

Staff

We have multiple current school teachers teaching into our Curriculum Studies units. Thank you to those teachers who assist us in preparing our future teachers.



Research

Avondale researchers have been investigating teachers' perspectives of the impact of COVID-19 shutdowns, and how they perceive the future, for ASA (Adventist Schools Australia). What are teachers' perspectives on the journey of Adventist schools in managing the COVID-19 response, especially during the school shutdown and on return to face-to-face teaching? The study will also look at their perceptions of what the 'new normal' for education may look like in the future. One paper has been published and two are awaiting publication.

A further study is being carried out that relates to COVID-19 in schools. The purpose of this research is to explore school

chaplains' perceptions of the impact of COVID-19 on their roles in support of school students and staff, as well as the challenges, supports, sense of belonging, purpose and mission of these school chaplains.

Professional Experience

Firstly, a huge thank you to all our teachers in Australia & New Zealand who so willingly mentored one or more of our teacher education students on placement this year. It is such an important part of their development and the instruction and encouragement they receive is so much appreciated.

We are now working towards our placement schedule for 2024 and would love to hear from schools as to the number of students they would be willing to have (edu.placements@avondale.edu.au). It would also be great to know (particularly for schools in rural or regional areas) what accommodation might be available, as we encourage our student teachers to visit a variety of places.

Resources

Our School moved premises earlier this year and relocated to the "old" Business School building. Next time you are on the Lake Macquarie campus please pop-in to see our new location and setup.



Students

The Scientists have been using a mock laboratory crime scene to engage students in modern analytical testing techniques to solve the mystery of murder or accident in the lab!



Course Feature

Science is an integral part of our School where we teach into the areas of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Food Technology. Our students get hands-on experience in a fun and engaging manner.

