AVID's Mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for University readiness and success in a global society.

AVID Program
Advancement Via Individual Determination

AVID at a glance:
• Develops students as readers and writers
• Teaches specific strategies for critical thinking and higher-level inquiry
• Provides support, so students can meet high expectations
What is AVID?

AVID is a research-based program with proven results of student achievement.

- It has been running successfully in schools in the USA for the past 30 years.
- It is a teaching system that provides students with academic skills which prepare them for university.
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AVID in Middle Years

All students are taught by AVID trained teachers in all core subjects including English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities. Teachers teach specific skills in:

- Writing
- Inquiry
- Collaboration
- Organisation
- Reading

Consequently, the AVID program has proven to greatly increase students' skills and confidence.

What happens after Middle Years?

Beyond Middle Years, AVID is offered as an elective.

- Students with academic potential that show individual determination to succeed and improve their academic results are eligible to apply for the AVID elective.
- Wyndham Central College enjoys a partnership with Victoria University which provides the College with the use of preservice teachers who facilitate small group tutorials to support students to expand their knowledge and understanding.

What does the research show?

Statistics have shown that students who undertake the AVID elective for 3 years or more have triple the success rate of entering and completing a University program.

An example of the high expectation of Cornell Notes

- Cornell Notes/Learning Logs
- Quickwrites and Reflections
- Process Writing
- Peer Evaluation
- Authentic Writing

INQUIRY

- Skilled Questioning Techniques
- Costa's Levels of Thinking
- Socratic Seminars
- Tutorials
- Investigations
- Questions that Guide Research

COLLABORATION

- Socratic Seminars
- Tutorials
- Philosophical Chairs
- Group Activities
- Peer Editing Groups
- Service Learning

READING

- Deep Reading Strategies
- Note-Taking
- Graphic Organizers
- Vocabulary Building
- Summarizing
- Reciprocal Teaching

WRITING

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