From the Acting Principal

As I am writing this article, I’m reminded that our year 12 students are now in the final days of finishing off major assignments and for many of our students, sitting their final end of year exams, with some exams going for three hours. This is a very important time for senior school students, especially those choosing to enter University or TAFE. The time and effort students need to dedicate to successfully complete Year 12 is a huge demand, both for students and their families.

At Valley View Secondary School we acknowledge that all successful journeys need a strong beginning and for all our students that journey starts when they enter Year 8. Encouraging your child to read instead of watching TV or playing computer games, helping them with their homework, ensuring they attend school each day are important steps to help your child be successful in completing their SACE (South Australian Certificate of Education). Achieving SACE should be the goal of every parent and student, especially as research clearly shows students who complete Year 12 are likely to earn more money in their working career than students who do not get their SACE. This fact of earning more money with completion of SACE is even more powerful in regards to women in the workforce.

The senior school community is now preparing for the Year 12 Graduation and Formal which will be held on Monday 21st November at 5pm at Sfera’s Convention Centre on Reservoir Road. At the graduation, prizes will be awarded to the top student for every Year 12 subject, with the grand prize being the Year 12 Dux of 2016. This year we are also going to invite the students who are going to be the Dux at the other year levels so that they can experience this special moment. Please keep an eye out for that special letter in the post.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have supported our senior school students throughout the whole year. They include Mr Tony Clough (Senior School Leader), the Year 12 teachers, the school counsellor (Mr Jamin Lee), the numerous trainers running VET (Vocational Education Training) courses, the parents and caregivers of the Year 12 students and finally the Year 12 students, who have supported each other throughout the year.

On behalf of the school I would like to wish all senior school students every success in their final days of their schooling and also for their next stage of their life journey, whether it be University, TAFE, travel or the workforce.

Sue Dobrowolski

Upcoming Events

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Reporting Student Absence

If your child is absent from school please contact Valley View Secondary School on 8360 6111 before 9am to let us know a reason for the absence. 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 number as recorded in our student database. This text message can only be replied to within 24 hours before the number is deactivated. Please use the student diary for signing students in late or leaving early from school and please contact the front office to complete an Exemption Form if your child/ren will be absent for more than 5 consecutive days.

Term Dates 2016

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Year 9 Boys Super 8’s Cricket

On the 27th October 2016, our Year 9 Boys Super 8’s cricket squad played in a NE Vista competition for the school. Being a 5 team competition it was a long day for the boys and was always going to present a challenge as The Heights School being renowned for their cricket always make it a tough match for our guys. The first game was against Modbury High School, the boys really set the tone for the rest of the day with a 90-27 victory and our captain, Tyler Grainger-Balding really leading the way with a 20 retirement in only 3 balls. We then went on to face our nemesis, The Heights School but with a total of 82 to chase they couldn’t get us and we won by 29 runs. The boys were really on fire so going into Round 3 against Endeavour College who were the favourites, the boys demonstrated their true dominance on the day with a 117-32 victory. We didn’t think it could get any better but in the last game against Windsor Gardens Secondary College it was a HUGE 132-36 victory, an absolute thumping by the boys. Apart from our captain, other worthy mentions go to Ryleigh Travis, Joel Holloway, Lucas Browning and Cooper Davidson-Peacock for outstanding contributions.

We ended up undefeated on the day and the weather was kind as well, a great day out for the boys indeed. Our boys showed true grit all day and never let up. Overall a FANTASTIC effort by our boys coming 1st and they behaved like true sportsmen and acknowledged their opposition for a great day. Well done boys!

Claude Miller
PE Teacher

Welcome Baby Felix

CONGRATULATIONS
To Jess and David
On the birth of a baby boy
Felix Stewart
Born 29th October
Weighing 3.6 kg

Blake Young Performance

On Friday the 4th of November, we as a school were privileged to have Blake Young an International Hip Hop artist come to the school and perform a lunch time concert. Along with performing songs, his message of hope and purpose encouraged the students to think about their own self worth and know that they are someone who has value. This concert was well received by the students and I look forward to organising more events like this in the future.

Nathan Hale
Pastoral Care Worker
During the school holidays from Wednesday the 5th of October to Friday 7th of October Jake Thomas and I attended the SA Space School for Year 10 students. On the first day we went on several tours around Adelaide University campus. On that day we also met for the first time Luca Parmitano an ESA (European Space Agency) astronaut who had previously been on a six month journey to the International Space Station. Another thing we did was attend a lecture by one of the Adelaide University Professors.

The next day was all about the RAAF base (Edinburgh) and DSTG (Defence, Science and Technology Group). Whilst at the RAAF base we took a tour of one of their surveillance aircraft as well as their life support area. In the life support area we discovered what was in one of their survival kits and we got to see many examples of equipment for pilots which could save their lives. Also on that night we attended another lecture at Adelaide University given by Luca where he shared his experience up on the space station.

For the third and final day we spent all of our time at Hamilton Secondary College where we designed and fired bottle rockets and also participated in several small science experiments and activities. Jake and I were so amazed by how far the rockets could go just by filling them with water and pumping them with air.

Connor Shaw
Year 10 Student

A key focus for all students at Valley View Secondary School is their safety and wellbeing. As we (teachers and parents) guide students through their secondary school years, it is important to know and maintain clear processes which will keep all young people, plus their friends and family safe. With increased access to technology, especially mobile phones with 24/7 access to the internet, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all us just how important it is to spend time understanding how this new technology works and how we can protect our children.

As parents and caregivers, I encourage you to have a conversation with your child to remind them of these key safety elements:

- Do not disclose any personal details on the internet
- Limit the amount of time spent on devices and make sure everyone has a balance of activities and exercise
- Be clear about materials online that may be illegal or harmful and how not to engage with this material
- Always maintain high standards of respect (one of the school's core values) when communicating with others online
- Never respond to, or forward on, any damaging, hurtful or harmful messages.

At Valley View Secondary School, we value every student’s learning and safety and we encourage all parents to have positive and productive conversations with their children to help keep them safe so they can reach their full academic potential.

Sue Dobrowolski
Acting Principal
This year Chelsea Holloway was selected to be a part of the SAASTA Elite Netball Program (SENP). The eligibility requirements for the Academy were a number of Key Performance Indicators (KPI’s) which students were required to achieve and maintain.

Chelsea attended the program one day a week at Netball SA. During the ANZ championship Indigenous Round in June the SENP students participated in the curtain raiser game prior to the Adelaide Thunderbirds versus West Coast Fever.

The SENP students travelled to the Gold Coast in July and participated in the Gold Coast Netball Carnival. Last week the SENP graduation and awards was held at West Beach and students received their certificates for completing their SACE Stage 2 Cross Disciplinary studies subject.

Chelsea was awarded with the Student of the Year. This award is presented to the student who has demonstrated the highest all-round commitment to the program in 2016. To be considered for this award, students must meet and exceed all of the SAASTA KPI’s whilst consistently upholding the ethos of the program. The award recognises a student who has been a role model; showing a positive attitude, leadership skills, and the highest commitment to all aspects of their study and netball.

She was also awarded Netballer of the Year. This Award is presented to the player who has shown the greatest commitment to developing their fitness and netball skills. To be eligible for this award, a student had to: have minimal absences from the program, participated in all practical sessions, performed consistently during training and games, as well as demonstrate outstanding leadership skills both on and off the court.

We would like to congratulate Chelsea for her hard work and dedication to her studies and we wish her all the best in the future.

Robyn Coulthard
Aboriginal Secondary Education Transition Officer