



VILLANOVA COLLEGE



New Students' Handbook

Welcome to 2024



WELCOME TO VILLANOVA COLLEGE

COLLEGE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Principal:	Mr Paul Begg
Deputy Principal:	Mr Steven Bremner
Head of Junior School:	Mr Stephen Rouhliadef
Head of Middle School:	Mr Sean O'Neill
Head of Senior School:	Mr Matthew Levander
Dean of Teaching and Learning:	Mr John Christie
Dean of Mission and Identity:	Mrs Kate Garrone
College Administrator/Dean of International students:	Ms Sally Byron

TERM DATES 2024

Term 1:	Tuesday 23 January – Thursday 28 March Students in Years 5, 7 and 12 will commence school on Tuesday 23 January. Years 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 return to school on Wednesday 24 January 2024.
Term 2:	Monday 15 April – Friday 21 June
Term 3:	Monday 8 July – Friday 13 September
Term 4:	Monday 30 September – Friday 29 November

NB: It is imperative that families adhere to term times. Early departure for, or late return from vacation periods are neither encouraged nor endorsed.

SCHOOL HOURS

Junior, Middle and Senior: commence at 8:25am and conclude at 3:00pm (it is recommended that boys arrive 5 – 10 minutes before the commencement time).

Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm

CONTACT DETAILS

Junior School Office	3394 5692	junior@vnc.qld.edu.au
Middle School Office	3394 5524	middle@vnc.qld.edu.au
Senior School Office	3394 5525	senior@vnc.qld.edu.au
Teaching and Learning Office	3394 5521	tandl@vnc.qld.edu.au
Music Office	3394 5691	music@vnc.qld.edu.au
Sports Office	3394 5621	sportsoffice@vnc.qld.edu.au
College Reception/Finance Office	3394 5690	finance@vnc.qld.edu.au
Tolle Lege Library	3394 5531	library@vnc.qld.edu.au

STUDENT ABSENCES

The College's preferred notification for student absentees is through Parent Lounge or the College App. An alternative number to report an absentee is 3394 5699.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

- In the interests of safety to all, when picking up and/or dropping off your son(s), you are requested to use the loading zones located in Fifth Avenue (Middle School) and the bottom of Eighth Avenue (Junior School) and top of Eighth Avenue (Senior School).



- Both sides of Sixth Avenue and the front of the College are reserved as Bus Zones, with No Standing signs at both ends of the zones. Please note traffic restrictions in place on Fifth and Sixth Avenue between 2 - 4pm.
- Please do not drive onto the College grounds, driveways or staff parking areas to drop off or pick up your son. A safe waiting area for boys who finish after-school training/rehearsals late, is inside the security gates at the Sixth Avenue entrance.
- Please do not double park or block driveways - this includes the Sixth and Eighth Avenue entrances.
- Please do not use Seventh Avenue for drop-offs or pick-ups.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Shirt:	Years 5 to 11 - Short sleeved grey cotton with regulation green/gold trim on pocket Year 12 – long-sleeved white cotton
Shorts:	Dark grey shorts
Belt:	Black leather with plain silver buckle
Tie:	Years 5 to 11 - the College tie must be worn in Terms 2 and 3 and for official College functions and other special occasions. Year 12 - Students wear the special Senior tie for the whole school year
Socks:	Villanova grey with green/gold trim (knee high when worn with shorts)
Shoes:	Plain black lace-up leather
Jumper:	Villanova green jumper with College crest in gold
Blazer:	Senior School only
Trousers:	Years 5 to 9 – students have the option of wearing long College grey trousers instead of shorts. Only grey or black socks are permitted with long trousers. Senior School - Long College grey trousers are worn in Terms 2 and 3.
Hat - Green:	Years 5 to 9 - students are required to wear a wide-brimmed College green hat.
Hat - Formal Grey:	Senior School - Students are required to wear the College formal grey hat.
School Bags:	Villanova green bag. A range of Villanova school bags are available from the College Uniform Shop.
Physical Education:	House sport shirt, Villanova green sport shorts and Villanova sport socks. Shoes should be predominantly white and must have non-marking soles.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is located in Clare Lodge (Seventh Avenue entrance) and is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 7.30am – 9.30am and Thursday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm during term time. Online orders are available 24/7 through the website.

Phone: 0432 707 972

Email: villanovacollege@alinta.com.au

Web: www.alintaapparel.com.au

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday from 8.00 – 9.30am.

EMBROIDERY - For any embroidery requirements please contact Joanne Hasson - JK Embroidery on 0490251194. Located at 398 Logan Road, Stones Corner. (email: hi@jkembroidery.com.au)



UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Academic Years 5-9
SUMMER

SHORTS AND TROUSERS
Shorts – Dark grey
Trousers – Dark grey (Years 5-9)
Optional, Years 10-12
Compulsory in Term 2 & 3)

SOCKS
Long college socks – Dark grey

SHIRTS
Grey college shirt (Years 5-11)
White long sleeve shirt (Year 12 only)

BLAZERS AND JUMPERS
College jumper
Blazer (Years 10 – 12 only)

SHOES
Polished black leather shoes
(not available through Alinta Uniform Shop)

Academic Year 12
SUMMER

Summer

SPORTS/HPE UNIFORMS

HPE shorts
Caps (not to be worn instead of regulation college hats)
Tracksuit jacket (optional)
Tracksuit pants (optional)
House polo shirts

Winter

Academic Junior
WINTER

Academic Years 10 & 11
WINTER

Academic Year 12
WINTER

TIES
College tie (Years 5 – 11)
worn in Term 2 & 3, and at all formal occasions
Senior tie (Year 12 only)
worn all year

HAT
Green academic hat (Years 5 – 9) •
Formal grey hat (Years 10 – 12)

BELT
Black leather – silver buckle

*• Please note 2023 Seniors (Year 12) are to wear the older style blazer

Bags

A Villanova regulation bag is a compulsory part of the uniform. Students must not bring branded sports bags to school or any other non-Villanova bag.

In the Senior School, only the branded laptop satchel can be brought to class.

Students may opt to use any combination of the following bags:

1. College Backpack
2. College Sports/Carry Bag
3. College Draw string bag

Please note: The backpack and Sports/Carry bag have similar capacities and it is recommended (especially for those in the Junior School) the smaller option of the Drawstring Bag as a sports bag.

Villanova College Uniform Shop

Uniform Fitting Information



Welcome to Villanova College. We look forward to meeting you at your uniform fitting.

New students are required to book a fitting appointment. We encourage you to schedule your appointment as soon as possible to avoid extended queues. **Appointments will be available to book online from November.**

We are ready and excited to get you fitted for this new chapter - don't leave your uniforms until the last minute!



Register

Visit www.alintaapparel.com.au
Select 'Uniform Shop' then 'Register'.



Book your Fitting Appointment

Sign in to your account, select 'Appointment' and choose from the available appointment times. To cancel or reschedule your appointment, go to 'My Account' then 'Appointments Calendar'.



Shop Online

Once you know your sizing, shop at your convenience with our 24/7 online shopping. Order for Click and Collect from the Uniform Shop or home delivery to your nominated postal address.



Trading Hours

Sign in to your account and select 'Home' to view our regular and extended trading hours.



Flexible Payments

We accept cash and credit card. Layby is available with a 20% deposit.



Our Policies

Sign in to your account and select 'Home' to view our flexible return, exchange and warranty policies.



Custom Sizing

We offer custom sizing for any students who may require it. If you think this may be you, please contact the Uniform Shop as soon as possible to arrange an earlier appointment - custom items have a lead time of 3 months.



0432 707 972



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The Uniform Shop @ Villanova College - 7 Seventh Avenue, Coorparoo QLD 4151





HAIR AND GROOMING

Boys are expected to have their hair clean, brushed/combed and of a length that is neat and tidy at all times. Teased or untidy hair, and outlandish styles are not acceptable. Faces must be clean shaven. Side burns must not extend past the ear lobe.

For Villanova students, the following examples are unacceptable:

- Hairstyles that draw undue attention to the student
- Lines and patches cut into hair
- Cuts which make the scalp visible (minimum blade two)
- Styles that fall below the eyebrows or below the collar, or hair which needs to be brushed behind the ears to prevent it from falling below the eyebrows
- Hairstyles with sudden gradations/changes in length (including 'undercuts')
- Hair which is coloured or bleached

THE HOUSE SYSTEM

We are thrilled to introduce a new House System at Villanova College, a vibrant and inclusive community that celebrates unity, camaraderie, and friendly competition. With a total of eight houses, each named after distinguished figures embodying our core values, our system creates a strong sense of belonging and foster lifelong friendships. The House System provides students with numerous opportunities for personal growth, leadership development, and character-building experiences. Through a range of inter-house competitions, service projects, and collaborative activities, students discover their unique talents and strengths while working together to achieve common goals. Houses are more than just a source of pride and identity; they are platforms that encourages students to embody our school's values and spirit, nurturing their sense of responsibility, resilience, and respect. The House System enriches the Villanova College experience and creates a supportive and dynamic environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and personally.

HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Parents play a crucial role in maintaining open lines of communication, and we are committed to keeping them well-informed about all aspects of College life. The school diary serves as a memorandum to convey essential information, including updates on their son's progress. We kindly request parents to sign the diary in the designated section at the end of each week.

The College Newsletter, Villa View, and Sports Bulletins are published on College website on alternate Thursdays during term time and a link is emailed directly to parents. These can also be read via College App.

Parent Lounge

Parent Lounge is the College's main communication tool and allows parents to change/update their personal details, update their son's medical information, and access student reports. It is also used to access College correspondence. An email will be sent in early January to new parents with login information and password access once our 2024 rollover has occurred.

Flexischools

Parents are able to set up an account using Flexischools which allow students to use their student ID cards as debit cards to pay for purchases at the Tuckshop and Tolle Lege Library for printing. Full details on how to set up a Flexischools account will be given once your son is provided with this student ID card early in 2024 and can be found on the College website.

App

Villanova College offers a dedicated custom app designed for seamless communication with parents and students. This app serves as an indispensable tool for staying informed. It's available for free on both Android and Apple devices, accessible through the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store. To install the Villanova College app, simply search for 'Villanova College' in your app store of choice. The app provides convenient features, including the ability to report absences, receive critical notifications (such as training cancellations), access Parent Lounge, and navigate to essential College web links, such as the Weekly Sports Draw.



Social Media – Facebook and Instagram

At Villanova College, we encourage you to join our vibrant online community through our official Facebook and Instagram pages. By following these channels, you can stay updated on the latest College news and events.

For new parents and caregivers, our private year level Facebook groups offer a valuable source of information, especially during the initial months. While these groups often discuss topics like lost uniform items, they serve as a supportive network. To join your son's year level Facebook group, visit our New Families Information webpage, where an Admin will verify your status as a parent or caregiver and approve your membership. Join us today and become an active part of our online Villanova community.

REQUIRED MATERIALS LIST

Stationery lists will be uploaded in Term 4, 2023 for all year levels on our website. You have the option to purchase pre-packaged stationery kits tailored to each year level from our College supplier or acquire alternative stationery supplies independently. Detailed information regarding these options is accessible on our College website.

For Junior School parents, please note that any required textbooks will need to be purchased separately. However, we'd like to inform Middle and Senior School parents that the College participates in the State Government Textbook and Resource Allowance Scheme, streamlining payments and offering a convenient hire fee arrangement for textbooks.

School Diary

The Villanova Diary is issued to each student during the first week of school. Homework should be recorded daily in the diary. School policy, rules and regulations and items of school information are included. This diary is NOT to be defaced in ANY manner, eg. pictures/graffiti, otherwise parents will have to purchase a replacement diary.

ID Cards

Photos for ID cards are taken as early as possible in Term 1 for all students. Replacement cost of ID cards is \$5.00. Replacement cards are available through the Tolle Lege Library.

AIC SPORT

Please refer to the Sports pages for information regarding sports on offer at Villanova, guidelines for selection and the 2024 AIC calendar. Information regarding AFL and cricket trials (on Orientation Day, 1 September) and sign-on for the AIC Term 1 sports of AFL, swimming and cricket have been emailed to new families.

NEW FAMILIES COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

All information (links and forms) regarding your son's commencement at Villanova College in 2024 can be found on a dedicated webpage – your one-stop shop for our new families.

Please visit: <https://www.vnc.qld.edu.au/information-for-new-existing-families/>





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Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) 2024

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

In 2024, all students are expected to bring a Windows 10 or 11 laptop with touch screen and digital stylus to Villanova College each school day. This document will explain how BYOD laptops will be used in the context of teaching and learning and the type of Windows 10 laptop parents should purchase.

About Minimum Recommended Specifications

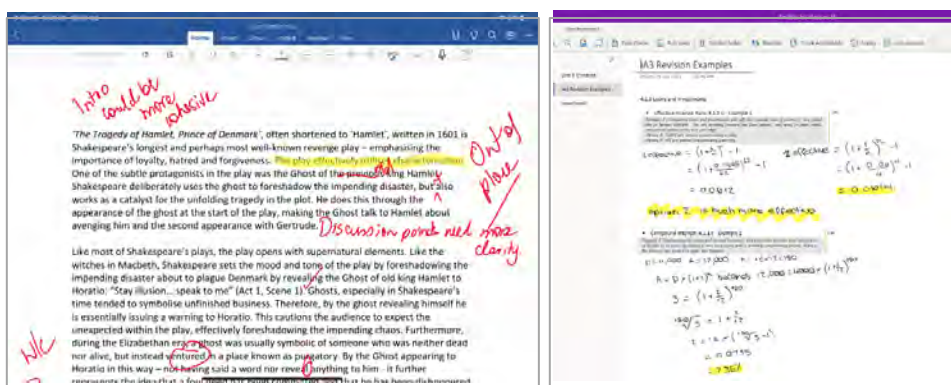
To ensure your son has equitable and effective access to learning experiences involving technology, the College has devised Minimum Recommended Specifications for BYOD laptops.

Minimum Recommended Specifications refer to the lowest technical attributes for a laptop to be suitable for sustained regular use at the College. Our Minimum Recommended Specifications are based on several factors, including:

- Planned use of technology in core and elective subjects;
- Battery consumption and longevity of laptop life;
- Effective integration of technology in teaching and learning;
- Industry advice; and
- Our 8 years of BYOD experience.

Since 2015, Villanova College has implemented a BYOD laptop program across the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools. Over this time, the College has gained considerable experience and insights regarding the suitability and application of different types of laptops across the three sub-schools. We share these insights with you to assist your purchasing decisions.

Firstly, it is mandatory that parents purchase a **Windows 10 or 11 laptop with a touch screen and digital stylus (or "active pen")**. There is extensive research which demonstrates the benefits of digital inking to support learning; this physical act of writing on a screen engages more of our consciousness than simply typing and/or reading. Evidence-based studies indicate that digital inking enables more authentic, timely feedback between teachers and students, increases levels of student engagement, facilitates more personalisation of learning environments, increases knowledge retention and ideation/graphing and lowers technology 'friction' in the classroom (International Data Corporation, 2015; Oviatt, 2015). Further, touch screens enable students to engage directly with their screen, and helps teachers work directly with student laptops without having to share mouses, trackpads and/or keyboards. Once again, this leads to less friction with use of technology in the classroom.



Secondly, Microsoft 365 is used extensively at the College. From Year 5 to Year 12, all students communicate, collaborate and engage in a range of learning activities using Microsoft 365 software. Whilst this certainly has not replaced pen and paper, there has been a significant evolution towards elearning due to increased efficiency, online learning (e.g., lockdowns and remote learning), the need for secure online meeting spaces and enhanced integration with educational software (e.g. Kahoot, Flipgrid, Minecraft Education Edition, Education Perfect, Stile, Box of Books, ClickView).

At the heart of this evolution is Microsoft Teams and Microsoft OneNote. Both are used extensively and daily. **Windows laptops provide a native Microsoft Office experience engineered to work effectively and efficiently.** Therefore, if your son's laptop meets (or exceeds) our Minimum Recommended Specifications he will have a BYOD laptop that is engineered to meet the expectations of routine, consistent and daily use of the Microsoft Office platform across the curriculum.

Finally, accidents **DO** happen. If your son's laptop is dropped or damaged, repairs can be very costly. **The College strongly recommends your BYOD laptop purchase includes both an extended 3-year onsite warranty AND Accidental Damage Protection (ADP.** ADP does not cover loss or theft, so it is recommended you explore this option within your home and contents insurance policy. ADP can be chosen when a BYOD laptop is purchased through specific retailers at the time of purchase with a range of Excess options. There have also been instances where students have damaged other students' equipment. In these situations, it has been the responsibility of the third party to cover the repair costs. Once again, the importance of warranty and accidental damage insurance cannot be underestimated.

In summary, our BYOD program gives parents a range of choices to consider, provided the Minimum Recommended Specifications are met.

Additional reading

International Data Corporation. (June 2015) Digital Ink in the Classroom: Authentic, Efficient Student Engagement. Retrieved from https://info.microsoft.com/rs/157-GQE-382/images/IDC_Digital_Ink_in_the_Classroom.pdf

Oviatt, S. (2015). Pen? Keyboard? Voice? Touch? Retrieved from https://download.microsoft.com/documents/apac/en-au/For-Schools_MS-Oviatt-Paper_V2.pdf

Official OneNote resources: [www.onenote.com/ink](http://onenote.com/ink); <http://onenoteineducation.com/en-US/students/>

2024 Minimum Recommended Specifications

Please refer to the following Minimum Recommended Specifications when purchasing a BYOD laptop for the 2023 school year.

Specification	Minimum	Optimal
Operating system	Windows 10 or 11 64-bit	Windows 10 or 11 64-bit
Memory	8 GB	16 GB
Storage	256 GB SSD (Solid State Drive)	256-512 GB SSD (Solid State Drive)
Touch screen	Mandatory	Mandatory
Digital stylus/active pen	Mandatory	Mandatory
Wi-fi	802.11ac / 802.11ax	802.11ac / 802.11ax
Screen size	12"	13" (avoid larger screens to minimise battery consumption)
Advertised battery life	6 hours (or higher)	8 hours (or higher)
Tablet/wrap-around mode	Highly recommended. Tablet/wrap-around mode means the laptop has a 360° hinge allowing the student to write on the surface like a tablet.	
Insurance	3 years Extended Onsite Warranty Accidental Damage Protection (ADP) / Accidental Damage Handling (ADH) Theft Insurance	
Software	Villanova College will provide ALL software packages. This includes Microsoft 365 (Excel, OneNote, Outlook, PowerPoint, Publisher, Teams etc), Adobe Creative Cloud (Illustrator, Photoshop, Premiere Pro, Premiere Rush etc) and other software required for core and elective subject areas.	

JB Education Parent Purchasing Portal

Villanova College is seeking to assist parents in device selection with an optional Parent Purchasing Portal. The portal aims to make purchasing simpler by offering a range of devices that meet the College Minimum Recommended Specifications. Parents may use this portal to select a device, accessories, onsite warranty extensions and ADP (Accidental Damage Protection) plans and payment options.

Visit the JB Education Parent Purchasing Portal at:

<https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/>

School code: VILLA2024

Please note that BYOD laptops purchased through the portal are not supported or serviced in JB outlets and stores. Refer to <https://www.vnc.qld.edu.au/student-life/our-technology/byod/support/> for additional information.

Installation of Software for commencement of the school year

All students' BYOD laptops are required to have some basic software packages installed prior to the commencement of Term 1.

For these installations to occur, your son will require his College email address and password. Current students already have this information. *New students will receive an email containing these credentials very early in January 2024. It is imperative the College has the correct email addresses for parents of new students to avoid delays with the receipt of this important message.*

Instructions to install the basic software packages will be provided in early January. However, the College strongly recommends that your son and a parent/guardian attend the hosted BYOD Set-up Workshops during mid-January 2024. These 1-hour hosted sessions give you and your son the opportunity to set up your laptop with direct support and guidance from our IT team and elearning support teachers. Attendance will ensure your son's new laptop is fully operational and ready for school use. Please check your email correspondence during early January for more information – it is recommended you book early your preferred session early to secure the most suitable time.

Useful links

Villanova College BYOD page

The BYOD page on the College website is the central point for all information regarding use and management of BYOD laptops.

<https://www.vnc.qld.edu.au/student-life/our-technology/byod/>

Villanova College BYOD Facebook page

The Villanova College BYOD Facebook page regularly posts scam alerts, cyber safety tips, app reviews and support information to help parents manage laptops and digital devices in the home.

<https://www.facebook.com/villanovabyod/>

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner web site

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner is committed to empowering all Australians to have safer, more positive experiences online. This website provides extensive information and free games to teach students and parents how to be safe online.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Internet Safe Education

Brett Lee is a popular speaker on internet trends, scams and cyber safety. His website is regularly updated and provides extensive guides for parents and students.

<https://www.internetsafeeducation.com/>

Microsoft Family set-up guide

Windows 10 or 11 laptops give families the ability to set, monitor and control content/app access and screen time. This requires a free Microsoft account (for both the parent and child).

<https://www.groovypost.com/howto/manage-kids-screen-time-track-online-activity-windows-10/>

Family Zone (parent control, monitoring and reporting software): www.familyzone.com.au

Circle (parent control, monitoring and reporting software): <https://meetcircle.com/>

Tips from your son's classroom teachers

- Establish a routine. Ensure your son charges his laptop every night, especially Sunday evening.
- Please think of creative solutions for remembering passwords or passphrases! Your son will have several passwords to remember such as (a) laptop access, i.e. getting past the Windows welcome screen; (b) Administrator account access (should he need to install apps); and (c) Villanova College email account password. To protect privacy, Junior School teachers may ask you to email passwords to them for safe keeping in the early stages of the school year.
- Limit the amount of games on the laptop. Whilst the laptop is a personal item, its primary purpose is a "digital workbook" and device to support learning.
- Don't panic if things go wrong. There's always a solution we can work around!
- Label everything (including styluses) but be careful not to engrave (may void warranty conditions).

Do you have questions?

Please contact the IT/BYOD Support Team via email: byod@vnc.qld.edu.au

Villanova College has a staffed IT Helpdesk in the IT Office under the Cascia building. Students/parents can bring BYOD laptops for assistance with passwords, account access, installation issues, diagnosis of hardware faults and other advice and support.

IT Helpdesk hours (during term time): before school: 7.45-8.25am; during both recess breaks; after school: 3.00-3.30pm.

The IT Helpdesk (during the holidays): please contact the College to arrange a mutual time.



The BYOD Program for smarter schools

JB Hi-Fi Education's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program is the easy way to purchase education-specific laptops, tablets and accessories that are compatible with your child's school and designed for the rigours of student life.

Education pricing means great value. Extended warranty and insurance options facilitate consistency of learning, whether at home or in the classroom.

Follow the step-by-step instructions below to order today.

- Enhanced performance and connectivity
- Dedicated online portal
- Education-specific products at commercial pricing
- Extended warranty and insurance options
- Robust devices suited to the rigours of student life
- Home delivery, JB Hi-Fi store or school pick up
- Finance options
- A wide range of accessories

How to order.

1. Go to jbeducation.com.au/byod
2. Enter your school code: **VILLA2023**
3. Once logged in, select the relevant student program.
4. Select home delivery or your preferred JB Hi-Fi store for pick up.
5. Follow the prompts to choose your device and accessories, as well as extended warranty and insurance options
6. Enter your personal details.
7. Select a payment method and complete your order.
8. If you have any questions, please contact us at jbeducation.com.au/byod or call **1300 730 548**



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SPORTS INFORMATION

For new Year 5, 6 and 7 students in 2024

 VILLA SPORT



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SPORTS TRIAL INFORMATION - NEW STUDENTS 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Villanova College is very much looking forward to welcoming you and your son to our vibrant college community. We understand that the transition from one school to another can be a source of anxiety for families, given the significant changes it entails. To help ease this transition, we plan to hold sports trials in Term 4 of this year. This will provide your son with an opportunity to make new friends and become more comfortable with his new school environment before his official start next year.

Villanova College is proud to be a member of the AIC (Associated Independent Colleges) Sports Association, offering sports competitions for students in Years 5-12. Our college provides a wide range of sporting opportunities throughout the year, allowing students to represent the college in various sports. This letter outlines the sporting options available in Term 1 for all new Year 5, Year 6, and Year 7 students joining Villanova College in 2024.

Please be aware that trials for Year 5, cricket, and AFL have already taken place. If your son missed out on selection for AFL, he is welcome to sign up for cricket. To register your son, please contact the Sports Office.

Since the sports offered in Term 1 begin in the first week of the 2024 school year, we believe it is best to conduct all trials this year. Our objective is to have all teams and squads selected by the end of 2023. This will ensure a seamless start to the College's sports program in 2024. More importantly, our experience has shown that conducting and completing sports trials in the preceding year helps alleviate the burden and concerns faced by students and their families as they embark on their first week at Villanova College in 2024.

Students entering Villanova College in 2024 have the option of participating in the following sports in Term 1 as outlined in the table below:

Student's Year Level in 2024	Sports Available in Term 1	Level of Commitment Required in Term 1
Year 5 and Year 6	<u>Cricket or AFL and Swimming (no Volleyball)</u> Students choose between cricket or AFL, not both as they are both played on Saturday mornings. All students can participate in Swimming.	<u>Cricket, AFL and Volleyball</u> One to two training sessions held weekly in Term 1 before or after school. Matches to be played during Saturday morning each week in Term 1.
Year 7	<u>Cricket or AFL or Volleyball and Swimming</u> Students choose between cricket or volleyball or AFL only as they are all played on Saturday. All students can participate in swimming.	<u>Swimming</u> Up to three training sessions offered before school. Swim meets will be held every Friday afternoon after school until approximately 6:00pm. Bus transportation is provided.

Students who wish to participate in these sports are asked to complete the 'On-line Sign On' form. The On-line Sign-On form link is found further below. All students are then required to participate in the trials organised for these sports during Term 4, 2023. All trial information including dates and venues can be found within this document.

We have devised a simple check list for you below. Please complete all online information by Wednesday 29 September.

Check List

- Complete the '**Term 1 2024 – On-line Sport Sign On**' form to indicate which sport/s your son wishes to participate in during Term 1, 2024 (sport sign-on forms for other sports offered in Terms 2, 3 and 4 will be distributed next year).
- Complete the '**Villanova College On-line Swimming Registration/Permission and Payment Form**' for those who wish to participate in the Villanova College Swim program. Participation in this program is not a guarantee that a student will make the Villanova swim team. A student may choose to stay with his club or join our swimming program next year. We do encourage boys to join though, as regular training strengthens our squad and helps build a positive team culture.
- **All cricket, AFL and volleyball trials will be held in Term 4, 2023.** Students are to arrive at the venue 15 minutes prior to the advertised start time.

What to wear and bring to trials – Students are to wear suitable sports clothing including a hat, sports shorts, shirt and shoes. We ask boys not to bring any equipment. All equipment will be supplied for the trials.

It is not necessary for a player to have any prior experience playing cricket, AFL or volleyball. We encourage as many new players as possible to try out. **Please note that although we encourage boys to play club sport, the College policy clearly states that all students should give priority to school sport commitments over club commitments.**

If your son/s are interested in participating in the sports offered, we ask you to complete all the necessary forms by the due dates listed. Please feel free to contact the Villanova College Sports Office via the main College number - 07 3394 5690 if you have any concerns or questions. We are more than happy to help. I wish all the boys every success in their trials and during their time at Villanova College. I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Yours sincerely



Mr Shaun McLean
Director of Sport

AIC SPORT ON-LINE SIGN-ON

Students wishing to represent Villanova College in AIC sport in 2024 must complete the online sport sign-on form to register their interest. The sports on offer are listed below.

Please be aware of some of Villanova College's policies and expectations as listed below:

- Villanova College commitments come before club sport or any outside organisations.
- Villanova College expects full commitment from all players to all training sessions and games within reason. Clashes with other Villanova co-curricular commitments can be negotiated via the Sports Office.
- If a student possesses a special gift or talent, we hope that he uses this talent for the benefit of our community (as paraphrased by St Thomas of Villanova).
- All players are to conduct themselves in the appropriate manner in accordance with our Augustinian values.
- Be supportive of fellow teammates and other teams.
- Always wear the full and correct uniform with pride.
- Enjoy the sport and give your best when representing Villanova College.

AIC Sports on Offer – Term 1, 2024

AIC Cricket – Open to all Year 5 - 12 students. All cricket is played on Saturday. All players who nominate will make a team.

AIC Volleyball – Open to all Year 7 - 12 students. All volleyball is played on Saturday. There are 3-4 teams in each year level and approximately 30-40 players will be selected.

AIC AFL – Open to all Year 5 -12 students. All Year 5 - 9 teams will play on Saturday. The Year 10 - 12 (Open) teams will play on Friday afternoon. There are restrictions on numbers, with approximately 45 players selected in Year 5, 6, 7 and 8, and 50 players selected in Year 9 and Open.

AIC Swimming - Open to all, this does not conflict with the other sports.

Note: All Cricket, Volleyball and Year 5 - 9 AFL is played on Saturday. Therefore, students may trial for only one of these sports.

Year 10 - 12 AFL is played on Friday afternoon. Only Year 10 - 12 AFL players can trial for AFL and Cricket or Volleyball as they are played on different days.

Any boy may register for Swimming on top of the other sports played in Term 1.

AIC Sport Online Sign-on Link

Please click on the link provided below to register your son to trial for a sport. Registrations for new Year 6 and 7 students are due by Monday 16 October 2023. Year 5, 2024 trials have already been conducted.

<https://villanova.jotform.com/tkropp/aic-term-1-2024-sport-sign-on>

FURTHER CRICKET INFORMATION – Year 5

After the initial Cricket trials held on Orientation Day, the 2024 Year 5 students will not be required for any further cricket trials until 2024.

The College plans to organise some Cricket clinics on Tuesday 16 January - Thursday 18 January. Details for these clinics will be sent to all families towards the end of this year.

There will be pre-season games organised for the 2024 Year 5 group on the very first weekend back to school in 2024 on **Saturday 27 January**. All details of these games will be given to you next year, simply keep this date free for now.

After these clinics and games, we hope to finalise all teams. Round 1 of the AIC Cricket season will commence the weekend afterwards on Saturday 3 February as per College Calendar. Therefore, we need the boys present at the trials on Saturday 27 January to get ourselves organised for Round 1.

All cricket players are required to purchase the College's cricket uniform from the Villanova College Uniform Shop in readiness for these trials next year.

Cricket Uniform

All players from Years 5 - 12 are to wear whites.

- White cricket pants
- Villanova cricket shirt
- Sports shoes
- Villanova green sports cap or broad brimmed hat

Under no circumstances are players permitted to wear club shirts or club hats.

FURTHER AFL INFORMATION – Year 5

Year 5, 2024 AFL teams have been selected. We will hold a training session on November 8 and a pre-season game against Iona College on November 11.

After the training session and game, we hope to finalise all teams. Round 1 of the AIC AFL season will commence on Saturday 3 February as per College Calendar. Therefore, we need the boys present at the training sessions in Week 1 and 2 and pre-season games on Saturday 27 January to get ourselves organised for Round 1.

All AFL players are required to purchase the College's AFL uniform from the Villanova College Uniform Shop in readiness for these trials next year.

AFL Uniform

- Villanova AFL jersey (for hire only from the Uniform Shop) – will be handed out in Week 1, Term 1
- Villanova rugby shorts
- Villanova football/rugby/AFL socks
- Football boots and mouthguards are compulsory



AIC CRICKET, AFL AND VOLLEYBALL TRIALS - YEAR 6 - 12 (2024) ONLY

Villanova College will conduct AIC AFL, Cricket and Volleyball trials for all teams from Years 6 - 12 on the dates listed below. These trials are open to all students who are enrolled at Villanova College in 2024. Please note that all students compete in their year level and not in their age groups.

All students, including those students who will join Villanova in 2024, must attend these trials to be considered for team selection in 2024. Students are required to wear any appropriate sporting attire to these trials. Sporting equipment will be supplied by the College. Students wishing to trial simply attend the venue 15mins before the advertised start time.

Year 6 - 12 (2024) Cricket Trial Schedule

Trials conducted Term 4 - 2023 (Week 4)

	Monday 23 October	Tuesday 24 October	Wednesday 25 October	Thursday 26 October	Friday 27 October	Sunday 29 October
6:30am - 8.00am	<u>Cricket</u> Year 11 & 12 (Opens) at Little Langlands	<u>Cricket</u> Year 8 at Little Langlands	<u>Cricket</u> Year 10 at Little Langlands			Year 7-10 students only. Schedule TBC
3.30pm - 5.00pm	<u>Cricket</u> Year 6 at Little Langlands	<u>Cricket</u> Year 7 at Little Langlands	<u>Cricket</u> Year 9 at Little Langlands			

Date: Sunday 29 October 2023
Venue 1: Villanova Park, Manly Road, Tingalpa
Venue 2: Kianawah Park, Wynnum Road, Tingalpa
Uniform: Villa cricket whites or any suitable sports clothing

Year 6 - 12 (2024) Volleyball/AFL Trial Schedule

Trials conducted Term 4 - 2023 (Week 5)

	Monday 30 October	Tuesday 31 October	Wednesday 1 November	Thursday 2 November	Friday 3 November	Saturday 4 November
6:30am – 8.00am	Volleyball Year 11 in Goold Hall AFL Open & Year 9 trials at Coorparoo JAFC	Volleyball Year 8 in Goold Hall	Volleyball Year 10 in Goold Hall AFL Open & Year 9 trials at Coorparoo JAFC			7-12 Volleyball (Only) 1.5 Hour session per age group. Schedule included below
3.30pm – 5.00pm	Volleyball Opens in Goold Hall	Volleyball Year 7 in Goold Hall AFL Year 7 & 8 at Coorparoo JAFC	Volleyball Year 9 in Goold Hall AFL Year 6 at Coorparoo JAFC	AFL Year 7 & 8 at Coorparoo JAFC AFL Year 6 at Coorparoo JAFC		

Please note: Trials are for those boys who are entering that year level in 2024, e.g. Year 7 trials are for those boys who are entering Year 7 in 2024.

- Goold Hall - located on the Villanova College Campus, access via Eighth Avenue, Coorparoo
- Coorparoo JAFC – Giffin Park, Birubi Street, Coorparoo

Further trials will be held on the following weekend dates after the initial trials are held above. Students will be advised of their team and subsequent playing time and venue after their trial session scheduled above. Please keep these weekends free.

Those who do not make an AFL or Volleyball team have the option of joining a Cricket team.



Further Volleyball Trials - Year 7-12 Teams

All teams from Years 7-12 trials will be held on Saturday 4 November 2023 at Goold Hall, Villanova College.

Please note that all students who have signed up for Volleyball trials will be expected to attend further trials held on Saturday 4 November in Goold Hall at Villanova College. After this internal trial, all coaches will then select their volleyball teams/squads. If a boy fails to make a volleyball team/squad, they are welcome to join a cricket team. More information about team lists will be given to parents at a later stage.

Date: Saturday 4 November 2023
Venue: Court 1 - Goold Hall, Nearest Main Entrance
 Court 2 - Goold Hall, Near Stage
Uniform: Sports PE uniform or any suitable sports clothing

***All players need to be at their respective venues 15 minutes prior to the commencement of their game.**

Time	Court 1	Court 2
7.30am - 9.00am	Year 8	Year 8
9.00am - 10.30am	Year 7	Year 7
10.30am - noon	Year 9	Year 10
Noon - 1.30pm	Year 11	Year 11
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Opens	Opens

Other Trial Matches Organised (Only for those boys who are selected after Saturday 4 November)

- Saturday 11 November, Trial match v Iona College - Times and venues TBA
- Saturday 18 November, Trial match v St Laurence's College - Times and venues TBA

Further AFL Trials - Year 5 - 12 Teams

Other Trial Matches Organised (Only for those boys who are selected after Saturday 28 October)

- Friday 10 November, Open trial match v Iona College - Times and venues TBA
- Saturday 11 November, Years 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 trial matches v Iona - Times and venues TBA
- Friday 17 November, Open trial match v St Laurence's College - Times and venues TBA
- Saturday 18 November, Years 6, 7, 8 & 9 trial matches v St Laurence's College - Times and venues TBA

FURTHER AFL, CRICKET AND VOLLEYBALL PRE-SEASON GAMES - 2024

DATE CLAIMER - Further AFL, Cricket and Volleyball pre-season games will be played v Padua College on Saturday 27 January 2024, times and venues TBA.

Please keep this date free.

SWIMMING TRAINING - 2023/2024

The annual AIC Swimming Championship will be held in Week 7 of Term 1, 2024. For Villanova College to be competitive and to do well, we urge all current students and those who will be commencing their education at the College in 2024 to commence swimming training in Term 4, 2023.

Training will commence for all students (current and new) on Tuesday 10 October 2023 and will continue every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning throughout the entire season. These sessions will run up to and include Friday 22 December 2023. The program will recommence on Tuesday 9 January 2024 and will run until the end of Week 1, Term 1. Following that, similar training sessions and meets will be scheduled for Term 1 leading into AIC Championships in Week 7.

While the College appreciates that some students may choose to continue their pre-season training elsewhere, we would encourage all swimmers to consider joining the College's program. Participation or non-participation in our pre-season schedule will not guarantee a place in our final squad. However, we do believe it will strengthen your chance to do well at the trials and aid in building a strong College swimming culture.

All training sessions will be held at Langlands Park Memorial Pool, located at 5 Panitya Street, Stones Corner, and will be under the direction of experienced and accredited coaches.

Training is open to all students who hope to become a member of Villanova's 2024 swim team. Please note that these sessions are for students who are capable swimmers only, they **are not** 'learn to swim' sessions. Parents who are looking for 'learn to swim' sessions may wish to enrol their son/s in an alternate program run at Langlands Pool.

Villanova Swimming Training Schedule

(Commencing Tuesday 10 October for current Villanova students and students commencing at the College in 2024).

Day	Students in Year 5 - 12 in 2024
Monday	
Tuesday	7.00am - 8.00am
Wednesday	
Thursday	7.00am - 8.00am
Friday	6.15am - 7.45am

Fees: A flat fee of \$225 will be charged per student for all training sessions up until the start of the 2024 school year. This includes all sessions over the summer holiday period. Students are then entitled to attend as many training sessions as possible throughout this period. Altogether, those who join the program could have access up to 55 training sessions throughout this period at a cost of only \$225 (this is approximately \$4 per session supervised by highly skilled and qualified swim coaches). The more sessions you attend the more value for money you receive. This represents outstanding value.

We also ask that all members of the Jets Swim Club participate in at least one of the Villanova squad sessions each week. These additional sessions will help build team spirit and provide further skills training for Met East squads, and relay practice. The Friday morning session will be targeted as our "whole squad session".

For those wishing to enrol in the swim program, please click the link below to register your details online. Information regarding payment can also be found within this link. Please understand that the personal details and emergency contact information provided within the registration form will be shared with the staff from Langlands Pool. Langlands Pool does not have access to the College's data base and needs your contact information in the event of an emergency. If your details change you must notify the Sports Office (details below) as the updated information the College receives is not shared with Langlands Pool. If you do not wish for your emergency details to be shared with the staff from Langlands Pool, we will be unable to allow you to participate in the program.

Villanova Swimming Registration Link: [AIC Swimming Registration - 2023/24 Season](#)

KickBoard/Flippers/Pool Buoy and Bag: All students are required to purchase their own kickboard, flippers and pool buoy for training. Langlands Pool will supply your son with a training pack at a cost of \$100. Please find attached the order form, which must be lodged with Langlands Park Pool directly (not Villanova College) to receive your training gear at a discounted price.

For those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity, please complete all information required in the registration link above. Late comers into the swim program will be accepted; however, they will still be required to pay the full fee.

If you have any further queries please contact the Villanova College Swim Coordinator, Mrs Juanita Jacobs via email jjacobs@vnc.qld.edu.au. Alternatively, please contact the Villanova College Director of Sport, Mr Shaun McLean on 3394 5611 or via email smclean@vnc.qld.edu.au



FLIPPER PACK ORDER FORM

This form is to be lodged directly with Langlands Park Memorial Pool

Phone - 3397 7436

Email - admin@langlandspool.com

Student's Name	
Year level in 2024	
Parent Name	
Parent Mobile	

Cost: \$100

Please tick selection

Flipper Size	3 - 5 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 - 7 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 - 9 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 - 11 <input type="checkbox"/>	11 - 13 <input type="checkbox"/>	13 - 15 <input type="checkbox"/>
Pull Buoy	3 layer (Year 5 - 8) <input type="checkbox"/>		4 layer (Year 9 - 12) <input type="checkbox"/>			
Gear Bag	Black <input type="checkbox"/>		Green <input type="checkbox"/>			
Kick Board						

AIC SPORTS CALENDAR - 2024

TERM 1

	Open AFL	Cricket, Volleyball & AFL (Years 5-9)
Trial	Thursday January 25	Saturday January 27
Round 1	Friday February 2	Saturday February 3
Round 2	Friday February 9	Saturday February 10
Round 3	Friday February 16	Saturday February 17
Round 4	Friday February 23	Saturday February 24
Round 5	Friday March 1	Saturday March 2
Round 6	Friday March 8	Saturday March 9
Round 7	Friday March 15	Saturday March 16

AIC Rugby and Football Trials – Saturday March 23

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS -TUESDAY MARCH 5 CHANDLER - TBC

Swim Pre-Season:

January 26	Australia Day - no Meet
February 2	SPLC
February 9	MARIST/IONA
February 16	SPLC
February 22 (Thursday)	Chandler Meet

TERM 2

	Chess	Rugby and Football
Trial	Friday April 19	Saturday April 20
Round 1	Friday April 26	Saturday April 27
Round 2	Friday May 3	Saturday May 4
Round 3	Friday May 10	Saturday May 11
Round 4	Friday May 17	Saturday May 18
Round 5	Friday May 24	Saturday May 25* (Reconciliation Rd)
Round 6	Friday May 31	Saturday June 1
Round 7	Friday June 7	Saturday June 8

AIC Basketball, Tennis and Rugby League Trials - Saturday June 15

**CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS|WEDNESDAY MAY 29 CURLEW PARK, SHORNCLIFFE – TBC**

Cross Country Pre-Season:

Wednesday May 8 (Sherwood Park)

Wednesday May 15 (SPC playing Fields, Curlew Park, Shorncliffe)

Wednesday May 22 (SLC Playing Fields, Nathan Road, Runcorn)

TERM 3

GOLF Monday July 29 Venue TBC

Basketball (Years 5&6)**Tennis, Rugby League & Basketball**

Trial	Friday July 12	Saturday July 13
Round 1	Friday July 19	Saturday July 20
Round 2	Friday July 26	Saturday July 27
Round 3	Friday August 2	Saturday August 3
Round 4	Friday August 9	Saturday August 10
Round 5	Friday August 23	Saturday August 24
Round 6	Thursday August 29*	Saturday September 2
Round 7	Friday September 8	Saturday September 9

TERM 4

Invitational Touch Saturday October 19

Invitational Water Polo Sunday October 20

TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS -THURSDAY/FRIDAY OCTOBER 3/4 QSAC – TBC**Cricket, Volleyball and AFL Trials - TBC****Associated Independent Colleges (AIC) Members**

Iona College (IONA)

Marist College Ashgrove (ASH)

St Peters Lutheran College (SPLC)

Padua College (PAD)

St Laurence's College (SLC)

Villanova College (VILLA)

St Edmund's College (SEC)

St Patrick's College (SPC)

SELECTION GUIDELINES & CODE OF CONDUCT

- When signing on for a sport at Villanova College, it will be the understanding of the College that players and parents do so knowing, agreeing and accepting the terms and conditions listed below.
- Villanova College endeavours to provide opportunities for as many students as possible to participate and enjoy the experience of playing sport. All parents, players and coaching staff have the responsibility to ensure that they contribute towards this experience being a positive one for all involved.
- All A&B teams from Year 7 – 11 and most Year 12 teams contest the AIC aggregate for that sport. In doing so, boys are trained specifically to fulfil a certain role which is determined by the coach within that team which may result in a player not playing in every position. For example, not all players in cricket will share equally the bowling, batting and keeping duties from week to week in these teams.
- A&B teams and most Open teams are classified as competitive teams which contest premierships and aggregates. C teams and lower are participatory based teams whereby the main focus would be to allow all participants to 'have a go' and enjoy the experience. C teams and lower may still contest premierships or aim for an undefeated season. A&B teams train twice weekly, C teams and lower train at least once per week or maybe twice depending on the sport, coach and availability of facilities.
- Premierships are not awarded to any Year 5 or 6 teams. Teams will be acknowledged if they remain undefeated throughout the regular season.
- Coaches will select the most appropriate players to suit the overall balance of the team. For example, a basketball coach would not select more than two-point guards. In rugby, not everybody can play the fly half position.
- The selection of all coaches is determined by the College. Villanova College aims to include as many teams as possible into the AIC competition based on the resources available. Due to the large number of teams which Villanova generate for each sport, it is impossible to have all teams taken by staff members or independent/outside coaches. Parents and Old Boys are required to fulfil coaching roles.
- Coaches are appointed specifically by the Sports Office based on coaching experience, willingness to support the College's program and ethos as well as a proven ability to foster, develop and maintain good relationships with members of the Villanova community. The specific positioning of a coach will be based on the overall strategic needs of the College for that sport.
- All coaches must hold a Blue Card.
- Parents are asked not to undermine or contribute towards any negativity directed at the coach. Matters of concern should be made directly by the person concerned (not others acting on their behalf) to a member of the Sports Office or to the coach directly if done so in a respectful and discrete manner. In no way is it acceptable for a parent (who is not the appointed coach) to intervene with any team selections or get involved in coaching sessions unless invited by the coach or the Sports Office. Most coaches are volunteers and without them your son would not be participating.
- Matters of team selection will always be an issue. As there is a finite number in each team, it is inevitable that players will miss out and be relegated to lower teams. Selections are based on player performance, attitude and attendance. It is in the best interest of players and parents to be resilient and accepting of decisions made. Matters of concern should be dealt with as listed above. Although initial selections may be made by independent selectors (not in all cases), the appointed coach of that team will have an input into the selection and make up of their team. The College does reserve the right to intervene and adjust selections if required.
- Villanova College strives to build and foster harmony within all teams. Any club or other external sporting association matters, including selections and/or rankings, will not have any influence or bearing on Villanova team selections. Matters of grievance within clubs and across clubs should never be carried over to school sport.



VILLANOVA COLLEGE



VILLANOVA COLLEGE MUSIC

WELCOME TO VILLA MUSIC

From Year 5 to Year 12, students eagerly participate in the successful Music Program of Villanova College.

Whether it be performing in bands and orchestras, singing in the various vocal ensembles or learning to compose and record music in our digital recording studio, boys find music to be an integral part of their daily activities at Villanova College.

JUNIOR SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

In Year 5, all Villanova boys learn an instrument as part of our immersion program. This begins with a careful process of introduction and learning about the instruments, followed by surveys of the boys and parents and some tests designed to get boys on the instrument that is most suited to their physical attributes. Students will be provided with an instrument by the College for the duration of the year. All Year 5 students at Villanova are required to rehearse in their appropriate band or orchestra one morning a week from Term 2 onward.



Small group instruction occurs during school time, as it is part of the curriculum, so boys do not miss any academic class time when they come to Music. Individual instruction is available for your son whilst he is in Year 5 as part of our Performance Music Program. This runs concurrently with the Junior School Instrumental Music Immersion Program and is recommended for those students who currently play an instrument.

In Year 6, our students have the opportunity to participate in our vibrant Music Performance Program. Students enrolled in our Year 6 program have access to private or group tuition and will participate in our wonderful ensemble program. These lessons do incur an extra charge and are scheduled on a 30-minute rotational timetable during class time, as per Instrumental Music Programs in most schools across Queensland. Continuing this strand will allow your son to progress through the Queensland Instrumental Music Curriculum, affording him the opportunity to accrue credit points toward his Queensland Certificate of Education.

All Junior School boys are also invited to be involved in Secret Men's Business, our Junior School Choir. This group often performs with our Senior Ensembles as part of our comprehensive performance program.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

This comprehensive program provides tuition with many of the state's finest musicians and educators and offers participation in the many ensembles described on the following pages. Many students find enrolling in classroom music electives as part of their academic program strengthens their understanding of music and greatly complements their abilities developed through the performance program.

At Villanova College we have Music Stage Crew and Technical Crew, offering students training and experience in backstage and technical, lighting and sound recording and production. There is a place for every boy in the Music Department to be part of something very successful and rewarding in a supportive environment.

Most of our Senior boys are also actively involved in sport, debating, ministry and other co-curricular activities with little or no conflict. At Villanova College, we pride ourselves on having a great system of support and conflict management between teaching, coaching, conducting and other staff should clashes of co-curricular activities occur.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

The College now has approximately 30 performing ensembles including Symphony Orchestras, String Orchestras, Concert Bands, Vocal Ensembles, Guitar Ensembles, Percussion Ensembles, Jazz Ensembles, Contemporary and Rock Bands, Irish Ensembles and a variety of smaller chamber String, Woodwind and Brass Ensembles.

MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

Our students are also involved in all aspects of stage performance in the biennial musical theatre production by Villanova College and Loreto College. We have a great working relationship with the students and staff of Loreto, and we organise many combined music events. Our senior musicians go on a music camp every year with the Loreto students; another opportunity where bonds are built that last through the school year and beyond.

MUSIC TOURS

All of our musicians at Villanova College have the opportunity to participate in our fantastic tour rotation. When we were able to travel, tour destinations included Cairns, Sydney, Perth, Melbourne, Tasmania and the USA. We look forward to recommencing our tour rotation with a trip to the Australian International Music Festival in Sydney next July.

The tours are a great experience that the boys work hard for and look forward to, and they create memories they'll never forget.

WORKSHOPS AND WORLD-CLASS PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

We believe that our students learn best when given opportunities to work with world-class performers and clinicians. Over our recent history, our students have had the wonderful opportunity to work with artists including James Morrison, Slava Grigoryan, Aldo Rodriguez Delgado, Professor Donald Peterson and the Brigham Young Wind Symphony, and Professor Annette-Barbara Vogel. On each occasion, these fantastic musicians came to Villanova and performed with our students in our professionally appointed Hanrahan Theatre. These occasions provide an in-house exemplar for our students; an opportunity to experience fine performance at close quarters and interaction with fine musicians on a personal level.

MUSIC PARENTS

We are very proud of our amazing Music Support Group (MSG) comprising wonderful parents from Year 5 – 12 who take an active interest in their son's music by helping at concerts, assisting with fundraising and volunteering to help with the annual Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival (QCMF). This is a great way for parents to be involved, meet others and support the boys.



QCMF is an enormous event we host each year in August. It is an amazing community effort as we welcome over 100 schools, bringing with them 530 bands, choirs and orchestras totalling over 15,000 student performances in one long weekend. We must warn you though, it's very addictive.



VILLANOVA COLLEGE



SELF-DIRECTED READING

Information for Parents - 2024

In your son's Library Reading Lesson, he will be introduced to the theory behind why he should engage in the self-directed reading program and what the expectations are each week.

Each lesson, he will learn a specific strategy or skill that will cover orientation to the library and the use of the online library resources [Infiniti (our Library Management System), Sora (our Overdrive ebook and audiobook collection) and the iCentre (our library website) icentre.vnc.qld.edu.au].



Below is important information about the Self-Directed Reading Program at Villanova College. Also, there are some suggestions on how you can support your son to engage with and benefit from the program.

Each week, he will utilise his Reading Journal to monitor his reading progress. He will use strategies to select a book and make recommendations to other students.

1. Why is it important that your son engages in self-directed reading?

At Villanova College, reading is recognised as an important part of learning. Research reveals extensive benefits for students when they regularly engage in self-directed reading. These benefits include:

- academic achievement; and
- **social, emotional and health benefits.**

Even more importantly, reading is entertaining, engaging and it makes us happy.

2. How does Villanova College support your son in his self-directed reading?

Villanova College has made considerable investments in further developing the reading culture at the school and supporting your son to become a life-long reader.

- Villanova has two full-time Teacher Librarians who have Masters qualifications in Teacher Librarianship and who are dedicated to supporting your son in reading and research.
- The Library has a Library Manager and two full-time Library Assistants who are an integral part of providing quality service for your sons. They too are dedicated to working closely with your son on all matters reading and research.
- Years 5-7 have half a lesson per week in the Library, dedicated to the self-directed reading program.
- The Tolle Lege Library has recently undergone extensive renovations to make the space more usable for reading and research classes.
- The library has an extensive collection of fiction books as well as online audiobooks and online comics.



3. How can you encourage your son to read more often and enjoy it?

For your son to gain the most from the reading program your support is crucial!

- At home, encourage your son to commit to reading daily.
- At night, before sleep, we suggest no screens for at least 30 minutes and instead, read for **at least** 15 minutes.
- Take the opportunity to discuss your son's reading choice and engage in conversations with him about the story. This is a great topic for the dinner table.
- Ask to see his Reading Journal. Your son is expected to record information about the books he chooses to read. He needs to bring his journal to every reading lesson.
- Engage in conversations about the books he has chosen. Ask him why he chose the book. What it is about the book that he likes? Encourage him to read the book to the end. If he does not want to continue reading it, ask him why. Remind him to try something different next time and to use the strategies that he has been taught in class to choose his next book.



4. How can you help your son to enjoy reading more?

It is important that you encourage your son to read, even if he says that he does not like it.

- Reluctant readers can love reading too. They just need the right book to start them on the "Reading Spiral". We can help him find a book that interests him. Contact his Library Teacher and share your observations. Together, we can help turn your son into a reader.
- If your son wants to read a book that we do not have in the library, he can request it and we will purchase the book for the collection. After all, if he wants to read it, it is very likely other boys will too.
- If your son has a reading difficulty (such as dyslexia) seek professional help but still, encourage him to read. We can help find the right book for your son and we have books specifically for those who have reading difficulties as well as a wide range of audiobooks.
- At night, your son could listen to an audio book. The timer can be set to turn off after 30 minutes. What a great way to fall asleep.
- On road trips, you could Bluetooth an audiobook to the car and the whole family can listen; a great way to stop the bickering in the back seat.

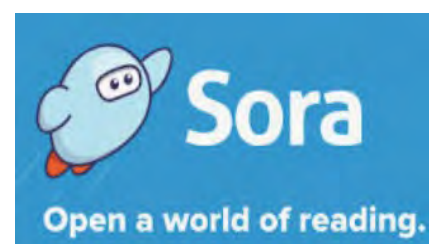


Figure 1: Sora is the platform we use to deliver our audio books

- Your son is welcome to borrow books for you too. We often have boys tell us that they finished a book and now their dad is reading it! We also have boys borrowing books to read to their younger brothers and sisters; we have a wide picture book collection.
- Continue to encourage him to read every night. Even if he argues, insist that he must read before bed. Do not let him use a screen at bed time. He has the option- read or stare at a wall. Your son will eventually get bored with the wall.
- Limit screen time during the week. Set the rules and insist he follow them. After all, between co-curricular, homework, assignments and reading, there is no time for screen.
- Ensure that as he grows older, the books he is reading are also written for an older audience. Many adolescent boys get stuck reading the "little boy" books they loved when they were younger and that they feel comfortable with, but quickly get bored with them. Your son needs to be challenged (see Figure 2). Generally the longer books are more interesting and have more mature themes. Just think about the movies he likes.

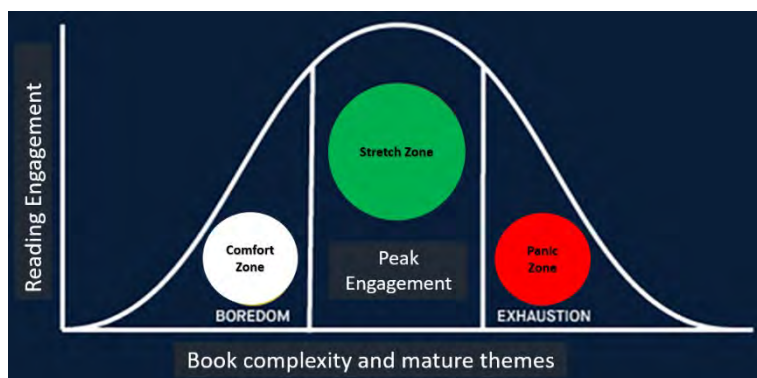


Figure 2: Encourage your son to read books that are in his "Stretch Zone"

- Encourage your son to read widely by exploring different genres and non-fiction books for interest.
- Access the Read resources on the icentre: icentre.vnc.qld.edu.au/read

It is important to support your son in self-directed reading during the upper primary and middle years of schooling. You, along with his teachers, are crucial in enabling him to develop and continue a love of reading and become a life-long reader.

You don't have to burn books to
destroy a culture.

Just get people to stop reading them.

-Ray Bradbury





FAMILY PARTICIPATION

Parents and Friends Association

The P & F offers parents an avenue to participate in the spiritual, intellectual, emotional and social development of all students within the College. The P & F typically meets in Tolle Lege (Library at the front of the College) on the second Monday of each month. All are welcome.

P & F Events require volunteers for:

- Executive Committee Positions
- Class/Year Level Representatives
- Villanova Community Carnival (event time roles)
- Fathers Night (event time roles)
- Mothers Night (event time roles).

Class/Year Level Representatives assist the College to become a unified and cohesive school with strong community involvement and support. The purpose of Class/Year Level Representatives is to assist and work in partnership with College Staff to enhance the community spirit for all parents.

The Class/Year Level Representatives achieve this through:

- Sharing key college information through Year Group Facebook Groups (established by the College for each Year Group, please see Social Media Policy)
- Regular attendance at P & F meetings
- Involvement in College Events
- To provide support to College Staff
- And lastly represent the College's four values of Interiority, Humility, Restless Search for Truth and Community.

Music Support Group

The Music Support Group works with the College and in particular the Director of Music, to help raise much needed funds to purchase equipment and resources for the music program and assist with College concerts throughout the year. Affiliated with the Music Support Group is the QCMF Committee, which helps to organise the immensely successful Queensland Catholic Schools' and Colleges' Music Festival.

Music Support Group require volunteers for:

- Executive Committee Positions
- Camp Supervisors (first weekend of school year)
- Helpers for music concerts - ticket sellers at door, canteen assistants (event time roles).

Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival require volunteers for:

- Executive Committee Position
- QCMF (held week of EKKA public holiday in August - event time roles)



FAMILY PARTICIPATION

Villanova Sports Club

Villanova Sports Club works with the College and in particular the Director of Sport, to help raise much needed funds to purchase equipment and resources for the sports program and assist with College sporting fixtures throughout the year. The Sports Club typically meets bi-monthly on a Wednesday evening above Goold Hall, off Eighth Avenue. All are welcome.

- Executive Committee positions
- Coaching (appropriate qualification may be required) or
- Managing teams in the AIC Competition (Years 5 – 12)
- Volunteering at the Villa Park Canteen on game days. All parents are encouraged to do so while their children warm up. Help with the BBQs early in the day is always welcome.

Tolle Lege Library

Tolle Lege Library requires volunteers for:

- Processing disposed books, tidying and cleaning shelves
- Repairing of books (covering and labelling), labelling and organising resource boxes
- Assisting with Book Fairs

**For further information or to register to
volunteer visit:
www.vnc.qld.edu.au/our-college/volunteer**



Tuckshop Volunteers

The Tuckshop provides an affordable and nourishing breakfast, morning tea and lunch service for the boys. Preparation begins from 7am with the day concluding at 1.15pm. We run a self-service system, with a diverse menu consisting of both freshly prepared and pre-packaged items.

It is managed by a paid convenor but could not exist without its dedicated volunteer helpers. We welcome help from mums, dads, grandparents, other caregivers, friends, etc. You would be rostered on one day every four weeks with the majority of volunteers starting around 8.30am, however if you can only give just a day a term or an hour or two anytime, this is still very welcome – we can make use of any spare time you are able to give us.

Our helpers are provided with a cuppa and cake for morning tea, a delicious lunch, lots of laughs and an opportunity to see their sons in their school environment.

If you're a little nervous about volunteering alone, why not join with a friend?

Current volunteers have mentioned the following reasons as to why they enjoy working at the Tuckshop:

- it helps our boys and the school community
- it is a great opportunity to meet other parents and chat to others with similar interests
- the boys enjoy seeing their parents at school (even though they won't always admit it)
- it's a chance to get to meet your son's friends and their teachers
- it's a lot of fun
- it's a great way to seek advice from parents who have "been there, done that"

Please consider volunteering carefully. We do need you!

Thank you.

Ms Dot Blair

Villanova College Tuckshop Convenor

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NEW FAMILIES WEBPAGE

All information relating to starting at Villanova College in 2024 can be found on our New Families Commencement Information webpage: <https://www.vnc.qld.edu.au/information-for-new-existing-families/>



Photo: First day of our new 2023 students – it won't be long until your son walks through the Villanova gates!



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P&F Second Hand Uniform Shop

Open every Wednesday during term time from 8.00-9.30am.

Please come and see us for all your second hand uniform needs!

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