

Happy Valley State School



School Prospectus



Welcome to Happy Valley State School

I am incredibly proud to be the Principal of Happy Valley State School, and it is my pleasure to warmly welcome you and your family to our school community.

At Happy Valley, we celebrate the many achievements of our students across learning, wellbeing, culture, sport and the arts. Guided by our vision to **Think, Connect, Innovate and Celebrate**, we are committed to creating a safe, inclusive and engaging learning environment where every child is encouraged to be curious, build positive relationships, embrace new opportunities and take pride in their success.

Our dedicated and caring staff provide high-quality learning experiences that support each student to reach their full potential. We believe that every child can succeed when they feel connected, valued and inspired to learn.

Strong partnerships between school, home and the wider community are essential to successful learning outcomes. By working together, we can ensure that every student enjoys a positive and rewarding educational journey.

I look forward to partnering with you and your family as we support your child to learn, grow and thrive at Happy Valley State School.



Kath Donnelly

Principal

OUR VISION

To encourage students to:

Think 🏋️ Connect 🌸 Innovate 💡 Celebrate 🎉

OUR VALUES

At Happy Valley we will:

Be safe
Be responsible
Be a learner
Be kind



Contact Details and Times

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Phone: (07) 4745 0333

Student Absence Phone: (07) 4745 0366

Office hours

Office days: Monday to Friday

Office hours: 8:00am to 3:00pm

When to contact the school

Please contact our administrative office to advise:

- If your child is absent
- If you change your address
- If you change your telephone number
- If you change your email address
- If there is a change in your emergency contact number
- If any significant changes occur with your child's health
- If you feel we should know of any other changes which concern your child
- If you are leaving your child in the care of others



School times

No supervision prior to school. No students prior to 8am	
8:10am to 8:25am	Approximate arrival at school
8:25am	Bell sounds – prepare for school
8:30am	School commences
10:30am	First break – children play
10:55am	Bell sounds – children get lunch box, sit down and eat
11:10am	Bell sounds – children go back into class
1:00pm	Second break – children play
1:20pm	Bell sounds – children get lunch box, sit down and eat
1:30pm	Bell sounds – children go back into class
2:30pm	School finishes



General Information

Accidents

If a child is seriously injured, an ambulance will be called and treatment will be provided. We will make every effort to contact parents or guardians immediately. However, if we are unable to reach you, your child will still receive any necessary medical treatment. Please note that any costs associated with ambulance services or medical treatment are the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

After School Care and Vacation Care

Happy Valley P&C Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) provides a safe, caring and engaging environment for children in Prep to Year 6.

Our service operates:

- **Before School Care:** 6:30am – 8:30am
- **After School Care:** 2:30pm – 5:30pm
- **Vacation Care:** Available during school holidays

For more information, please contact us on **0499 995 812** or visit the school office to collect an information pack.

Attendance: Every Day Counts

Please notify the school office whenever your child is absent from school.

Attending school every day is important and is a legal requirement for all students. If your child is unwell and unable to attend, please contact the school office as soon as possible. We also ask that you advise the office in advance of any planned absences, such as family holidays during school time.

If a student is absent and the school has not received an explanation, school staff will contact parents or guardians to follow up on the absence.

For extended absences of more than 10 consecutive school days, please refer to the **Exemptions from Compulsory Schooling** section.

Happy Valley
State School



Every day counts!

Give your child every chance to succeed

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	from Prep to Year 12 that is...	this means the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 4

Bicycles

Students who ride a bicycle to school **must always wear an approved helmet at all times**. For safety reasons, **children should not borrow or lend bicycles to other students**.

To ensure the safety of everyone at school:

- Bicycles and scooters must **not be ridden within the school grounds**.
- All bicycles and scooters must be securely locked in the designated bike enclosure.
- **Skateboards and rollerblades are not permitted** at school.
- Students are **not permitted to ride electric scooters or electric bicycles to school**.

Please note that the **bike enclosure is out of bounds to students during the school day**.

Illness

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please notify the school as soon as possible.

A medical certificate is required for any illness-related absence of **three consecutive school days or more**. This helps the school maintain accurate attendance records and support your child's wellbeing and learning.

Book Lists

Happy Valley State School provides a book list for each student at the end of Term 4 each year. Additional copies are available from the school office on request.

To help your child start the school year well prepared, we ask that all books are clearly labelled before the first day of school. Please ensure that all stationery, textbooks and other learning materials are marked with your child's name and class. This helps to prevent items from being misplaced and makes it easier to return lost property.

Camps

Students in Year 6 can have the opportunity to participate in a camp, usually in **Term 1**. The camp provides valuable learning experiences that support students' independence, teamwork, resilience and personal growth.

Information about the Year 6 camp will be provided to families during their child's **Year 5** year, allowing plenty of time for planning and preparation. Further details, including costs, activities, and consent requirements, will be shared as arrangements are confirmed.

Cars in School Grounds

For the safety of all students, staff and visitors, private vehicles are not permitted on school grounds unless they are being used for official school business or the driver has received permission from the Principal.

This safety requirement must be followed at all times.

To help keep everyone safe, the school car park is **out of bounds to students and pedestrians**. Parents and carers are encouraged to use designated walkways and follow all school traffic management procedures when entering and leaving the school.

Computers

Happy Valley State School is equipped with more than 120 computers and digital workstations located throughout classrooms and the library, providing students with access to valuable learning technologies.

To ensure the safe and responsible use of technology, all students must have **parent or guardian permission** before accessing the Internet at school. Students and their parents/carers are also required to read and sign the school's **Internet and ICT User Agreement**, which outlines expectations for appropriate and responsible online behaviour. The school is committed to providing a safe digital learning environment and supporting students to become responsible digital citizens.

Crossing Supervisor

To help keep our students safe, a School Crossing Supervisor is on duty at the **Twenty-Third Avenue crossing** during the following times:

- **Morning:** 7:40am – 8:40am
- **Afternoon:** 2:20pm – 3:05pm

The crossing is used by students attending both Happy Valley State School and St Joseph's School.

All children should use this supervised crossing when crossing the road before and after school, including students travelling on bicycles. Using the designated crossing helps ensure students can cross the road safely under adult supervision. It is expected that our students demonstrate the Happy Valley values when interacting with the Crossing supervisors.

Curriculum

Happy Valley State School follows the **Australian Curriculum**, ensuring students receive a high-quality education that develops their knowledge, skills and understanding across all learning areas.

At the beginning of each term, teachers provide families with a **class newsletter** outlining the term's learning program, key curriculum areas, upcoming events and important information. These newsletters help parents and carers stay informed about their child's learning and support their educational journey throughout the year.

Dental Services

Free dental care is available to all school-aged children through the School Dental Service.

Primary school students are entitled to receive free dental treatment. Families can contact the School Dentist by calling the **Mount Isa Base Hospital Dental Clinic on 4744 4407** to make enquiries or arrange an appointment.

Disease

To help protect the health and wellbeing of all students and staff, children with certain contagious illnesses may need to stay home from school for a period of time. Examples of these illnesses include **measles, chickenpox and mumps**.

If your child has been diagnosed with a contagious condition, or if you are unsure whether they should attend school, please contact the school office for advice. We are happy to provide information about exclusion periods and when it is safe for your child to return to school.

Excursions and Sporting Trips

Throughout the year, teachers may organise excursions and educational activities to support and enrich classroom learning. These experiences provide valuable opportunities for students to apply their learning in real-world settings.

Families are generally responsible for any associated costs, including transport and admission fees where applicable. Parent or guardian consent is required before a student can participate in any excursion or school activity outside the school grounds. Consent may be provided through signed permission forms or electronically via **QParents**.

Students may also can have the opportunity to represent the school at district, regional or other sporting events. When selecting students to represent the school, the following factors may be considered:

- A satisfactory attendance record
- Up-to-date completion of schoolwork
- A satisfactory behaviour record

These expectations help ensure students are demonstrating responsibility, commitment and positive citizenship both in and out of the classroom.

Exemptions from Compulsory Schooling

Under the **Education (General Provisions) Act 2006**, students who will be absent from school for **more than 10 consecutive school days** (for example, due to family holidays or extended travel) may require an exemption from compulsory schooling.

Parents and carers must contact the school administration office **before the planned absence** to discuss the requirements and obtain an **Application for Exemption** form. Supporting documentation or evidence explaining the reason for the absence may be required as part of the application process.

Applying for an exemption prior to the absence helps ensure the school can meet its attendance obligations and maintain accurate student records.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Happy Valley State School offers a range of clubs, competitions and extra-curricular activities throughout the year, providing students with opportunities to develop new skills, explore their interests and connect with others.

Activities may be held during lunch breaks, before school or after school, depending on the program. Opportunities may vary from year to year and can include programs such as:

- Opti-MINDS
- Rock Pop Mime Show
- Wonder of Science
- Art Club
- Recycling Club
- Choir

Information about available activities, participation requirements and meeting times will be shared with students and families throughout the year. We encourage all students to get involved and make the most of the many opportunities available at our school.

Guidance and Specialist Services

Happy Valley State School is committed to supporting the wellbeing and learning needs of all students. A range of support services is available through our **Guidance Officer** and other visiting specialists, who work with students and families as required.

If you have concerns about your child's learning, wellbeing, behaviour or development, we encourage you to discuss these with your child's **class teacher** in the first instance. Alternatively, you may contact the **Principal** to discuss your concerns and explore available support options.

Working together, families and school staff can ensure students receive the assistance they need to achieve their best outcomes.

Head Injuries

If your child sustains a head injury at school, a member of staff will contact you as soon as possible to advise you of the incident and any care that has been provided.

The school follows the **Managing Head Injuries** procedure to ensure all head injuries are assessed and managed appropriately. This procedure is outlined in the **Managing Head Injuries Flowchart** included in the enrolment pack.

Depending on the nature of the injury and the symptoms observed, parents or carers may be contacted to collect their child or seek further medical assessment. The safety and wellbeing of students is always our highest priority.

History of the School

Happy Valley State School has a rich history that dates back to **1932**, when **Isa Mines School** first opened on approximately eight acres of land near the present-day King's Cross area on the Mineside. The school's first Principal, **Mr McPhail**, welcomed **79 students** on the very first day.

In **1964**, the new school at Happy Valley opened. For several years, students were split between the two campuses, with Years 5–7 attending Happy Valley and Years 1–4 remaining at Isa Mines School. The two schools officially merged on **20 November 1971**, bringing all students together on the one site. Today, the original Isa Mines School plaque is proudly displayed in a commemorative cairn near the school entrance.

Many of the school's modular classroom buildings were constructed in **1971** and the first library was opened in **1975**. In **1977**, the Preschool commenced operations, welcoming approximately 90 children. The school's well-known assembly area, known as "**The Hill**", was completed in **1979** as an open-air stage and gathering space. In **2007**, this area was redeveloped into a play space for students in Prep to Year 2 as part of a Commonwealth-funded project.

Over the years, the school has continued to grow and improve its facilities. In **2008**, the entire school was fully air-conditioned. More recently, Federal and State Government funding has supported significant upgrades, including the development of a **multi-purpose hall, tennis court, resource centre** and the refurbishment of classrooms.



Homework

Homework is provided in accordance with Queensland Department of Education guidelines and is designed to reinforce and practise learning that has already occurred in the classroom. Teachers do not set **new learning** as homework.

Homework is **not compulsory** at Happy Valley State School. However, families who would like their child to have homework are encouraged to speak with their child's teacher. Where homework is not routinely provided, teachers can discuss appropriate activities to support learning at home.

Recommended maximum homework times are:

- **Prep:** No formal homework; however, daily reading is encouraged.
- **Year 1:** Up to 15 minutes per day
- **Years 2–3:** Up to 30 minutes per day
- **Years 4–5:** Up to 45 minutes per day
- **Year 6:** Up to 60 minutes per day

Families can support their child's learning by encouraging regular reading, practising key skills and establishing positive learning routines at home. Reading together each day remains one of the most valuable ways to support student learning.

Instrumental Music

The Instrumental Music Program provides students with the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, develop music-reading skills and perform as part of an ensemble. Lessons are taught in small groups and help students build confidence, teamwork, discipline and a lifelong appreciation of music.

Students in **Years 3–6** may learn a string instrument, while students in **Years 5–6** may apply to learn a wind or percussion instrument. Entry into the program is based on student suitability, teacher recommendation, parent support and instrument availability. Students who have their own instrument may be accepted directly into the program.

Instruments available include:

- **Strings:** Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass
- **Woodwind:** Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone
- **Brass:** Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba
- **Percussion:** A range of orchestral percussion instruments

Students have opportunities to perform at school functions, community events, workshops, parades, ANZAC Day services, Eisteddfods and other special events throughout the year.

Participation in Instrumental Music supports creativity, confidence, teamwork and perseverance while providing students with a rewarding and enjoyable learning experience.

For further information about the program, including current fees and application processes, please contact the school office.

Languages Other Than English (LOTE)

At Happy Valley State School, **Japanese** is taught as our Languages Other Than English (LOTE) program.

All students in **Years 5 and 6** participate in weekly Japanese lessons, which are delivered remotely by a specialist language teacher from the **Charters Towers School of Distance Education**. Through these lessons, students develop their understanding of the Japanese language and culture while building valuable communication and intercultural skills.

Lead SMART

Happy Valley State School is a LeadSMART school. The LeadSMART policy can be found on our website.

Leaving School Grounds

For the safety and wellbeing of all students, children are not permitted to leave the school grounds during the school day unless they are accompanied by a parent/carer or are under the supervision of a staff member.

If a student needs to leave school early, for example due to illness or a medical appointment, a parent or authorised guardian must collect the student from the school office and complete the sign-out process. This ensures the school maintains accurate attendance records and is aware of every student's whereabouts during the school day.

Students returning to school after an appointment should report to the office and be signed back in before returning to class.

Library

Students are encouraged to borrow books each week and make regular use of the library's resources to support their learning and reading interests. The library is also open during **first break**, providing students with the opportunity to borrow and return books, read and access library resources in a welcoming environment.

Lost Property

It is common for students to occasionally misplace personal belongings at school. Clearly labelling all items with your child's name helps ensure lost property can be returned to its owner quickly.

Lost property boxes are located in the wet areas of each classroom module. Unclaimed items are collected and displayed on the stage area near the Snack Shack at the end of each term, providing families with an opportunity to check for missing belongings.

We encourage families to regularly label and check personal items, including hats, water bottles, lunch boxes and school uniforms.

Lunches

Happy Valley State School promotes healthy eating and encourages students to make nutritious food and drink choices each day to support their learning, wellbeing and growth.

To support healthy eating at school:

- If needed fruit is available for fruit break.
- Students bring their own lunch and snacks from home.
- Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds to purchase food during the school day.
- Refrigerators are available for students to store lunches and keep food fresh and cool.
- Students are encouraged to take any uneaten food home so families can monitor what and how much their child is eating.
- Water is the recommended drink for school, and students have access to a cooled drinking water fountain throughout the day.
- Please ensure all lunch boxes and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Throughout the year, the school may hold special food days, such as sausage sizzles, pizza lunches or spider days. Families will be notified of these events. Special food days are generally limited to once per term.

Healthy lunch options may include:

- Sandwiches, wraps or pita bread with cheese, lean meats, hummus or salad
- Cheese and crackers
- Fresh or dried fruit
- Cut-up vegetables such as carrot, cucumber or celery
- Yoghurt
- Milk, water or juice packs
- A frozen water bottle to help keep lunches cool

To support our healthy eating approach, families are encouraged to keep foods such as lollies, chocolates and soft drinks for special occasions outside of school hours.



Medicines at School

The health and safety of our students is a priority at Happy Valley State School. Families are asked to provide the school with up-to-date medical information to ensure appropriate support can be provided when required.

Students diagnosed with **asthma** or **anaphylaxis** must have a current medical management plan completed by their treating doctor and provided to the school. These plans help staff respond quickly and appropriately in an emergency.

If your child requires medication to be administered during school hours, parents or carers must complete the required medication administration forms through the school office. Medications should be provided directly to the office and will be stored securely. Students with an approved medical management plan may carry emergency medication, such as asthma relievers or adrenaline auto-injectors, where appropriate.

Where possible, medications should only be prescribed for administration during school hours when it is essential. Parents are encouraged to discuss medication schedules with their doctor, as many medications can often be administered before school, after school and in the evening. Please seek medical advice before requesting medication to be given at school.

Music

All students participate in classroom music lessons delivered by a specialist music teacher. Through these lessons, students develop their musical skills, creativity, confidence and appreciation of music.

Students in **Years 3 to 6** may also can have the opportunity to learn an individual musical instrument through the school's instrumental music program. Participation in instrumental music is subject to availability and program requirements.

Further information about learning an instrument, lesson arrangement and student commitments can be found in the **Instrumental Music** section of this handbook.



Parade

Parade is held each **Friday at 8:30am** in our **Multi-Purpose Hall** and is an important part of school life at Happy Valley State School.

Traditionally led by our **School Captains**, Parade provides an opportunity to come together as a school community to celebrate student achievements and share important information. Parade includes:

- The singing of the **Australian National Anthem**
- The singing of the **Happy Valley State School Song**
- Presentation of **weekly student awards**
- Recognition of student successes and achievements
- A focus on our **Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)** expectations and values

Parents, carers and family members are warmly encouraged to attend and join us in celebrating our students' learning, effort and success.

Parent concerns

At Happy Valley State School, we value positive partnerships with our families and believe that open, respectful communication is key to supporting every student's success.

If you have a concern, we encourage you to speak with us as soon as possible. In most cases, concerns can be resolved quickly through a conversation with your child's teacher or the staff member most closely involved. If further support is needed, our school leadership team is available to work with you to find a positive way forward.

We are committed to listening carefully, treating all concerns fairly and respectfully and keeping families informed throughout the process. Our goal is always to work together in the best interests of our students and maintain a welcoming, supportive school community.

We encourage families to reach out whenever they have questions, feedback, or concerns.

Parental Absence

If your child will be in the care of another person while you are away, please notify the school office as soon as possible. Providing the name and contact details of the caregiver, as well as any emergency contacts, ensures the school can reach the appropriate person if needed.

Keeping this information current helps us support your child's safety and wellbeing and allows us to respond quickly in the event of an emergency or if we need to contact a responsible adult during the school day.

Parents and Citizens Association

The Happy Valley State School **Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C)** is made up of parents, carers and community members who share an interest in supporting the school and enhancing opportunities for our students.

The P&C plays an important role in school life by supporting special events and fundraising initiatives that help provide additional resources and facilities for students and staff. Funds raised may contribute to items such as:

- Educational resources and learning materials
- Library books
- Sporting equipment
- Technology and computer resources
- School improvement projects and general school items

P&C meetings are held on the **second Monday of each month at 5:30pm** in the **Student Hub**. All parents, carers and interested community members are warmly welcome to attend.

Getting involved in the P&C is a great way to support the school, stay informed and contribute to the educational experiences of our students.

Photos

Class and individual school photographs are taken each year. Information about photo day, including ordering details, will be provided to families in advance.

To help protect the privacy of all students and families, parents and carers are asked **not to take photographs or videos of children other than their own** at school events and activities unless permission has been obtained. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for all members of our school community.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

At Happy Valley State School, we prioritise a proactive approach to behaviour management within our school community. Our comprehensive Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) framework encompasses various strategies aimed at fostering positive behaviours and creating a supportive environment for all students. Through our tiered approach, we provide universal strategies to support all students, targeted interventions for those requiring additional assistance, and individualised support for students with specific behavioural challenges. By addressing behaviour on a tiered basis, we can effectively meet the diverse needs of our student body and promote positive outcomes for all.

An integral component of our PBL framework are our weekly lessons, which are purposefully designed to teach students the language and actions necessary to navigate everyday situations effectively. These lessons address various scenarios that students might encounter, from conflict resolution to teamwork and personal responsibility. By equipping students with these essential skills, we empower them to make positive choices and contribute to a respectful school community. Through consistent reinforcement and practice, students internalise these behaviours, leading to a more cohesive and positive school culture. This proactive approach not only reduces incidents of negative behaviour but also enhances students' social and emotional development, preparing them for success both within and beyond the school setting.

Acknowledging positive behaviour is an essential practice to reinforce whole school expectations and to cultivate a supportive learning environment. At Happy Valley State School students earn Harrys both inside and outside the classroom when they are exemplifying the Happy Valley Values. The Harrys collected during lunch breaks, are counted weekly and contribute to the school's PBL rewards. When students accumulate ten Harrys in the classroom, they receive a Harry Card to take home, fostering a connection between school and family. Recognition extends further with students being acknowledged on parade and receiving awards for every 100 Harrys collected. This systematic acknowledgment not only motivates students but also celebrates their achievements, fostering a positive and encouraging school culture.

We recognise the importance of parental support in reinforcing our school's Student Code of Conduct. We provide detailed information about our behaviour management plan to all new families and make it readily accessible on our school website, ensuring transparency and collaboration between home and school. In instances of inappropriate behaviour, a range of consequences aligned with our Student Code of Conduct is applied consistently. These consequences are documented and communicated clearly to all stakeholders, reinforcing our commitment to fairness and accountability within our school community.



Prep

Prep is the first year of formal schooling in Queensland. Children are eligible to start Prep when they are **between 4½ and 5½ years of age** by the relevant enrolment date. Like all other year levels, Prep students begin school on the **first day of the school year**.

Families enrolling a child in Prep are encouraged to refer to the **Prep Parent Information Booklet** for detailed information about the program, routines and how to support a smooth transition to school.

If your child turns **five years of age in July**, or has previously attended school in another state or country, you may wish to discuss the possibility of **early entry to Prep**. In these circumstances, the Principal will consider whether your child is ready to commence formal schooling. Parents and carers should contact the school office to arrange a meeting with the Principal to discuss their child's individual circumstances.

Religious Instruction

Religious Instruction (RI) is available for students in **Years 3–6** and is delivered by approved volunteers from local Christian faith groups using the **Connect** program.

Participation in RI is **voluntary** and requires parent consent. Students who do not participate will be supervised and provided with alternative learning activities.

Parents can change their child's participation at any time by notifying the school in writing.

Reports

At Happy Valley State School, we value strong partnerships between home and school and believe students achieve their best when parents and teachers work together.

Student reports are provided **twice each year**, at the end of **Semester 1** and **Semester 2**, and are distributed via **email or QParents**. Reports provide information about your child's academic achievement, effort and progress.

Parent-teacher interviews are also offered twice each year, providing an opportunity to discuss your child's learning and development with their teacher.

School Finance

Families will be invoiced for costs associated with excursions, camps, sporting events and other extracurricular activities. Payments can be made through the school office and a receipt will be provided or Online.

Payment due dates will be included on permission forms and event information sent home. If your family is experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the Principal as early as possible to discuss available support or payment arrangements.

Part-payments are welcome; however, all fees must be paid in full by the advertised due date unless alternative arrangements have been approved by the Principal.

School Strategic Plan, Annual Implementation Plan (AIP)

Happy Valley State School's **Strategic Plan** outlines the key priorities and improvement goals that guide our school's development over a four-year period.

Each year, these long-term goals are translated into an **Annual Implementation Plan (AIP)**, which details the school's priorities, actions, and budget for the year ahead.

Together, these plans help ensure we remain focused on continuous improvement and the best possible outcomes for our students.

School Leaders

Happy Valley State School offers a range of leadership opportunities for students in Year 6, including:

- **2 School Captains**
- **2 Vice Captains**
- **House Captains** for each of the three sporting houses
- **Student Council Representatives**

Students nominate for leadership positions and participate in a selection process that includes a written application, interview, speech and student voting. Final appointments are endorsed by school staff.

Student leaders play an important role in representing the school and are expected to model our school values, demonstrate responsible behaviour and serve as positive role models for all students.

School Uniforms

Happy Valley State School has a dress code that promotes a sense of pride, belonging and safety. All students are expected to wear the school uniform in accordance with the school's Dress Code Policy.

Purchasing Uniforms

School uniforms can be purchased through the school's uniform shop, operated by the Snack Shack and open Monday to Thursday mornings. Uniforms can also be ordered through **Flexischools** and collected from the Snack Shack.

Local retailers such as **Kmart, Sportspower, and Best & Less** also stock suitable royal blue shorts, skirts and skorts.

School Uniform Requirements

Students are expected to wear:

- Royal blue school polo shirt with school logo
- Royal blue shorts, skirt, or skort (mid-thigh length or longer)
- School royal blue hat with school logo
- White or black socks
- Enclosed shoes (e.g. joggers or school shoes)

Additional Options

Girls may also wear:

- Royal blue skirt or skort
- Navy bike pants or athletic briefs underneath skirts or skorts

Prep and Year 6 students:

- Prep students may purchase a Prep shirt
- Year 6 students may purchase a Year 6 shirt

Accessories

Students may wear:

- A watch (non-smart watch)
- Plain stud or sleeper earrings
- A plain signet ring

- A religious necklace that can easily break away if caught

Hair accessories should be blue or white and should not interfere with learning. Students with long hair are encouraged to tie it back. Hair, nails and skin should remain natural in appearance.

Winter Uniform

During cooler months, students may wear:

- A royal blue jumper or tracksuit
- Leggings or tights underneath shorts, skirts or skorts

Leggings and tights are not to be worn as a substitute for shorts, skirts or skorts.

Sports Days

On Sports Days, students wear clothing in their **house colours**. There is no designated sports shirt.

By wearing the school uniform correctly, students help foster a positive school culture and demonstrate pride in being part of the Happy Valley State School community.

School Watch

Happy Valley State School participates in the **School Watch** program to help keep our school grounds and facilities safe.

We encourage all members of our school community to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity, trespassing or damage on school grounds outside of school hours. If you see anything concerning, please contact the Police Assistance Line on **13 17 88** and advise that you are calling as part of **Happy Valley School Watch**. You do not need to provide your name.

By working together, we can help protect and care for our school environment for the benefit of all students and families.

Sick Children

Please notify the school office promptly of any changes to your address, phone number, email address or emergency contact details.

If your child becomes unwell during the school day, school staff will contact a parent, carer or emergency contact as soon as possible. Keeping your contact information current helps ensure we can reach you quickly when needed and provide the best possible care for your child.

Snack Shack

Our Snack Shack operates **Monday to Friday** and offers a variety of food options for students. A current menu and price list are available from the school office.

Families are encouraged to order online through **Flexischools** at [Flexischools](#). Orders must be placed by **8:15am**.

Manual ordering is also available. Students can place their order in a labelled brown paper bag, including:

- Student name
- Year level
- Order details
- Correct payment (if applicable)

Orders should be handed in at the Snack Shack by **8:15am**.

At break time, Snack Shack orders are collected from the Snack Shack and distributed to students.



Sports Houses

Participation in school sport is encouraged at Happy Valley State School. Through the Physical Education program, students develop a range of skills, teamwork, fitness and confidence while participating in a variety of sporting activities.

Students in **Years 5 and 6** may also have opportunities to represent the school in **interschool sport competitions and gala days**, where students compete against other schools.

Selection for interschool sporting teams is based on a combination of:

Demonstrated sporting skill and ability

Positive behaviour and sportsmanship

Commitment to school values

These opportunities allow students to develop their skills, represent their school with pride, and enjoy the benefits of healthy competition.

Staff

Happy Valley State School is supported by a dedicated team of approximately **25 teachers and specialist staff** who work together to provide high-quality learning, wellbeing and inclusion support for students.

Our teaching team includes a **Principal, Deputy Principal, Head of Department: Curriculum, Head of Department: Wellbeing, Inclusion Teachers, a Music Teacher and two Guidance Officers**, along with classroom teachers across all year levels.

We are also supported by a valued team of **Teacher Aides, Administrative Officers, a Business Manager, Schools Officer and Cleaners**, who help ensure the school operates smoothly and provides a safe, welcoming environment for all students.

Together, our staff are committed to supporting every student to learn, grow and succeed.

Sun Safe

Happy Valley State School is a **SunSmart school** and follows a '**No Hat, No Play**' approach to help protect students from the harmful effects of the sun.

All students are required to wear the school-approved **broad-brimmed or bucket hat** when participating in outdoor activities and during play breaks. **Caps are not permitted**, as they do not provide adequate sun protection.

Students who do not have their hat will be required to remain in a designated shaded area during outdoor activities and break times.

For more information, please refer to the school's **Sun Protection Policy**, available on the school website.

Supervisions

School hours at Happy Valley State School are **8:30am to 2:30pm**.

Students are supervised by staff during the school day. Parents and carers are asked to ensure children arrive at school ready for the start of the day and are collected promptly at dismissal time.

Any student who has not been collected by **3:00pm** will be taken to the school office, and parents or carers will be contacted.

Swimming

Swimming is an important part of the Health and Physical Education program at Happy Valley State School.

- **Years 3–6** participate in swimming lessons during **Term 1**, culminating in the annual swimming carnival.
- **Prep–Year 2** students participate in swimming lessons during **Term 4**.

Swimming lessons help students develop water safety awareness, confidence and swimming skills in a supportive environment. Families will receive information about lesson arrangements and costs prior to the commencement of each swimming program.

Telephone/Mobiles/Smart Watches

If your child needs to contact you during the school day—for example, regarding a forgotten lunch or changes to transport arrangements—school staff will make the call on their behalf.

Mobile phones are **not permitted in classrooms**. Students who bring a mobile phone to school must hand it in at the school office on arrival and collect it at the end of the school day.

Mobile phones, smart watches, cameras, video devices and other electronic devices must not be used during school activities unless specifically approved by staff and parent permission has been obtained.

Any device used in breach of these expectations may be confiscated and parents or carers will be contacted.

Transfers

If your child is leaving Happy Valley State School, please notify the school office as soon as possible.

Providing advance notice allows us to update student records, complete any necessary administrative processes, and support a smooth transition to your child's new school. Families may be asked to provide the date of departure and details of the student's next school.

Happy Valley School Song

(Words and Music by Nicki Wood - 1992)



Verse 1

We are proud to be at Happy Valley School.
We try hard to follow all the rules.
We do our best and still have time for fun.
We always remember slip, slop, slap in the sun.

Chorus

We're Happy Valley State School that's where we belong;
Happy Valley State School listen to our song.

Verse 2

Helmets are worn by all who ride their bike,
The Principal and Teachers are people that we like.
So just remember we have a golden rule,
We're really proud to be at Happy Valley School.

Chorus

We're Happy Valley State School that's where we belong;
Happy Valley State School listen to our song.

Verse 3

Blue and white are the colours that we wear.
"Seek and you shall find" is the motto that we bear.
Originally opened in 1932,
We all are very happy to be telling you:

Chorus

We're Happy Valley State School that's where we belong;
Happy Valley State School listen to our song.

Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice
For we are one and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia Fair.