

From the Principal



I would like to publicly thank the work of our Valley View Secondary School staff for their great contributions this year. Our school is a fantastic place to be and I look forward to being part of its exciting future. We currently know of 76 Year 8 enrolments for 2019 which is testament to the hard work from a number of staff and the quality of what we do. Our recent 'Art Exhibition' and 'Learning Expo' was well attended and the

feedback from the community was excellent. Our new Music Immersion and Performing Arts Immersion Programmes have added great value to our curriculum and will be built upon in 2019. We have a number of new staff in 2019 who will add much expertise and innovation to our school.

I will also take this opportunity to thank our Governing Council members, wonderfully led by Cindy Sheridan, and our volunteers for their support throughout the year and look forward to working together next year.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and look forward to returning to Valley View Secondary School next year after taking some leave in Term 1.

Mr Greg Cox

Farewell Sue Dobrowolski

I would like to take this opportunity to farewell Sue Dobrowolski and acknowledge the fine contribution she has made to Valley View Secondary School as Deputy Principal over a number of years.

Sue has been on leave for most of this year and has accepted another position within Dept for Education.

Sue is an extremely caring and compassionate person who always put the students first. She is an extremely popular member of staff and with students and parents alike.

I wish Sue all the very best in her new position.



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Diary Dates

Term 1 2019

Monday 28 January

Public Holiday—Australia Day

Tuesday 29 January

First day of Term 1

Monday 11 February

Whole school photos

Wednesday 13 February—

Friday 15 February

Year 12 Retreat

Monday 18 February—

Wednesday 20 February

Year 8 Camp

Important Information

New timetable structure effective
Term 1 2019.

Please see enclosed for further details.

Reporting Student Absence

If your child is absent please contact Valley View Secondary School on 8360 6111 before 9am to provide a brief reason for the absence (eg Illness or Family). If your child is marked unexplained for Homegroup and we have not been notified, a text message will be sent to the first Parent/Caregiver's mobile. Please communicate student lateness or early departure via your child's diary. If you anticipate that your child will be absent for more than 5 consecutive days an Exemption Form need to be completed. These can be obtained from the Front Office.

Term Dates—2019

Term 1	29 January—12 April
Term 2	29 April—5 July
Term 3	22 July—27 September
Term 4	14 October—13 December

House Points (final)

Yellow	2600
Blue	2476
Red	2324
Green	1844

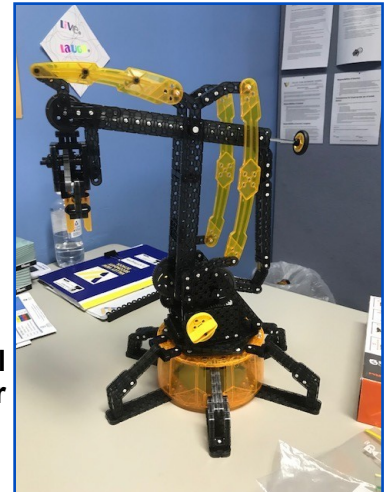
Learning Assistance Programme (LAP)



The Learning Assistance Programme (LAP) has come to a successful conclusion for 2018. We ended LAP for the year with a lovely lunch which gave all the volunteers and students that are involved in LAP a chance to meet and socialise with each other. It was lovely to see everyone come together and to observe the bonds the volunteers have made with their students throughout the year. For those that are unfamiliar with the LAP programme; the LAP programme is where volunteers from the community come into our school and work with our students 1:1 for a forty-five-minute block. The LAP programme gave our 11 students the opportunity to improve on their wellbeing and their attitude towards their learning with our volunteers.

Valley View Secondary School would like to thank our hard working volunteers and students involved in the program. The program wouldn't be as successful as it would have been without them. Valley View Secondary School is very excited and determined to continue this amazing program for 2019.

Mr Nathan Dalziel
Student & Special Education Support Officer



Homework Club



Homework Club will start again in Week 1 of Term 1. This is a great opportunity for students to gain access to computers and seek additional support from teaching staff. We strongly encourage all students across all year levels to utilise this extra time to excel or catch up on any subject studied.

I will also be available by appointment to assist any students wishing to apply for employment, write resumes, cover letters or seek career advice.

Ms Danielle Fattori
Teacher

White Ribbon



On Friday, 23 November communities all over Australia came together, and said 'no' to violence against women and this year so did our Valley View Secondary School community.

The awareness raised at Valley View Secondary School helped White Ribbon's mission to change the attitudes and behaviours that support or excuse this violence against women in Australia.

The White Ribbon Campaign objectives are:



- to create widespread awareness of the positive role that men can play in stopping violence against women,
- to enable leadership, particularly by men & boys, to bring about social change, and to build collective knowledge and understanding of the effective prevention of violence against women.

On Friday, 23 November some of the young men from the Good Men Project created White Ribbon ribbons that were worn by staff and students.

The students also created a message so that our community know we are working hard to bring about social change. With the help of Mr Clarke's Radio Group, the student's from the Good Men Project selected songs of inspiration and dedication to the important women in their lives as a sign of respect and gratitude. These were played on the day at lunch time.

And remember **"unless they are conditioned not to be, boys are respectful, kind and loving human beings"**.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support and commitment.

Mr Jamie Maniero
Wellbeing for Learning

VVSS Horticultural Team



VVSS Horticultural Team have had a busy Term 3 & 4 developing our garden area. The main focus of learning has been about maintaining healthy plants, herbs and vegetables using only organic methods of fertilising and composting. The Home Ec department are now able to access herbs and other produce grown in the garden to use in daily cooking classes. Highlights of the term have been a visit from Education Officer, Julian Marchant from the Natural Resource Management (NRM) where the students had a question and answer session regarding horticultural topics and future planning in 2019. Julian was particularly impressed with how the garden was looking and how students are using organic gardening methods.

In Term 4 we received a school voucher through Salisbury Council and were able to pick 50 native plants of our choosing, therefore allowing us to introduce a variety of plants that will attract butterflies, bees and birds into the garden. Many of these plants offer medicinal value which will be used in the gardens wellbeing area.



As an added bonus the team were invited to visit Provenance Indigenous Plant Centre located in Salisbury. Peter Hemmings, owner and horticultural expert of the centre gave an informative talk on the different plant varieties and how his nursery became a success story. Students were able to choose their preference of plants made from the proceeds of selling produce grown in the VVSS garden to the school community earlier in the month.

Ms Loraine Pearce
Horticultural Team Coordinator

Ice Factor Challenge Cup



On Monday, 10 December, the Valley View Vipers participated in the Division 1 Ice Factor Challenge Cup for Term 4 at the Ice Arena. Playing in Division 1 meant that we were playing teams that were much older than us, and we were down on a few players that were away on the day. At the end of the day we drew two games, and lost four but it was a good effort given we had fill in goalies for the day and some close games. Our captain, Tyra Pix was the MC for the ceremony and I won an award for sponsors letter, which was presented to the Assistant Governor, Ms Jing Lee MLC. We would like to thank our team manager Mr Lee for his support of the team throughout the year. We are looking forward to 2019 and to building the team.

Bethany Penhall
Year 9 Student

