

School of Education & Science

2024 Term 2

Staff

Meet two of our Course Convenors who assist with academic advice and support for students:





Sharee Tagala (Primary)

Jenna Lynn (Secondary)

Research

A study investigated the various types of relationships that influence the practise of Christian education. Literature shows that there is an importance of positive relationships on socioemotional wellbeing and connection, and student achievement. The educators' relationships shape and contribute to the learning environment. Read about this study reported in the chapter entitled: **Revealing Jesus through teacher relationships: How educators' relationships impact the ethos of the learning environment** – Beverly J Christian.

Click here for full chapter.



We are introducing a **fast-track** option to our **Master of Teaching** Primary and Secondary courses from the start of 2025. We are excited to be offering this option.

Students will be able to enrol into units during intensive 6week study periods operating around our usual semester times. Across a year there will be 3 intensive study periods and 2 semesters offered for these courses. The first intensive begins in the first week of January, the second intensive in June and the third intensive in November. This will provide an option for students to complete the course quicker – for fulltime study completion within 16 months.

Professional Experience

We have been grateful for the response from schools in indicating their availability for our students to undertake a placement in 2024. This has the potential to make a significant difference to our processes moving forward. We are currently piloting ways to best include these this year, given that students indicate their preferences the previous year (i.e. our students submitted their preferences for 2024, in September of 2023).

Thank you to each school for being proactive and helpful in sending this information through – it is appreciated!

If you are willing and able to mentor our students for professional experience please contact us at: <u>edu.placements@avondale.edu.au</u>

Resources



We have been working on providing micro-lesson spaces with whiteboards for our students to practice and enhance their teaching skills.

Students

Our students attended the Adventist Schools Australia Expo held on campus on the 14th March where they were able to network with school staff.



