALE:

High graduate employment rates

Based on the 2013 Australian Graduate Survey, 82% of 2012 Avondale graduates were employed within approximately four months of completing their degree.

Student satisfaction

In the 2012 Good Universities Guide, Avondale received five star ratings from its students, ranking Avondale amongst some of Australia's top universities. These areas included: staff to student ratio; staff qualifications; teaching quality; generic skills; and overall satisfaction.

Practical learning environment

Avondale is highly regarded for graduates who are workplace ready, largely because of the high level of practical experience provided to students throughout their course. Avondale assists students where possible, to secure placements.

Small class sizes

With approximately 1,500 students studying at Avondale, your student will never be lost in the crowd. Unlike some larger tertiary providers, our tutors and lecturers are regularly available to provide students with individual and personalised attention. This is just one of the many benefits of your student studying at a smaller institution.

The Avondale experience

What has become known as the 'Avondale experience' is hard to describe, but ask anyone who has been here and they will agree that their experience at Avondale was among the most memorable times of their life.

Private, not-for-profit higher education provider

As a not-for-profit organisation, Avondale is run to benefit its students. 100% of tuition fees are reinvested back into Avondale, meaning your student will reap all the benefits of their contributions.

Christian environment

At Avondale, we encourage a strong service ethic in professionally qualified graduates. We have developed a life-changing approach to higher education by combining elements of Christian faith and living with a high standard of academic achievement. We are also respectful of the faith and spiritual traditions of others.

Campus location

Lake Macquarie

Nestled between Newcastle and the Central Coast, Avondale boasts a campus with modern facilities, historical buildings and picturesque surrounds. We are a short driving distance to beaches, shopping centres, mountains and lakes.

Sydney

Avondale's Faculty of Nursing and Health is situated on the grounds of one of Australia's largest and most comprehensive private hospitals, the Wahroonga based Sydney Adventist Hospital (SAH). This means that nursing students benefit from learning in a hospital environment throughout their degree. Students can also complete the first year of their nursing degree on Avondale's Lake Macquarie campus.

Highly qualified teachers

All full-time Avondale academics have a postgraduate qualification - either a PhD or Masters in their discipline area. Avondale's tradition of teaching excellence is marked by the fact that several lecturers are awardees of the ALTC citations for teaching excellence and that several others have been recipients of the Student Choice Award since 2011.

Financial assistance

A wide range of financial assistance options exist for students, including scholarships, making Avondale an affordable option.

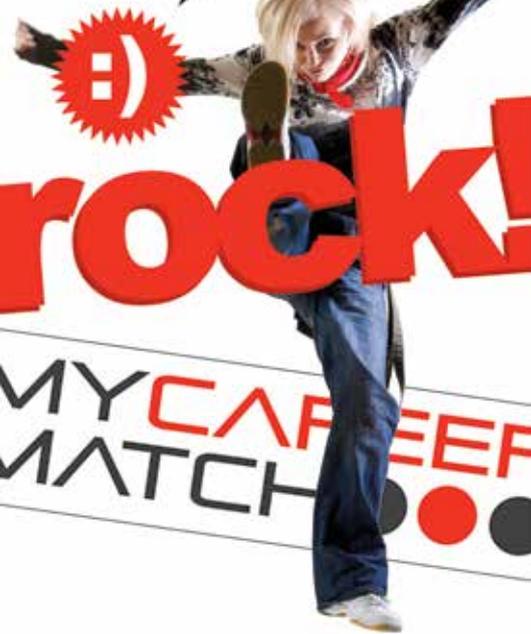


DEGREES & COURSES FOR EVERYONE



NO.1 in Student Career Profiles ●●●

MYCAREERMATCH ●●●
whatever i do
i'm gonna...



MY CAREER MATCH

Choosing a career that matches who you are is one of the most important discoveries you can make about yourself. Let Avondale guide your student with the student profiling tool, My Career Match.

My Career Match is a personality type survey based on understanding human behaviour. Everyone is born with a specific personality style and fall into four categories: Driver, Promoter, Analyser and Supporter. Each style has its own unique strengths and potential weaknesses. What's important when choosing a career is to choose one that uses your strengths, and the things you're good at. This is what My Career Match can help your student with.

Visit www.avondale.edu.au/mcm to give your student that added bit of guidance.

At Avondale, we offer a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Arts, Business, Education, Ministry and Theology, Nursing and Science. We also offer the Diploma of General Studies, a Higher Education Diploma that can act as an academic pathway course, and vocational programs in Outdoor Recreation. What makes Avondale's courses unique is that many of them can be customised to fit your student's individual wants and needs. Avondale's Course Convenors will sit down with them and aim to work out a program to suit their career goals, lifestyle and work commitments. It's all part of the Avondale experience.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

ARTS

Bachelor of Arts

- Chaplaincy
- Communication
- Counselling
- English
- Geography
- History
- International Poverty & Development Studies
- Mathematics
- Music
- Photomedia
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Visual Arts
- Visual Communication—Graphic Design

BUSINESS

Bachelor of Business

- Accounting
- Human Resource Management
- Marketing

EDUCATION

Associate Degree of Classroom Support (Primary)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching

(Honours)

Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Teaching

Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Teaching

(Honours)

Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)

(Birth to 5)

Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood/

Primary) (Birth to 12)

Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood/

Primary) (Honours) (Birth to 12)

Bachelor of Education (Primary)

Bachelor of Education (Primary) (Honours)

Bachelor of Education (Secondary)

- Health & Physical Education
- Home Economics/Design & Technology
- Technology & Applied Studies

Bachelor of Education (Secondary)

(Honours)

Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Teaching

Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Teaching

(Honours)

MINISTRY & THEOLOGY

Bachelor of Ministry and Theology

Bachelor of Ministry and Theology

(Honours)

Bachelor of Theology

Associate Degree in Theological Studies

NURSING & HEALTH

Bachelor of Nursing

SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS

Bachelor of Science

- Biological Science (Biomedical)
- Biological Science (Environmental)
- Chemistry
- Food & Nutrition
- Geography
- Mathematics
- Medical Science (Pathology)
- Physics

HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMA

GENERAL STUDIES

Diploma of General Studies

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TRAINING

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation

Diploma of Outdoor Recreation

Avondale also offers **postgraduate degrees** in Arts, Education, Leadership and Management, Nursing and Ministry/Theology. For further information, visit

www.avondale.edu.au/postgraduate

Fully accredited degrees

Avondale is a registered Higher Education Provider, and its undergraduate and postgraduate courses are accredited by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA). Avondale's Vocational Education Training Courses are accredited by the Australian Government's Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) and Avondale is also a Registered Training Organisation (RTO, number 91191). Avondale's courses are approved for international students under the CRICOS Provider number 02731D. For further information, visit

www.avondale.edu.au/accreditation

AVONDALE STUDENTS SUCCEED

Avondale is highly regarded by employers looking for graduates who are workplace ready. Many Avondale students leave equipped with knowledge and employability skills that are in great demand. Based on the 2013 Australian Graduate Survey, 82% of 2012 Avondale graduates were employed approximately four months of graduating.

"I am working as the Associate Pastor at Wallsend Adventist Church in Newcastle. I love my job! It's incredibly fulfilling working with people from all different walks of life and seeing their lives changed by Jesus. My Avondale experience intentionally prepared me for the real world. As part of my course, we joined a local church and experienced the ins and outs of ministry in a safe, secure environment. This experience was invaluable and prepared me for what I do today."

Brock Goodall

Then: **Bachelor of Ministry & Theology (Chaplaincy)**

Now: **Associate Pastor, Wallsend Seventh-day Adventist Church**



1 YEAR

5 YEARS



"As part of my studies, I was given the opportunity to visit a variety of schools and early childhood settings for my professional experience units. This beneficial experience enabled me to see how children develop and learn before they start primary school. Avondale also provided me with many opportunities to be involved in a variety of school and community events. This enabled me to connect with others in my chosen profession and further develop my skills as a teacher."

Jemma Campbell

Then: **Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)**

Now: **Prep Teacher, Prescott Primary Northern**

"Studying at Avondale has helped to open a lot of doors for me. Over the last 10 years I have worked throughout a range of sectors in auditing, accounting, business compliance, project management and now billings operations. Studying accounting at Avondale taught me to be meticulous as well as dealing in a fair and ethical way with my employees and customers."

Owen Ryan

Then: **Bachelor of Business (Accounting)**

Now: **Manager, Billings Operations, Hunter Water**



10 YEARS

A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE



"Growing up locally, studying at Avondale was always something our kids wanted to do, but my wife and I definitely both encouraged them to pursue that direction. We both studied at Avondale and it was a great time in our lives. We wanted our children to experience what we did.

From a parent's perspective, our kids' experience at Avondale has been really enriching for them. Problems sometimes come up with assessments and managing all the different elements that students take on board, but the bottom line is that they have had a very positive experience in terms of support and spiritual perspective. We are happy with what their educational experience has been, and is continuing to be, and it is great to see them learn and grow.

Avondale's support services are also highly commendable. Our daughter Annalise in particular spent a lot of time speaking with faculty members half way through her first year when she decided she wanted to change her degree. Through this time, she received ongoing guidance and course help.

When our son Karl graduated from International Poverty and Development Studies, he was very happy with the education he received and the marks he got. All the classes were intimate and quality, and they established the grounds for Karl to travel to Kenya for a year. Avondale has a great employment rate for their graduates, and when he comes home from his current visit to the USA, he is sure to secure a job at ADRA or at Asian Aid because of the background and life experience Avondale's degree has provided for him.

I think, no matter where you send your kids to university, they will get a great education. Avondale however provides a well-rounded experience, the opportunity to excel and grow."



Peter Lindsay,

Father of Avondale Bachelor of Arts (IPDS)/Bachelor of Business (Management) graduate, Karl, and Bachelor of Ministry and Theology student, Annalise.



"Avondale has provided such a nurturing and growing environment for both of my girls – both socially and academically.

The classes at Avondale are much smaller than other universities and it appears to me that most of the teachers really care. Many of the lecturers have the students' best interest at heart, and are able to help them through by name, which is just not the norm at other universities. Both my girls have had such an amazing social experience and have made friends for a lifetime.

The best part about Kristiarne and Paris studying at Avondale is that it is like a home away from home where there is a really beautiful, deliberate spiritual element of Avondale. I can always be sure that they are receiving a holistic experience physically, spiritually and emotionally. Both my daughters are keen at basketball, and have made good use of the facilities Avondale has to offer. It's a place where they can have their needs met in so many different aspects.

I love how Avondale provides opportunities for students to go on One Mission trips to third world countries and experience the world for themselves. I also love that both my daughters have taken part in internships at Avondale and the Sydney Adventist Hospital for their Marketing studies. I think Avondale is a great stepping-stone into the real world, without them being pushed straight into the stress of the real world.

The support services at Avondale have also been really great for both Kristiarne and Paris throughout their studies. One of my girls went to see the counsellor, and she was brilliant in helping her work through choices and decisions that she had to make, and helping her to recognise her potential and the power that she holds."



Tanya Lawrence,

Mother of Avondale Bachelor of Arts (IPDS) and Bachelor of Business (Marketing) graduate, Kristiarne, and Bachelor of Arts (Communications) and Bachelor of Business (Marketing) student, Paris.

LIVING ON CAMPUS

Although not compulsory, living on-campus is one of the greatest aspects of life at Avondale. It provides a great social environment, giving students the opportunity to meet lots of new people and make friends from all over Australia and the world. It also provides students with a great study support network, living with people who are going through the same experiences as them.

LAKE MACQUARIE CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALLS

Located in the heart of campus, Avondale's three Lake Macquarie residences provide on-campus accommodation for approximately 400 students.

Andre Hall

All females start their living on-campus experience in Andre. Andre accommodates 115 boarders in seven single or 37 twin rooms.

Ella Boyd Hall

Female students have the option of moving to Ella Boyd in their second year of study. Ella Boyd accommodates 162 boarders in single room accommodation.

Watson Hall

The only men's residence on campus, Watson accommodates 165 boarders in 92 single and 66 twin rooms.

Room features

All bedrooms are fully-furnished with a bed, desk, cupboards, drawers and internet facilities. Some rooms also have a washbasin.

Accommodation features

All three residences have guest bedrooms, shared bathroom facilities close to all bedrooms, common rooms with television and pay TV facilities, computer rooms, laundry rooms and kitchenettes.

Meals

Avondale provides fully catered meals for its students. The Cafeteria serves a wide variety of hot and cold, buffet-style vegetarian meals. Students who live on-campus have the cost of all Cafeteria meals included in their all-inclusive accommodation package. This means that your student won't have to worry about grocery shopping, cooking or washing-up.

How to apply

Visit www.avondale.edu.au/accommodation for more information and to download an application form.

SYDNEY CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALLS

Located on the grounds of the Sydney Adventist Hospital (SAH), nursing student accommodation is provided by the SAH on behalf of Avondale. The SAH residences offer both short-term and long-term accommodation. Guest rooms, available for short-term stays, such as for clinical placement, are from one night up to six weeks. Residential rooms, which include student accommodation, are for periods greater than seven weeks.

Women's Residence

The women's residence accommodates 180 boarders in single rooms.

Men's Residence

The men's residence accommodates 60 boarders in single rooms.

Room features

All bedrooms are fully furnished with a bed, desk, wardrobe, drawers and carpet flooring. Internet access is not provided in private rooms, so it is recommended that students purchase USB mobile broadband.

Accommodation features

Both residences have guest bedrooms, shared bathroom facilities close to all bedrooms, common rooms with television and "hot spot" internet facilities, computer rooms, laundry rooms and kitchens.

Meals

Students can choose to either prepare their own meals in the residence kitchens, or eat fully catered meals at the San Cafe, which offers vegetarian cuisine in a self-serve, buffet style, pay-as-you-go setting. Residence hall kitchens contain a refrigerator, stove with oven and grill, microwave oven, toaster and kettle. Residents must supply their own cooking and eating utensils.

MORE AFFORDABLE THAN YOU THINK

Living on campus is not just a fun option but can also be an affordable one. You may be surprised to discover that supporting your student at home can cost more than having them live on campus. The below figures are estimates only and will vary depending on your student's lifestyle, however it provides an estimate to assist with planning for the future.

| LIVING ON CAMPUS | P/uni year | LIVING AT HOME (Based on a family of 4) | P/uni year |
|---|------------------|---|-----------------|
| Study expenses | | Study expenses | |
| Internet (Included in residence fees) | \$0 | Internet | \$80 |
| Course materials/books/texts | \$680 | Course materials/books/texts | \$680 |
| Course related equipment/uniforms | \$400 | Course related equipment/uniforms | \$400 |
| Household expenses | | Household expenses | |
| Residential fees | \$9000 | Residential fees | \$0 |
| Facility fee package: -Parking -Gym membership -Discounted sporting fees | \$680 | Facility fee package | n/a |
| Household contribution/food/supplies (Included in residence fees) | \$0 | Food/supplies | \$3200 |
| Electricity | \$0 | Electricity | \$1200 |
| Gas | \$0 | Gas | \$200 |
| Water | \$0 | Water | \$400 |
| Personal expenses | | Personal expenses | |
| Takeaway food | \$200 | Takeaway food | \$800 |
| Mobile phone | \$600 | Mobile phone | \$600 |
| Transport expenses | | Transport expenses | |
| Uni parking | \$0 | Uni parking | \$240 |
| Petrol/parking | \$0 | Petrol/parking | \$2050 |
| Public transport | \$200 | Public transport | \$0 |
| Additional car costs (eg. insurance/rego/repairs) | \$0 | Additional car costs (eg. insurance/rego/repairs) | \$1700 |
| Total annual expenditure | \$11,760 | Total annual expenditure | \$11,550 |
| Centrelink living away from home allowance | - \$4,000 | | |
| ACTUAL TOTAL (MINUS CENTRELINK PAYMENT) | \$7,760 | | |



"I believe that paying for my daughter to live in the dorms is a worthwhile investment, as it allows her to be fully immersed in the college campus experience. This is something that I unfortunately missed out on during my studies. I think it's important for her to develop her social connections and be involved in what Avondale has to offer in this period of her life."

Shona Mitchell
Mother of Laura, Bachelor of Arts student

APPLYING TO AVONDALE

Unlike many other higher education providers, Avondale **is not in the UAC guide** (or your state's equivalent), so your student must apply directly to Avondale. Applications can be submitted up to one year before your student wishes to start their course.

Avondale understands that it can sometimes take time for prospective students to work out what/where they want to study, so unlike other providers, we can accept applications up until classes commence (availability permitting). Please however keep in mind that popular courses can fill fast, so it's best to apply as early as possible.

Applying to Avondale is easy:



For a comprehensive outline of the application process or for international application requirements, visit www.avondale.edu.au/howtoapply

Accepting an offer or choosing to defer studies

If your student receives a letter of offer, after careful consideration, it is important that they secure their place at Avondale by accepting their offer. For many different reasons, some students decide to defer their studies after high school. Students can defer their studies for up to one year initially, after acceptance of their offer. If your student wants to take a gap year, they may also defer their studies for up to one year after acceptance of their offer.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

There are several pathways for studying at Avondale to suit your student's needs.

Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR)

ATAR scores are the main mode used to assess and compare the results of school leaving applicants for entry to Avondale. Direct entry into most of Avondale's undergraduate degrees requires a minimum ATAR of 63. Direct entry into business and arts degrees requires an ATAR of 60.

Recognition of prior learning

Avondale has a formal process for the assessment of transfer credit or advanced standing. Once an enrolled student, requests for credit on the basis of prior learning must be sent to the Course Convenor, supported by official documentation from the institution or organisation where the prior learning occurred.

For more information visit www.avondale.edu.au/credittransfer

ALTERNATE ENTRY

Decisions on alternative pathways to admission are made by the Academic

Registrar in consultation with the relevant Course Convenor and other appropriate personnel. Alternative admission may be obtained by the following methods:

- Previous post-secondary qualifications
- Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)
- Special consideration (disadvantaging factors impacting on Year 12 results).

Diploma of General Studies

Avondale's Diploma of General Studies is a proven pathway to tertiary studies. The flexible and unique program can assist your student to develop the skills needed for success in further tertiary study. The program provides individual help with critical thinking, essay and assignment writing, managing a study program and other skills necessary for academic success. Students may be eligible to transfer into their desired degree after only four months of successful study (one semester full-time equivalent). The diploma has been designed for those who:

- Didn't complete the HSC and are 19 years of age or more
- Didn't gain sufficient marks for entry into a degree
- Are disadvantaged in some way.

Detailed information on alternative admission is available at www.avondale.edu.au/admission

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Specific prerequisites

Some Avondale degrees have specific prerequisites. Prerequisites are subjects your student must have studied and successfully passed at secondary school to gain entry into a course.

Visit www.avondale.edu.au/courses for detailed prerequisites by course.



COST OF STUDY

COURSE FEES

The amount your student will pay for tuition will vary depending on the course they choose to study and what country they are from.

Based on a standard four unit course of 24 credit points per semester:

- Students with a Commonwealth Supported Place – \$3,000 - \$5,000, OR
- Students with FEE-HELP assistance – \$7,200
- International (excluding NZ) full fee paying students – \$9,700
- Outdoor Recreation students – \$6,200.

The above amounts are to be used as a guide only. To calculate the cost of tuition, visit www.avondale.edu.au/fees and follow the prompts.

There is considerable government help available with the financial costs of study at Avondale, so your student's financial situation needn't be a barrier to their education. **Commonwealth Supported**

Places (CSP) (HECS-HELP)

Australian and New Zealand citizens and permanent humanitarian visa holders may be eligible for a CSP – government subsidised tuition. Students who hold a CSP pay a student contribution amount for each unit of study at a lower fee rate than a full domestic tuition fee. Australian citizens have the option of deferring the payment of all or part of their student contribution until income exceeds the threshold. New Zealand citizens and Australian permanent visa holders are required to pay their student contribution amount upfront. CSP places are only available to Avondale undergraduate nursing and teaching students.

FEE-HELP

If you are an Australian citizen or a permanent humanitarian visa holder, you may be eligible for FEE-HELP assistance. FEE-HELP is a Commonwealth loan scheme that allows eligible students to defer tuition fee payment and can cover all or part of a student's tuition fees, up to a lifetime limit. FEE-HELP is available for all Avondale higher education courses.

VET FEE-HELP

Domestic full-fee paying students may be eligible for VET FEE-HELP assistance. VET FEE-HELP is a Commonwealth loan scheme that allows eligible students to defer payment of their tuition fees. This assistance is available

to Diploma of Outdoor Recreation students.

For further details visit www.studyassist.gov.au

SERVICE AND FACILITY FEES

The Service and Facility charge provides students with access to a wide range of student services including sports facilities (including FitLife Gym), bus services, parking, network connection, plus bookshop and local retailer discounts.

For a full range of benefits and charges, visit www.avondale.edu.au/fees

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If your student is an Australian citizen or permanent resident studying full-time and aged 16 and over, they may be eligible to apply for assistance through the following government assistance schemes:

- Youth Allowance
- Austudy
- Abstudy
- Pensioner Education Supplement.

For more information, visit www.centerlink.gov.au

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are over 80 scholarships available at Avondale, which can provide students from any financial background with the opportunity for financial reward for the demonstration of academic achievement, community service, leadership, or contribution of talents.

For further information on scholarships available and application forms, visit www.avondale.edu.au/scholarships



"Choosing Avondale as the place to do my tertiary studies was a simple one after hearing all of the positive stories of the teaching program here. The President's Scholarship was also definitely an incentive to make the big move from Victoria to Avondale. As a President's Scholarship recipient, you can choose to put your scholarship toward on-campus accommodation or your degree. I chose to put my scholarship towards on-campus accommodation as dorm life is definitely worth it."

Dat Nguyen

Gilson College Avondale President's Scholarship recipient 2012

SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENT

Avondale seeks to encourage students to realise their full potential, enhance social skills, and provide the guidance to enable them to respond intelligently to their own needs and the needs of others. Avondale offers a wide range of free services to students to assist them in this journey.

Learning skills support

Avondale offers free academic skills tutoring and coaching to all of its students.

Services include:

- Lecturer consultations
- Help with assignments
- Assistance with time management, researching, academic writing, and exam preparation.

Campus counselling service

Qualified Christian counsellors are available on both the Lake Macquarie and Sydney campus. This service is free and confidential, and covers areas such as relationships, study, careers, marriage and family. Academic counselling is also provided formally by Course Coordinators, Faculty Deans, and Academic Office personnel.

Chaplains

Avondale's chaplains provide students with free pastoral (spiritual) and emotional support. They are available to discuss any topic, including personal questions your student may have, marriage counselling, commitment to God, or any other counselling that may be required.

Indigenous student support

Avondale supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students during their study program. Our Student Services team and Equity Officer are also available to help students with any additional assistance that may be needed.

Disability support service

Avondale's disability support Service aims to ensure that students with a disability or medical condition are able to actively participate in all aspects of college life. Services may include exam provisions, note taking, liaison with lecturers and advocacy.

Welfare service

Student welfare is very important to us. Avondale's Student Services team is available to help both domestic and international students with any difficulties or personal matters they may have, such as managing finances, gaining access to medical and community assistance and advocacy.

EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER SUPPORT

Casual employment service

The Student Services team coordinates paid employment opportunities on and around campus. Departments offering employment include:

- Cleaning - offices, residences, kitchen
- Campus Maintenance - grounds support, physical odd-jobs
- Marketing Services - attending expos, schools visits, office work
- Student Services - auditorium assistant
- Kitchen - food preparation, cleaning
- Residences - Residence Assistants (RA), reception, cleaning

- Bookshop - customer service, delivery liaison
- Business office - mail run
- Science Department - lab supervision
- IT - lab assistant
- Library - library assistant.

Employment and internship opportunities are advertised on

www.adventistemployment.org.au

International students

If your student holds a student visa, they are allowed to work part-time for a maximum of 40 hours a fortnight during semester and unlimited hours during semester breaks.

For more information, visit www.immi.gov.au

CAREERS SUPPORT

On-campus careers expo

Avondale's annual on-campus careers expo gives students the opportunity to explore career options, further study options and meet potential employers.

On-campus interviews

In your student's final year of study, they can participate in interviews that take place on campus with key industry players and Adventist Employment.

For more information on any of the above, visit www.avondale.edu.au/studentsservices

QUESTIONS PARENTS ASK

What are the costs of tuition?

The amount your student will pay for tuition will vary depending on the course they study and what country they are from. Based on a standard four unit course of 24 credit points per semester:

- Students with a Commonwealth Supported Place – \$3,000 - \$5,000, OR
- Students with FEE-HELP assistance – \$7,200
- International (excluding NZ) full fee paying students – \$9,700
- Outdoor Recreation students – \$6,200.

The above amounts are to be used as a guide only. For up-to-date fee information, visit www.avondale.edu.au/fees

Not sure what the difference is between a CSP and FEE-HELP? Visit www.studyassist.gov.au

Can my student organise a payment plan for fees?

Students can arrange payment plans with Student Finance. Please contact studentfinance@avondale.edu.au

Is it compulsory to live on campus?

As a student at Avondale, it is not compulsory to live on campus, however, there is a great range of accommodation options available to suit your student's needs (please see page 8). Living on-campus provides a great social environment, giving your student the opportunity to meet lots of new people and make friends from all over Australia and the world. It also provides them with a great study support network, as they are living with people who are going through the same experiences.

What is the cost of living on campus?

Avondale provides an all-inclusive package for living on the Lake Macquarie campus that covers all accommodation, meals and basic internet access. Avondale's Sydney campus accommodation follows a different format, with students required to cater for themselves:

- Lake Macquarie campus – approximately \$9,000
 - Sydney campus – approximately \$7,000.
- Did you know that supporting your student at home can cost more than having them live on campus? See page 9.

If my child falls ill whilst living on campus, who will look after them?

All Student Deans and Residence Assistants on campus are in place to make sure your student is looked after and needs are met. Students who fall ill need to report to one of these individuals to make them aware of their situation, and if necessary, can be driven to a local doctor that has priority for Avondale students, and does bulk-billing.

What is the entry requirement for a degree course?

Direct entry:

- 63.00+ ATAR
- 60.00+ ATAR (Arts and Business only)
- 17 or lower OP
- STAT – Written English 150+ with Multiple Choice 146+
- Successful completion of an accreditation foundation course such as Open Foundation, New Step, New Start, Open Learning or Uni-Ready course at a University or TAFE.

Academic Probation:

- 60.00 to 62.95 ATAR
- 59.00 ATAR (Arts and Business only)
- 18 OP
- STAT –Written English 148-<150 with Multiple Choice 144-<146.

What are the alternate pathways to gain entry to a degree course?

- Diploma of General Studies
- Relevant Certificate IV or higher VET qualification.

Does the course my student is taking have credibility? What are the employment rates after graduation?

Avondale is a registered Higher Education Provider, meaning that our courses are

nationally accredited. In Avondale's latest graduate survey, 82% of graduates indicated that they were employed within four months of completing their degree.

What help is available if my student is struggling with their studies?

There are many services on offer for students who might want extra help with assignments or class tasks including free tutors in the library, and the ability to email lecturers to organise time to talk.

Is there a counsellor my student can speak to if they need to?

A qualified counsellor is available part-time, on both campuses, for personal counselling. This service is free and confidential, and covers areas such as relationships, family of origin, study and careers, marriage and family, and much more.

Do you have to be Seventh-day Adventist to attend Avondale?

No. Avondale's student cohort is made up of students from all different religious backgrounds and denominational faiths. Avondale is committed to upholding student beliefs in an atmosphere where personal beliefs are respected.

Who can my student speak to about specific course choices?

Avondale Admissions is available to help:

Freecall number: **1800 991 392**

Email: study@avondale.edu.au

Live chat: www.avondale.edu.au

My student needs to contact their advisor. How do they do this?

Student communication with course convenors and advisors is best done through email. Lecturers' emails consist of their first name, and last name separated with '.'; @avondale.edu.au, for example: william.smith@avondale.edu.au

For further FAQ's see our online web page www.avondale.edu.au/faq

PARENT TALK

A TRIBUTE TO SUPPORT

Mark Vodell, father of two recent Avondale graduates shares his traumatic yet inspiring account of almost losing his son in a tragic skateboarding accident and the support that came from the Avondale community during this time.

"I can safely say that I saw the spirit of self-sacrifice move in a way that was inspiring and uplifting during some really tough times.

It all began with a phone call from my son Joel late at night. I remember it clearly; "Dad, Luke's had an accident... and... It doesn't look good". When you hear those words, it kind of sends a chill through you.

Luke had come off his skateboard and had sustained severe head injuries – he was unconscious and bleeding from the nose, the mouth, and both ears. He was rushed to hospital and put into an induced coma. It was a traumatic moment to be living in another state away from the boys in this time of need, with no preparation or manual on how to respond or deal with the situation.

The next day we flew up and it was a shocker of a day. However, the following morning we woke up and there was a sense of peace and calm. It was really uncanny; I just don't know how to describe it. It was like I could sense the thousands of prayers that people all around the globe had prayed; friends of the boys and ours, who had let us know they were there for us and thinking of us.

Luke's accident left him with traumatic brain injuries which were measured according to Post Traumatic Amnesia – which is how long you can't remember things. Luke just made it into four and a half weeks before he remembered which is considered to be in the extremely severe category. But through a miracle, Luke began to heal. It is amazing to see how far he's gone from then to now.

I'm aware that there was a conversation between two of the paramedics that were there at the time of Luke's accident. One of them had said, "You know it's kind of sweet, kind of nice, to see those young guys – the whole bunch of surfy type looking guys there – all standing there in a circle, praying for their mate. It's nice, it's just a shame though, because that kid isn't going to make it to the hospital."

But he did make it; to the hospital and then back to Avondale where he graduated. I believe there is a higher award than a degree... and there are a lot of people at Avondale who I believe deserve one of those.

When I reflect on the incident and the events that took place, there are a lot of people to thank – the mates who were instrumental in saving Luke's life who performed the first aid they had learnt in class just weeks earlier; and the many people in the Avondale and wider community who responded with so much support and friendship. Thank you to all."



NEXT STEPS

YEARLY PLANNER

April - Request the latest Avondale Information Guide
study@avondale.edu.au

May - Expo season starts. Find out where we will be exhibiting at
www.avondale.edu.au/careerexpos

June - Come along to Futures Day or the Central Coast Careers Pathway Expo on our Lake Macquarie campus
www.avondale.edu.au/oncampusevents

July - Start applying for scholarships
www.avondale.edu.au/scholarships

August - Interested in Nursing? Come along to our Sydney Campus Open Day

September - Apply to study at Avondale. Don't forget we don't show in the UAC guide. You must apply directly to Avondale
www.avondale.edu.au/apply

October - Year 12 exams

November - Now things are winding down, book in for a campus tour

December - Year 12 exam results released

January - ATAR results released. Accept offer to study at Avondale

February - Last chance to apply to Avondale/apply for scholarships

March - O week

Continue to encourage your student to explore all their career options, and check out our course offerings at www.avondale.edu.au/courses. Avondale Admissions can provide answers to all your student's queries related to courses.

Alternatively, Avondale offers a range of free on-campus events and campus tours throughout the year, giving you and your student the opportunity to see first-hand what the Avondale experience is like.

SAVE THE DATES

For event dates, visit www.avondale.edu.au/oncampusevents

JUNE | AVONDALE FUTURES DAY (LAKE MACQUARIE CAMPUS)



- HSC lectures and study skills sessions
- Career profiling
- Course information expo
- Interactive tours
- One-on-one chat with staff and students.

JUNE | CENTRAL COAST CAREERS PATHWAY EXPO



Representatives from universities, TAFEs, trades and other training providers provide students with information to help them find the career of their dreams. To register or for further information, please contact Phillip Williamson at phillip.williamson@det.nsw.edu.au

AUGUST | SYDNEY CAMPUS OPEN DAY



- Course information expo
- Career profiling
- Interactive tours
- One-on-one chat with staff and students.

FREE CAMPUS TOURS



TO BOOK, CALL 1800 991 392 OR EMAIL MARKETING@AVONDALE.EDU.AU

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