A VISION FOR AVONDALE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Since opening in 2007, Avondale Grammar School has operated mainly from its Phoenix Park campus. Whilst the location of Phoenix Park is excellent, the infrastructure does not have the expansion potential or the capacity to support the development of Avondale as an Australian Curriculum School offering high quality education to students aged 3-18 years of age.

The School is ambitious and is seeking to realise a vision for Avondale Grammar School as a quality education provider and as the only school in Singapore offering 3-18 education with a clearly stated focus upon the Australian Curriculum. This curriculum will meet the needs of families living in Singapore as well as building upon best international practice in teaching and learning. In essence, a curriculum experience which will allow a smooth transition for families relocating to Singapore and to those returning to Australia and beyond. For those who complete the educational journey; we intend to develop their capability to enable each of them to confidently access to their university or career of choice.

In providing the option for families to enrol their children from the Early Years to Year 12 our intention is to continually build upon the quality of provision you see today. Our Naplan outcomes at Years 3, 5, and 7 are extremely positive placing Avondale amongst a prestigious group of Australian schools. As we drive towards the realisation of our vision our target will be to deliver similarly positive outcomes for our students up until Year 12. Moving forward we will continually nurture, challenge and encourage our students to engage positively with all aspects of school life, to achieve outstanding results and continue to excel in the Australian education system.

Avondale’s long term vision is to consolidate and enhance its position in Singapore placing it alongside the very best schools on the island. We believe our community merits the delivery of an outstanding curriculum in a first class learning context supporting students who are willing, happy and content learners.

The School has been in discussions with the Singaporean Government and the Economic Development Board for several years in relation to expansion of the School, at a site capable of providing the potential to build a 21st Century centre of excellence which provides a first class education for our students.

I hope that this is a journey which you will both welcome and embrace. Together we have the opportunity to create a better future for each and every Avondale student.

On a personal note this is a road I have travelled before. The challenge was one which was embraced by the whole community of a primary school who went on to build what has become one of the most admired schools in the Middle East. In terms of build I am not referring to concrete and steel, I am referring to building a school from within. A school which takes forward the core values and the quality of education we see in Avondale Grammar School today, to build a better tomorrow for our students and our community.

Rob Stokoe, Principal