



VALLEY VIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Valley View Secondary School is a member of the Montague Partnership group of schools which includes local primary schools and pre-schools. A recent analysis of Montague Partnership data showed an increase in student achievement across almost all of the key indicators which includes NAPLAN and SACE. It was pleasing to see the Montague Partnership focus on "intellectual stretch" was evident in student outcomes.

The student free day (SFD), Friday June 10th, for teacher training based on Australian Curriculum includes a clear focus on transforming student tasks to drive higher levels of student achievement. Teachers will work closely with Australian Curriculum experts to ensure every task developed, maintains a focus on intellectual stretch and provides opportunity for students to demonstrate high levels of achievement.

Semester one subjects conclude at the end of week eight, (just two weeks time) with new semester subjects beginning in week nine and ten before the school holidays. The changeover to new subjects in week nine is consistent with dividing up the school year more evenly for senior students studying SACE subjects. Year 12 students in particular, finish very early in term 4 and are now about half way through their school year. As the pressure mounts for these students to complete major assignments it is timely to consider how to best manage external factors such as involvement in sport and part time employment. Research studies have shown that between eight and twelve hours per week of part time employment or commitment to extra curricula activities such as sport actually provide appropriate external stimulus and have a positive effect on student achievement. Predictably, more than twelve hours per week have a

DIARY DATES

Friday 10 June

Student Free Day
Staff Training & Development

Monday 13 June

Queen's Birthday—Public Holiday

Wednesday 15 June

SACE Aboriginal Students Pathways
Conference

Thursday 16 June

Science & Engineering Challenge

Sunday 19 June

Race 1 Pedal Prix Victoria Park

Monday 20 June—Thursday 23 June

Senior School Exams

Monday 20 June—Tuesday 21 June

Year 12 Aquatics

Wednesday 22 June

Year 8 Soccer

Finance Meeting 6.00pm
Governing Council 7.00pm

negative effect on student achievement.

The Viper Racing, pedal prix team will make their first race appearance on the track at Victoria Park, Sunday June 19th, with racing starting at 10:00am. For those wanting to join the action trackside, our vehicle number is 87 and we are located in pit lane A, pit 21, right alongside East Para Primary School. The Victoria Park grand stand also provides excellent viewing of the race which offers free access for spectators.

Steve Marshall



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TERM 1 PERFECT ATTENDERS

Congratulation to the follow students who attended school every day in Term 1. Students were presented with a certificate at a formal assembly and encouraged to keep and use the certificates later on with potential employers.

Year 8

Nicholas Ebel
Paige Fraser
Holly Linke
Tayah Sullivan
Dylan Nekic
Samantha Sheridan
Elissa Starr
Nathan Welke

Year 9

Aleisha Clayton-Roberts
Ethan Cook
Scott Hudson
Blair Lyell-Kaaho
Caleb MacGowan
Abbey McCluskey
Tyra Pix
Asmika Rai
Ebony Wareing
Lara Woithe

Year 10

Mohamed Conneh
Raff Lioi
Michael Little
Emily Runnegar-Walmsley

Year 11

Jacqui Cianfaglione
Mafata Conneh
Michael Santos
Anu Sisan
Tokio Tanaka

Year 12

Jamie Bond
Ken Emiliano
Shona Graham
Cindy Hok
Skye Pinnington
Liam Trus
Conor Verden



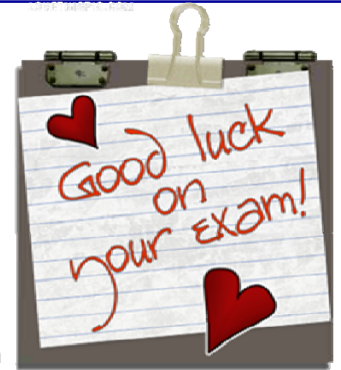
WEEK 8 IS MAJOR ASSESSMENT WEEK

In week 8 all year levels will be involved in major assessments. These may take the form of an exam or other style of assessment depending on the subject. Each will occur during class time unless specifically organised by the teacher.

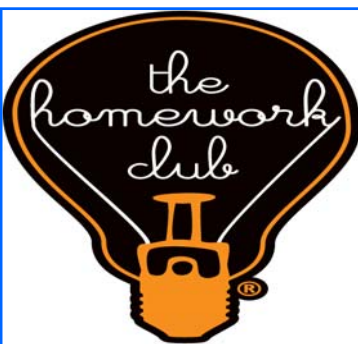
Core subjects in Years 8-10 will all have a set formal assessment piece with SACE subjects directed by course outlines.

Formal assessments are a major part of a student's educational development and prepares them for Senior Subjects and Post School Study.

Tony Clough



HOMework CLUB



Valley View Secondary School Homework Club will be on Wednesday nights, 3.15pm to 4.30pm.

All students are welcome to come and work in the library on any subject.

Computers and teacher help will be available, although students who are finishing compulsory SACE subjects will be prioritised for teacher help. We also encourage any ESL students to attend the study sessions as an ESL teacher will be present to assist.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Rebecca Archer & Danielle Fattori

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT FOR SUCCESS

At Valley View Secondary School we know that if students are going to be successful, they need to be at school. When a child is absent from school, each day they will miss out on 5 hours of teaching instruction and class activities.

The Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) also understands how important student attendance is and as a result has set a student attendance target rate of 95% or above for all schools.

All students are expected to attend school every day unless prevented by ill health or serious family issues. Absence for the purpose of “helping out at home” or “going shopping” and other similar issues are not acceptable and only place the student behind in their school work.

We ask for the cooperation of parents and caregivers in notifying the school on the day (or beforehand if possible) when your child is absent from school. The risks and dangers when students are unsupervised need to be avoided.

The school day starts at 8.45am with home group and all students are expected to attend home group. This is the time when the official attendance roll is taken. Arriving at school on time is a valuable skill and quality that students will need to have later on, both in the workforce and when attending university or TAFE. We ask that you please support your child develop positive work habits, including punctuality.

In order to support students with their safety, attendance and punctuality, the school has invested time and money in notifying parents via the SMS program. As the school day officially starts with the home group attendance roll, any student who does not attend home group without a reason, a SMS will be sent to the parent/caregiver notifying them that the student was absent from home group. If you receive this SMS we ask that you please have a conversation with your child about the important of attendance at school or about being on time. Parents who notify the school in advance about their child’s absence will not be sent this SMS.

If you need support or advice from the school in regards to your child’s attendance or lateness, please do not hesitate to contact the home group teacher, the year level manger of a school leader.

Let’s work together to eliminate unnecessary absences and lateness to ensure every student has the best opportunity to reach his or her full potential.

YEAR 12 STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Year 12 can be a very stressful time for students, even more stressful when they are absent from school. Every day a Year 12 student does not attend, they miss out on valuable information they will need later on and the pressure/stress of assignments builds. Please support your child by ensuring they attend school and all their classes.

Ms Sue Dobrowolski

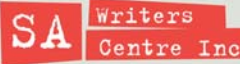
SRC STAFF AWARDS



This term the SRC have come together again to recognise another staff member for their hard work and contribution to our school. This staff member has gone above and beyond to make sure students get the help they to pass. She has taken a lot of time to help them with their school work as well as personal issues. She has shown so much compassion as well as providing support for many students. The students would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of Mrs Liz Wheeler.



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KickStart for Kids spends thousands on Vegemite and Tinned Fruit each year. Any size jar/can that you donate is greatly appreciated.

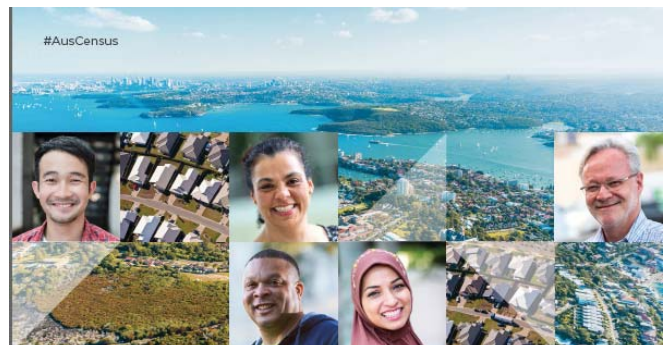


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