



PRINCIPAL REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we wrap up Term 2, I want to take a moment to acknowledge some of the highlights and the tremendous efforts of our Valley View Secondary School community.

This term, we launched our Student Led Conferences for the first time. We were pleased with the strong engagement from students and families. During the conferences, students met with their Wellbeing for Learning teacher and a parent or guardian. They led conversations where they reflected on what they had learned this semester, celebrated their successes, discussed challenges they had overcome, set goals for the future, and shared their learning with their families. These conversations enabled students to take ownership of their learning and become active participants in their education. Such discussions are an important part of our Site Learning Plan focus, where our goal is to help students become more effective learners by providing opportunities to pause, reflect, and adjust their actions if needed.

Snapshots of these insights were captured in the End of Semester Reports, providing a valuable record of students' progress and growth. We look forward to conducting another round of Student Led Conferences later in the year.

At the beginning of this term we launched our Positive Behaviour focus: "We arrive on time, organised, and ready to learn." It was pleasing to see students thoughtfully considering their attendance and making the effort to arrive before the second bell ready to learn.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this positive change. A special mention also goes to those students who arrive on time every day—your consistency deserves recognition and appreciation. We will continue this focus into next term. Please remember, arriving on time, organised and in full school uniform, with devices off and away, demonstrates respect for your teachers, your learning, and your peers.

Looking ahead, after-school extended sessions will continue for those who are consistently late. We are also excited to introduce 'Beat the Bell'—a new competition to recognise students who consistently arrive on time. There will be rewards for those who meet this expectation.

Next term brings two further initiatives:

R U OK? Casual Day:

In Week 8, we will host a Casual Day for R U OK? To earn this, our school community needs to achieve 1000 positive recognitions by the end of Week 6. We achieved over 1500 recognitions during Term 2 and am confident we can reach the goal set to earn our casual day. We encourage our students to think about how they can earn a positive recognition by actively demonstrating our school values of communication, attitude, resilience, and responsibility.

Pitch the Principals:

Students will have the opportunity to have lunch with myself, our Deputy Principal, and school leaders, and pitch their ideas for making VVSS even better. This is our student's chance to share their voice and influence positive change at our school. Sessions can be booked through the upcoming Compass bulletin.

This term has been rich with excursions and experiences. Our students engaged in music showcases, art exhibitions, sporting competitions, and our Italian students participated in the VVSS rite of passage—olive picking. Congratulations are also in order for the students who represented Valley View at the inter-school maths competition; your teamwork and dedication were impressive. I would also like to recognise those students who catered and performed at the Music Soiree, showcasing their talents and raising funds for our upcoming musical, Aladdin Jr. Well done to all involved!

A big thank you also goes to everyone who embraced our World Cup Bingo activities. It was wonderful to see so many students supporting the Socceroos in the lecture theatre and building a sense of camaraderie. I look forward to more opportunities to share memorable moments together as a school.

I look forward to another engaging and rewarding term ahead. Thank you to our students, staff, and families for your ongoing commitment to making Valley View Secondary School a vibrant learning community.

Best wishes for a well-deserved break, and see you in Term 3!

VALLEY GARDEN



Did you know? Our enthusiastic Horticultural Team doesn't just design and build amazing new features to brighten up our outdoor space—they also roll up their sleeves to look after the garden, managing everything from irrigation to fundraising, and keeping the whole area looking fresh and inviting!

The Valley Garden is not only a beautiful place to relax, but it's also serves as a living classroom, supporting cross-curriculum learning and wellbeing for our students. Whether it's Science, Art, Food Technologies, International Department, Special Education Class or the school community to simply enjoying some fresh air and quiet time, there is always something to explore in the garden!

All year round, our Horticultural Team carefully propagate a wide range of plants. These plants aren't just for show—many are sold through fundraising activities, helping our garden students to engage with the local community.

Thank you to everyone who supports our garden—together, we're growing towards a kinder, greener school!



YEAR 9 FOGOLAR FURLAN CLUB

As part of their Italian studies, Year 9 students recently visited the Italian Club representing the Friuli Venezia Giulia region, where they had the opportunity to experience Italian culture beyond the classroom.

The visit allowed students to connect with members of the local Italian community and gain a deeper appreciation of the region's unique cultural heritage. Through conversations with Italian migrants from different generations, students learned about personal migration journeys, traditions, and the important role cultural identity plays in shaping communities.

Students also participated in a variety of hands-on activities, including a game of bocce, one of Italy's most popular traditional sports.

A migration-themed role-play activity encouraged them to consider the challenges and opportunities faced by people adapting to life in a new country, fostering empathy and intercultural understanding.

A highlight of the day was sharing a homemade Italian lunch, featuring freshly prepared pasta and warm hospitality from the club members.

The excursion was a valuable opportunity for students to strengthen their language learning through authentic cultural experiences. The reflections below capture some of their thoughts on the importance of intercultural communication and the lessons they took away from the visit.

Student Voice:

"We have learnt how to play bocce!!! We have also learnt the history of the club and how it brought the Italian community from Friuli together. It was the first Italian club in Adelaide. We had the most delicious pasta of my life and we learnt Buon Appetito and how to reply with Favorite!" - **Munlene and Palak**

"We learned about the Friuli region and that Fogolar means fireplace in their dialect, which is the place in a home where family and friends would gather around in the past." - **Havana**



MUSIC EXPO



On Tuesday, 30th June, a group of our students attended the Music Expo at The Gov. The event offered an exciting opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the music industry, engage directly with industry professionals, participate in interactive workshops, and discover potential pathways within this vibrant field.

Our students represented VVSS really well throughout the day. During one of the workshops, volunteers were invited from the audience, and in a room packed with students from a range of schools, several of our students confidently put their hands up to participate. This meant joining others to write a song on the spot and perform without rehearsal time to the entire room which was filled with students and staff. There were more VVSS students participating in the live performance than any other school!

Matthew K found a grand piano in one of the workshop rooms and confidently sat down and began playing. Before long, students from other schools had gathered to watch him play.

Overall, our students conducted themselves exceptionally well, demonstrated our school values, and made the most of the opportunities the day provided. It was lovely to see their confidence, talent, and willingness to engage on display.

A snippet of some of the band members, Matthew at the piano, and students engaging in conversation with an industry professional about their future.

HOUSE POINTS COMPETITION

The recent Year 10 & 11 House Points Competition was a fantastic display of energy, teamwork, and friendly rivalry. Students from all Houses participated enthusiastically, creating a vibrant atmosphere that made the event both enjoyable and memorable. Such occasions not only foster school spirit, but also strengthen the sense of community across year levels.

The students loved seeing their teachers getting involved, and it was a wonderful way to build House spirit and strengthen the positive culture across these year levels.

Students also had the chance to win prizes on the PBL Senior Years spinning wheel, with a focus on recognising students who arrived to class on time.



KOREAN STUDY TOUR

Preparations are underway for an exciting international exchange experience in Term 3, as we welcome a group of 10 students from Korea, from Monday 27 July to Saturday 8 August.

Their visit will provide a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage in cultural exchange, develop global perspectives, and form connections with students from another part of the world. Throughout their stay, our Koren guests will participate in classes alongside local students and take part in a range of cultural and educational activities designed to foster learning, collaboration, and intercultural understanding.

Hosting visiting students is a valuable way to bring language and culture to life within our school community, and we are looking forward to seeing students build new friendships, share experiences, and learn from one another.

Silvia De Cesare

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION REPORT



We farewell our international students, Maria and Miguel from Brazil and Annika from Germany. During their time at our school, they embraced every opportunity to participate in school life, contributing positively to both the classroom and the wider school community. From academic studies and excursions to co-curricular activities and everyday interactions with their peers, they approached each experience with enthusiasm, curiosity, and a willingness to learn. Their presence enriched our school community, fostering cultural exchange and creating meaningful connections that benefited students and staff alike.

One highlight of the term was their participation in the inaugural International Sport Day, delivered in partnership with School Sport SA and the International Education Team. The event brought together international students from schools across South Australia for a day of connection, inclusion, and friendly competition.

Students enjoyed trying a variety of sports, developing new skills, working in teams, and meeting fellow international students from other schools.

We thank Maria, Miguel, and Annika for the contributions they have made during their time with us and wish them every success as they return home and continue their educational journeys. We hope they leave with many lasting memories, new friendships, and a deeper connection to Australia and our school community. We would also like to thank the staff, students, and host families who helped make their experience both rewarding and memorable.

Looking ahead to Term 3, we are excited to welcome five new Study Abroad students from Germany and Brazil in Years 10 and 11. We look forward to supporting them as they settle into life at our school and become valued members of our community.



VALLEY VIEW VIPERS SHINE AT THEIR FIRST ICE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The Valley View Vipers hit the ice for their very first tournament and delivered an outstanding performance!

Results:

- Flexi: 0-2 Loss
- Urrbrae: 1-0 Win
- Flexi 2: 1-1 Draw
- Hallett Cove: 2-0 Win
- Mark Oliphant: 2-1 Win
- FAME: 1-0 Win

Overall Record: 4 Wins, 1 Draw, 1 Loss

What an incredible achievement for our first tournament!

Every player gave their best, worked brilliantly as a team, and showed fantastic determination and sportsmanship throughout the day. It was wonderful to see their hard work and dedication pay off on the ice.

There were some outstanding individual performances, including strong defensive work from Nevada and Dougie, impressive goal scoring from Blayke, Junior, and Chloe, great teamwork from Blake, Grace, and Brodie, helping the Vipers play as a united team throughout the tournament and excellent coaching and encouragement from Dayna.

A special thank you to the parents and families who came along to cheer on the team, your support made the day even more special.

Congratulations to all of our Valley View Vipers on a fantastic first tournament. We can't wait for the next one!



ITALIAN STUDY TOUR 2027 – FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Excitement is building as plans for the Italian Study Tour continue to take shape. The Italian team has been working diligently to develop the itinerary, explore a range of educational and cultural experiences, and finalise arrangements to ensure students have a meaningful and memorable opportunity to immerse themselves in Italian language and culture. While the student selection process is currently underway, fundraising efforts continue to play an important role in supporting the tour.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has generously donated or provided products in support of our fundraising initiatives.

In particular, we acknowledge and thank the Society of Saint Hilarion, Peter Shearer Menswear & Suit Hire and Gulli Foods for their valued contribution and support.

Fundraising remains an important part of this project, and we encourage our school community to continue supporting this exciting initiative. Our next fundraising event will be a Pasta Night at the Marche Club on Friday, 7 August. We invite families, friends, and community members to join us for an evening of delicious food and community spirit while helping our students move one step closer to this incredible opportunity. Bookings can be made [HERE](#).

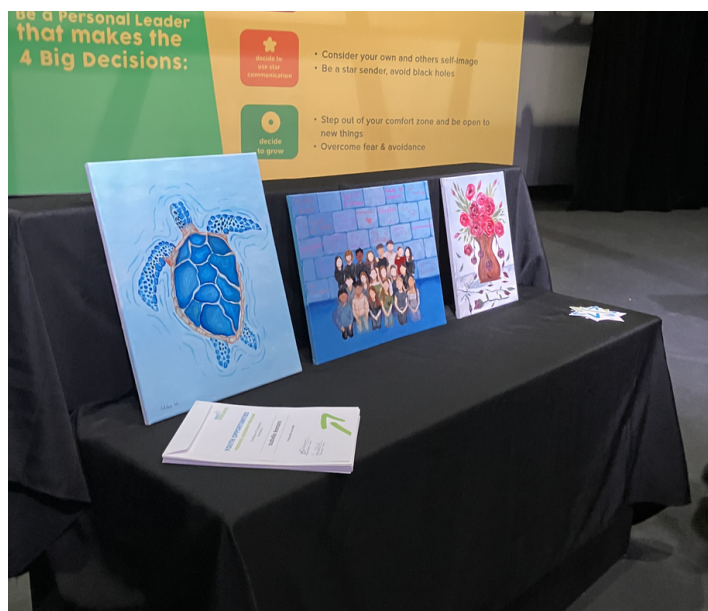
We are also pleased to share that we have secured a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraising opportunity on Sunday, 12 September. We are currently seeking volunteers to assist throughout the day. If you can donate some of your time, we would greatly appreciate your support.

As we continue to engage with local businesses and community partners, we remain hopeful of securing additional sponsorships and donations to further enhance this program and expand opportunities for our students.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to and supported this initiative so far. Your generosity and encouragement are helping to create life-changing learning experiences for our students.

Silvia De Cesare - The Italian Team

YOUTH OPS GRADUATION



We are thrilled to recognise and celebrate the fantastic achievement of our Year 10 students who have successfully completed the Youth Opportunities program. Through their hard work, commitment, and positive attitudes, these students have developed valuable life skills, built strong connections with their peers, and enhanced their confidence and leadership abilities.

The Youth Opportunities program is designed to empower young people in making confident decisions, setting personal goals, and overcoming challenges. Our graduates should be incredibly proud of their efforts and the personal growth they have demonstrated throughout the program.

On behalf of the Valley View Secondary School community, congratulations to all the graduates! We look forward to seeing how you continue to apply what you have learned as you take the next steps on your educational journey.



COUNTERPUNCH PROGRAM

Congratulations to our Tailored Learning students who have successfully completed the Counterpunch program!

Throughout the program, students participated in weekly boxing-based fitness sessions that focused on building confidence, resilience, teamwork, self-discipline and self defence in a supportive environment. It has been wonderful to see their commitment, personal growth, and willingness to challenge themselves each week.

We are incredibly proud of everything our students have achieved and would like to thank the team at Black Dog Combat Gym for their ongoing support and encouragement throughout the program.

NOTICES



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IMPORTANT DATES

	KOREAN STUDY TOUR WEEK 2 & 3
	ITALIAN FUNDRAISER FRIDAY, WEEK 3
	CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK 6 – 13 AUGUST
	BOOK WEEK WEEK 5
	CAREERS EXPO WEDNESDAY, WEEK 5





VALLEY VIEW
SECONDARY SCHOOL

LET US KNOW ABOUT

Amazing Achievements!



WE LOVE CELEBRATING
the incredible things our students
are doing in the community!

If a student at VVSS is excelling in a sport, hobby, club, band or any community activity, let us know so we can celebrate and acknowledge their achievements in our newsletter and across the school.

EVERY STUDENT MATTERS

WE LOVE HEARING ABOUT

 SPORT	 HOBBIES	 CLUBS
 BANDS	 & MORE!	<i>Big or small, we want to hear it all!</i>



TELL US WHAT THEY'RE ACHIEVING!
Email us with the details so we can share their success.

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