



# **AVID AUSTRALIA WINTER INSTITUTE 2017 STRAND GUIDE**

# INTRODUCTION

This brochure contains the Strand information for the AVID Australia Winter Institute 2017. You will find descriptions of all the Strands that are being offered at the Institute this year, and recommendations about the target audience for each. When selecting strands it is best to take into account the needs of the site team at your school and the pre-requisites required to take a particular strand. Please note that strands need to attract sufficient interest to be able to run.

## Contact us

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## Advancing AVID Schoolwide

This strand is for experienced AVID Elective and content teachers in schools that have been implementing AVID for three years or more. It is particularly useful for those schools offering AVID in years 11 and 12, but is also highly relevant for teachers of years 6-10 students where you are looking to evaluate the student success rate of the AVID core elements and help students get to the “why” of what they are learning by increasing the rigour. It explores various strategies to build complexity and rigour in to the tutorial process both in the AVID Elective classes and in content classes schoolwide. Tutorials transition to collaborative study groups that are student-centred and student-led setting up practices they can replicate solving complex problems at university and in the workplace. The strand focuses on continuous improvement through advanced implementation of WICOR methodologies and instructional practices with greater depth and fidelity schoolwide that support all students. The strand builds the skills and capacity of teacher leadership for those wanting to step up and take a lead in building AVID schoolwide.

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of AVID Summer Institute Implementation strand, Tutorology strand, or equivalent training in the 2012 AVID Tutorology materials

**Curriculum:** Strategies for Success (2015 edition) and AVID Critical thinking and Engagement (2015 Edition)

## Critical Reading 1

This strand is designed for all subject-area teachers as it builds a repertoire of explicit teaching strategies so that all teachers feel more confident and have strategies to teach the literacy of their subject. Critical Reading 1 focuses on the explicit teaching of active

reading strategies that help students gain a deep understanding of a variety of texts. Participants will engage in activities that demonstrate the proven effectiveness of WICOR (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading) methodologies.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Curriculum:** Critical Reading: Deep Reading Strategies for Expository Texts Teacher Guide

## Primary Implementation

This is a first-year strand for educators who will be implementing AVID strategies and methodologies in grades 3–6 classrooms. Participants will practice and discuss strategies, lessons, and activities focused on WICOR and student success skills in order to facilitate students’ access to rigorous content across all content areas. In addition, training will include ways to incorporate AVID Elementary Weekly into classroom practice and opportunities to provide differentiated instruction to students to help develop a culture of student success, academic achievement, and college and career awareness. Participants will also make connections with the AVID Elementary Essentials of Instruction and Culture as they look at implementation both individually and as a site team.

Please note: If you are interested in implementing AVID prior to Grade 3, please contact AVID Australia at [avid.australia@vu.edu.au](mailto:avid.australia@vu.edu.au) so that we can alert the Staff Developer and accommodate your learning needs.

Curriculum: AVID Elementary Foundations

## Secondary Implementation

This strand is for new AVID sites and is written for first-year AVID content teachers, Elective classroom teachers, and AVID site coordinators. This strand focuses on the academic and organisational skills needed to effectively advocate for AVID students and to build the AVID schoolwide focus across a school.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Curriculum:** Focused Note-Taking CD; AVID Elective Essentials for High School and Focused Note-Taking CD; AVID Elective Essentials for Middle School and AVID Elective Essentials for High Schools.

## Maths 1

This strand is designed for mathematics teachers new to AVID concepts and methodologies. This strand focuses on strategies outlined in AVID's The Write Path I Mathematics Teacher Guide (provided to participants), which emphasizes the use of Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading (WICOR) as tools for learning in the mathematics classroom. Participants will also explore techniques for implementing WICOR strategies in mathematics courses, including: Cornell notes, Philosophical Chairs discussions, and effective collaborative strategies. Participants will also learn about the basics of AVID and how to support the AVID system in their respective schools. Mathematics 1 is organised to reinforce the strengths of vertical team articulation.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Curriculum:** The Write Path I Mathematics Teacher Guide

## Student Success (suitable for all content areas)

This strand is designed for teachers of any subject area including business, computer applications, visual and performing arts, health and physical education, and other elective classes. Participants will gain an understanding of how skills development, tertiary and work-readiness can be supported in all subject areas. Additionally, participants will learn about AVID methodologies and WICOR strategies such as goalsetting, focused note-taking, organisation, and time management. This strand will focus on incorporating these university readiness skills into all classes, from physical education to visual arts across secondary school.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Curriculum:** The Student Success Path Teacher Guide

## Tutorology

This strand is designed for AVID Elective teachers, AVID coordinators, and designated site team members. Participants will learn to train, monitor, and coach tutors and students in implementing rigorous tutorials that increase student achievement. Please note that if you have already been trained in the 2012 Tutorology materials to meet Certification requirements, we recommend that you take a different strand.

**Prerequisite:** Completion of AVID Summer Institute Implementation strand

**Curriculum:** AVID Tutorial Guide with AVID Tutor Workbook



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