

From the Principal



2018 SACE ACHIEVEMENTS

Valley View Secondary School would like to take the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2018.

Our continued focus on Quality Teaching and Learning to support Career and Pathway Development has secured most students their 1st Preference at University.

Congratulations to the following students and we wish them every success in their up-and-coming academic pursuits.

Mudiyansele Attanayake	Medicine/Surgery
Courtney Charton	Foundation Studies
Mohamed Conneh	Foundation Studies
Ben Coombs	Bachelor Engineering
James Duku	Foundation Studies
Hira Eagles	Bachelor Primary Education
Cain James	Bachelor Business & Marketing
Raffaele Lioi	Bachelor Information Technology
Michael Little	Bachelor Health
Jinri Lusung	Bachelor Interior Design
Alannah Pix	Bachelor Speech Pathology
Jacob Thomas	Bachelor Engineering

HOW MUCH SCHOOL DOES YOUR CHILD MISS?

The Department for Education identifies 95% as the target for all young people attending school. Missing as little as 10 minutes per day can have a significant negative cumulative affect on your child's learning.

At VVSS we have developed an Attendance Policy clearly stating the roles and responsibilities of students, parents and teachers to ensure students meet the above target. Attendance is a shared responsibility. Through regular attendance, your child has a great start to success at school.

Attendance Ladder: How close is your child to 100%?

0 days out of school	100%	Perfect!
Equates to 2 days off each year	98%	Excellent
Equates to 13 days off each year	93%	Good
Equates to 22 days off each year	88%	Concerned
Equates to 32 days off each year	83%	Very Concerned
Equates to 47+ days off each year	75% or below	Extremely Concerned

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Diary Dates

Term 1 2019

Friday 8 March

Sports Day

Monday 11 March

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Wednesday 13 March

Open Night

5.00pm to 7.30pm

Friday 15 March

"Bully No Way Day"

National Day of Action

Wednesday 20 March

Finance Meeting 6.00pm

Governing Council 7.00pm

Thursday 21 March

Year 8, 10, 11 Immunisations

Wednesday 27 March

Santos Athletics Day

Friday 12 April

Last day of Term 1

Early Dismissal 2.05pm

Reporting Student Absence

If your child is absent please contact Valley View Secondary School on 8360 6172 before 9am to provide a brief reason for the absence (eg illness or family). If your child is marked unexplained for Lesson 1 and we have not been notified, a text message will be sent to the first Parent/Caregiver's mobile. If you anticipate that your child will be absent for more than 5 consecutive days an Exemption Form needs 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

CURRICULUM FOCUS: PERFORMING ARTS

As Valley View Secondary School continues to grow, our Curriculum Offerings are also expanding to include an emphasis on the Performing Arts. Together with our Music Immersion and Certificate III in Music, Performing Arts is now a compulsory aspect of the Year 8 Curriculum. With our dedicated Performing Arts team, we will be nurturing our student talent to pursue pathways to Year 12 in these areas.

Our Performing Arts team consists of:



Mr Mark Gorrie
Music



Ms Hayley Horskins
Dance & Drama



Mr Rob Pippin
Music Immersion



Ms Dani Fattori
The Arts Coordinator

If you have any interest in finding out more about our Performing Arts programs, please speak with our Front Office staff who will gladly re-direct your call to the appropriate staff member.

Ms Yvette Swaalf
Principal

Performing Arts: Dance & Drama

This year we are looking forward to the introduction of our Performing Arts program for all students. This is the first time in many years we have had Dance and Drama at Valley View Secondary School and we expect it to be a huge and successful part of our school life.

As the Performing Arts teacher, I bring extensive experience and professional training in Drama, Dance and Music. I look forward to provide opportunities for students to explore their creative side as they develop their performance skills and confidence.

This year we will be starting off the Performing Arts curriculum with compulsory classes for all year 8s, and offering it as an elective for year 9s and 10s. We will be looking to further expand into SACE in the coming years.

Some of the exciting performance opportunities for all students this year include a School Musical, which will begin in term 2. Students will be offered the opportunity to participate in the 'School's Challenge', a South Australian performing arts event that focuses on key values such as growth mindset and positive wellbeing – with the opportunity to compete against other schools. Opportunities will also be provided for students to perform within our community at primary schools and other community events.

If you wish to find out more about Dance and Drama at VVSS and all the exciting things to come within this next stage, I am more than happy to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to this next chapter and are eager to see our Valley View 'stars' shining bright!

Ms Hayley Horskins
Specialist Dance & Drama Teacher

CURRICULUM FOCUS: PERFORMING ARTS

Performing Arts: Music



It has already been a busy year in Music. Some students have begun studying Music for the first time while others are working hard to improve their knowledge and skills.

Year 8 students have been learning songs in class such as '99 Luftballons' and 'Valley View Blues'. At the end of the term the students will be performing to show-case their learning in Music.

In year 9 many students have begun taking instrumental lessons and have already made good progress on their chosen instrument. Students are learning songs such as 'When I Come Around' and 'Time of Your Life'.

The year 10 class is working on more in depth songs such as 'Boulevard of Broken Dreams', and 'Check Yes Juliette'. Students are being challenged to be creative and improvise to add to the music as they play. I'm sure we'll see a performance at assembly from this talented group before too long.

The senior students are going about their work in a very professional manner. Students are working together in a group to learn, rehearse and perform some challenging songs. In addition, students are working on their own fabulous individual pieces in Solo Performance.

Some upcoming highlights for the senior students will be public performances at Open Night this week and at a school assembly later in the term.

Mr Mark Gorrie
Specialist Music Teacher

Performing Arts: Music Immersion / Certificate III Music

About our training provider Rob Pippan:

Rob has a tandem career as musical director / concert promoter and composer in conjunction with his work as a music educator in Music, Business and Technology.

Rob has worked in the Australian music industry since 1975. He was founder and guitarist of The Zep Boys, musical director and performer with leading national and international artists including Orianthi (Michael Jackson), Glenn Shorrock and Beeb Birtles (Little River Band) and Glenn Hughes (Deep Purple), show producer of The Angels 'Symphony of Angels' with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra (Angels) and recently inducted into the SA Music Hall OF Fame.

Rob is signed to AC/DCs publishing label Albert's Productions and his albums with Channel 7s 'The Fairies' have received 4 ARIA nominations.

CURRICULUM FOCUS: PERFORMING ARTS *cont...*

Certificate III in Music and Music Immersion program news March 2019

2019 has started with a bang with 2 exciting new music programs lifting off at VVSS.

The Certificate III in Music is a nationally accredited VET course and is a first for the school. Students learn a broad mix of current music and industry skills and completing units in Music Composition, rock band / ensemble and live performance, event staging, music business and copyright, installation of audio equipment for performances, how to apply for jobs in the arts industry, OHS, plus developing high end musical skills in technical performance and improvisation. Students choose their preferred musical style and instrument choice.

Students will leave the course gaining up-to-date industry knowledge and training by an industry professional.

Fringe 2019 excursion

As part of the Plan a Career in Music unit learning outcome the students last week took a detailed walking tour of the Fringe and Arts Festival sites inspecting venues, marketing displays and visiting historic Adelaide arts locations including the North Terrace Icons walk, Elder Hall, Mortlock Building and Adelaide University soaking in SA's vibrant past and present arts history - while identifying employment and further education opportunities.

What are the Pathways and Opportunities for students studying Certificate III in Music?

The Certificate is nationally accredited, all skills can be turned into employable skills by the students on completion of the course. Students can additionally move to future Cert IV courses as a pathway, and then opening up to future options at University / TAFE. The Cert III is a crucial next step to a university outcome.

Wednesday Music Immersion program 2019

Starting as a pilot scheme in 2018, this new program provides crucial foundational music skills training for Year 9—10 students as a pathway to Cert III studies.

A brand new year 8 band has formed with 15 members, plus a Year 9 band returning from the 2018 program. Students are learning the basics of being in a rock band, developing instrumental skills, working as a team, rhythmic skills plus basic chords and riff playing as a band! This foundational training develops the skills and confidence for young players passionate about starting out in music. Music Immersion provides a pathway to general high school music programs and to the Certificate III Music course.

Are you or your child interested in being part of Music Immersion program 2019?

VVSS is pleased to announce as part of ongoing commitment to building the creative artists in the school and surrounding communities that the current Music Immersion program is OPEN to new students for surrounding primary schools. Contact VVSS to register your schools interested in being part of this existing program.

Mr Rob Pippan
Music Immersion/Certificate III Music Instructor

Governing Council Members 2019

Valley View Secondary School - Governing Council AGM was well attended on Wednesday 27 February and a number of new parents were nominated and elected. The Governing Council works with the Principal to help set and monitor the direction of our school site. They work to involve the local community, develop and approve school policies, set the broad direction and vision of the school and monitor and review any site improvement plans.

Chairperson:	Cindy Sheridan	Parents:	Amanda Whelan, Robyn White, Sandy Hedges
Deputy Chairperson:	Anthea Young	Students:	Stephanie Grice, Tyra Pix
Secretary:	Sue Myles	Community Members:	Ruth Lenton, Wendy Davenport
Treasurer:	Amanda Newman	Staff Representatives:	Jess Macdonald, Peter Jamieson

Horticultural Team



Term 1 arrived with great enthusiasm from the students and staff on the Horticultural Team, we were welcomed back after the school break to a garden that is looking healthy, bright and vibrant. Plant, herbs and vegetable signage is in progress with students using their imagination and creative skills personalising donated wooden stakes.



The team have been busy with plant cuttings to reproduce particular plants such as citronella and firecracker which are intended to sell to the school community when ready (watch this space).

We welcome new members to the team Ayla Young-Irrgang and Chloe Von Loggenburg, making a total of 12 team members. Discussion and planning about incorporating best sustainability practices, growing organic produce and so much more ensures we have busy year ahead of us in the VVSS garden.

Ms Loraine Pearce
Horticultural Team Leader



I really enjoy working in a team and making new friends.

Hayley Penhall
Year 10 student

The garden means a lot to me and connects me to my cultural heritage and social connections.

Robert Jones
Year 9 student



Year 8 Boys Basketball



On 28 February our year 8 boys basketball squad played in a North-East Vista competition for the school at The ARC Campbelltown.

Being a 6 team competition it was a long day for the boys and was always going to present a challenge.

Despite some very tough competition, our students demonstrated grit and determination and never gave up.

Our boys showed real spirit all day. Well done to all.

Mr Claude Miller
PE Teacher

International Education



International Education plays a very important role at Valley View Secondary School in allowing our students to engage with students from other countries and enjoy the rich culture that they bring to the school.

In week two we welcomed a group of five student teachers from Kyungpook National University in Korea. They did an amazing job working with students and staff across the school. Not only was there a great opportunity for these young



professionals to learn from our staff and to experience our students, we had the opportunity to get to know about Korea from the point of view of young professionals.

Our students really enjoyed the visit and on the final day exchanged gifts and contact details.

We wish them well in the future.

Mr Peter Evans
Leader of International Programs



My name is Hoari I am from Japan, I am here for the whole year.

The classes in Valley View Secondary School are so different from Japan. I was really surprised at not taking notes in class. In High school in Japan we are always taking notes, listening to the teacher's talking. We don't often have time to reflect my opinion. However, now I have so much time to discuss and talk.



Hello my name is Ashita Eampaiboon or you can call me Us. I am 13 years old and I come from Thailand. I live in Ingle Farm and study at Valley View Secondary School. I like this school because I have made new friends and have gotten to experience a new culture.

International Education

My name is Vu, I am from Vietnam and I have been here in Australia for one year.

I'm in Year 11 at Valley View Secondary School. In my timetable, I have Chemistry, Physics, Methods and Specialist Mathematics and English. In Physical Education, I do football coaching and I have learnt new skills in soccer which is a sport I like.



The students at Valley View Secondary School said the Korean teachers were really good. They went to different classes and helped the students. They were also extremely nice and polite to everyone. We really enjoyed having them here as they helped us learn about what their life was like and how hard they study.

Stephanie Grice
Valley View Secondary School
School Captain



My name is Jerry I was one of the student teachers from Korea visiting Valley View Secondary School. It was an amazing school to stay at with my four colleagues. There were lots of different rooms for various activities like sewing, arts and especially drama. Also, the students were using a lot of computers; that was a nice use of technology. Students were very friendly to visitors, and they also had an active energy to speak with us and ask questions. I really appreciate the 2 weeks I've had.





**VALLEY VIEW
SECONDARY SCHOOL**
Every Student Matters

OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 13th March, 5pm - 7.30pm
2019



Enjoy a freshly made
Delicious Coffee

Meet and greet students
presenting their learning

LIVE MUSIC
PERFORMANCE
FROM OUR
STUDENTS

VIEW THE STUDENT ART
EXHIBITION
'Still Life'

6pm
Principal's
Address
5pm & 6.30pm
School Tours

A Focus on Career, Industry & VET Pathways

High Expectations, High Achievement

DIVERSE SUBJECT OFFERINGS IN 2019/20
Inc: Womens Studies Fashion Soccer



A growing school of choice,
Valley View Secondary School is currently
accepting enrolments for 2019/20

*A school where every child is known,
valued & achieves their potential*

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