



PRINCIPAL REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support as we near the end of another exciting term at Valley View Secondary School. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all parents and carers who have joined us at multiple School events which have taken place this term. Your involvement sets a positive tone and demonstrates our strong school community.

This year, we have continued our journey with Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL), a whole-school framework designed to promote and support positive student behaviour. PBL is centred around clear expectations, explicit teaching, and a shared language for behaviour that fosters positive and respectful relationships.

Our current focus is: “We take ownership of our words, actions and our learning.”

This expectation encourages all students to act with integrity, reflect on their choices, and actively participate in their education. By building a culture where everyone takes responsibility, we create a safe, supportive environment for all.

We encourage parents and carers to partner with us and re-enforce these positive behaviours by:

- Talking with your child about our PBL expectations.
- Encouraging them to reflect on their actions and learning.
- Praising positive efforts and respectful choices.

- Working together with teachers and leaders if concerns arise

Your involvement and encouragement make a significant difference to your child's engagement and success at school.

Our Open Night took place last Wednesday, and we were delighted to welcome perspective families, current families/ carers and even past students. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school, with visitors experiencing learning environments first-hand, connecting with staff and other families, and gaining insight into our programs and culture.

We greatly appreciated your attendance and enjoyed sharing what makes Valley View Secondary School a great place for learning and growth.

Welcome to New Staff in 2026

I am pleased to announce the following appointments for the 2026 school year:

Teaching Staff

- Niamh Morgan (HPE Teacher)
- Kayla Egglestone (Tech Teacher)

Non-Teaching Staff

- India Costa (Reception – Welcome back!)
- Taylah Fergusson (Youth Worker)
- Mie Ebert (Learning Support)
- Amrit

Leadership Positions

- Theo Papazoglov (Deputy Principal)
- Christie Coupar (Technology Learning Area Leader)
- Andrea Balestrin (English Learning Area Leader)

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Please also take a moment to visit our updated school website, where you will find news, upcoming events, and important information.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. Together, we continue to build a positive, inclusive, and high-achieving school community.

Kind regards,
Nathan Cini - Principal



Valley Garden News

Our dedicated horticultural team has been busy during term one, and what a fantastic term it has been.

With heartfelt enthusiasm, students rolling up their sleeves to nurture and rejuvenate our school garden. After the challenges of the dry season, their efforts in feeding, watering, and tending to a range of resilient plants have already made a visible difference.

It is encouraging to see the team at the Valley Garden, brimming with energy and enthusiasm, ready to rejuvenate our cherished community space. Their dedication and teamwork serve as an inspiring example of the new generation connecting with nature and embracing all the wonderful benefits she has to offer.



Supporting Learning Habits

Supporting Learning Habits at Home – A Simple Guide for Parents

A strong start to the school year is not about students already knowing the content.

It is about helping them develop positive learning habits that build confidence, independence and persistence.

At home, parents can make a difference through small, consistent actions.

One of the most powerful things you can do is talk with your child about their learning, not just their homework.

Try asking:

- What are you learning at the moment?
- What do you find tricky about it?
- What could you try next?

These questions help students learn how to plan, reflect and problem-solve. These are skills that are essential for success at and beyond school. These are also skills we are working through with all students through our Site Learning Plan priorities.

It is also important to help your child notice when learning is actually working. Asking “How do you know you understand this?” encourages students to think about their own progress rather than relying on adults to tell them how they are doing.

Another key habit is learning to cope with challenge. Feeling confused or finding work difficult at the start of a topic is normal. You can support your child by saying things like:

- “It makes sense that this feels hard, it’s new!”
- “What could you try differently?”

This builds resilience and persistence.

Practical routines at home also matter. A predictable time and place for homework, reduced distractions and consistent sleep routines all help students focus, manage their time and stay organised, especially in the first few weeks of the year when returning from weeks of unstructured holiday time.

Finally, encourage your child to communicate early with their teachers if they are unsure or overwhelmed. Helping them write a simple email asking for clarification builds confidence and independence and prevents small problems from becoming larger ones.

The most helpful support parents can offer is helping their children become an organised, reflective and confident learner. Small conversations and steady routines at home create the foundation for a successful year at school.

Italian News - Italian Outdoors

Italian Study Tour 2027 – Fundraising Update

At our school, we strongly believe in the power of languages to open doors, foster empathy, and build meaningful global connections. With this vision in mind, we are planning an *Italian Study Tour* to Italy in 2027 and have been actively fundraising since last year to support this exciting opportunity. The study tour is about much more than travel.

It offers students the chance to experience Italian as a living language and culture, inspiring them to build confidence, form lifelong friendships, and engage in authentic learning that extends well beyond the classroom.

Fundraising efforts have continued this year, beginning with our first event on 17 February during Welcome Night. The evening was a wonderful success, and we sincerely thank all students and families who contributed by baking and donating delicious cakes and biscuits. A heartfelt thank you also goes to everyone who attended and supported the fundraiser in any way.

We now invite our school community to support the Italian Study Tour further. If you are aware of any local businesses, clubs, or associations that may be interested in sponsoring or supporting our tour, we would be grateful to hear from you. Donations of any amount will help make this enriching experience possible for our students.

As a token of our appreciation, all sponsors will be proudly acknowledged through our school website, newsletter, and official social media channels. All contributions are tax deductible, and the school will happily provide a receipt for your records.

Thank you for your continued support of language learning and global opportunities for our students.



Positive Behaviours for Learning

We take ownership of our words, actions and our learning.

At Valley View Secondary School, we take ownership of our words, our actions, and our learning. This means we choose to speak and act with respect and honesty, and we commit to learning and growing every day. Taking responsibility is part of who we are—it’s not just about what we do, but who we become.

Parents and carers, you play an important role too. You can support this value by encouraging conversations at home about what responsibility looks like—for example, discussing how following through on commitments helps build trust in our words and actions.

Together, let’s keep building a school community where everyone feels safe, valued, and empowered to succeed.

WE TAKE OWNERSHIP OF OUR WORDS, ACTIONS & LEARNING

- 1. SET PERSONAL GOALS & REFLECT**
Take time to set learning and behaviour goals, and review how well you are meeting them.
- 2. BE RESPECTFUL**
Choose words and actions that show respect for others and yourself, reflecting honesty and care in what you say and do.
- 3. BE PREPARED AND ORGANISED**
Arrive on time, organised and ready to learn.
- 4. SEEK HELP & OFFER SUPPORT**
Take responsibility for your learning—if you don’t understand something, ask questions, and be willing to help classmates who may need support.
- 5. FOLLOW UP ON COMMITMENTS**
If you promise to do something, make sure you do it—whether it’s completing your work, participating in a group task, or upholding school values.

Compass

Reminder to all families to download the Compass app to stay informed, access important information and communicate with the school easily and efficiently.

please contact the school if you require support.

International Education

In Term 1, Valley View Secondary School was delighted to welcome new Study Abroad International students from Japan and Brazil, joining our German students who have been with us since Term 4, 2025. The students attended the

Term 1 2026 *Student Welcome and Induction* event coordinated by International Education Services. This event provided important information about living and studying in South Australia, along with a memorable opportunity to see native wildlife up close, including snakes and marsupials. It was also a wonderful chance to meet other international students, reconnect with peers, and build new friendships across cultures.

Throughout the day, students explored a range of interactive displays, played football, and learned more about Australian culture, sun safety, and sport. They sampled traditional Australian foods and received helpful study “goodies” to support their time in Adelaide. The event was an enriching experience, filled with learning, connection, and celebration.

We also warmly welcome back two of our returning graduates, Year 12 Romandeep and Year 8 Sarguntass, who will continue their secondary education at Valley View Secondary School. We are very pleased to have them back in our community and look forward to supporting them throughout the next stage of their academic journey.



In exciting news, during Weeks 2–3 of Term 3 (Monday 27 July to Sunday 9 August), our school will be hosting a study tour group of approximately 10 Korean students. Meetings have already been held with representatives from International Education Services,

the South Korea Board of Education, and the local agent, all of whom are enthusiastic about their students visiting our school.

We are now seeking staff and families who would be interested in hosting one or two students during this period. Hosting provides a wonderful opportunity to build new friendships, learn from each other's cultures, and share the rewarding experience of welcoming international visitors into our community. Further details will be available shortly on our website. If you are interested in becoming a host, please contact Miss Silvia De Cesare.




We Keep Our School Clean

Congratulations to Raymond for achieving the cleanest area of the school in Week 6! Well done on setting a great example for the rest of our school community.

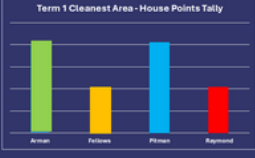
A reminder to everyone: it is all our responsibility to keep our school clean. Your challenge this term is to look after your House's area and demonstrate responsibility and pride in our school environment. Each week, leaders will inspect the yards and award house points to the area that is kept the cleanest. At the end of Term 1, the house with the most points will be rewarded with a pizza party to celebrate your teamwork and commitment.

So, please remember to look after our grounds —be responsible for your own rubbish, and if you see rubbish on the ground, don't just walk past it. Let's not think of it as someone else's problem. Every small action counts. Help us maintain a school we can all be proud of by putting rubbish in the bin.


We keep our school clean


Congratulations to Raymond for having the cleanest area in Week 6!


Term 1 Cleanest Area - House Points Tally



House	Points
Arden	~10
Fildes	~5
Pines	~15
Raymond	~20



The house with the cleanest area will win a pizza party at the end of Term 1.



EVERY STUDENT MATTERS