

Happy Valley State School



School Prospectus



Welcome to Happy Valley State School

I am very proud to be the Principal of Happy Valley State School and it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our school.

At Happy Valley we are exceptionally proud of our students' learning, wellbeing, cultural and sporting achievements.

We commit to create a learning environment in which each child can think, connect, innovate and celebrate their success. Our dedicated and caring staff provide a wide range of educational opportunities.

Strong relationships between school, home and the wider community are paramount to successful learning experiences for students.

I look forward to working with you to give your child a positive and rewarding school experience.







Kath Donnelly

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Principal

Our Vision

To encourage students to:

Think  Connect  Innovate  Celebrate 

Our Expectations

At Happy Valley we will:

Be safe

Be responsible

Be a learner

Be kind

Contact Details and Times

Happy Valley State School

25-31 Brilliant Street

PO Box 1543

Mount Isa Qld 4825

Email: admin@happyvalleyss.eq.edu.au

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

Children seriously injured will receive treatment from the Ambulance. Where possible, parents will be notified immediately but if parents cannot be contacted, the child will still receive treatment. Any treatment provided is at parental expense.

After School Care and Vacation Care

Happy Valley P&C Outside School Hours Care caters for Prep-Year 6 students, offers an interesting and caring environment for students from 6:30 – 8:30am and 2:30-5:30pm daily, as well as vacation care. For more information please telephone 0499 995 812 or call into the office for an information package.

Attendance : Every Day Counts

Please advise the school office of all absences

It is a legal requirement that students attend school all day, every school day.

If your child is absent due to illness please contact the office. Please inform the school administration office in advance of any planned absence such as family holidays during school time. If a child is absent without explanation, the school staff will contact the parents / guardians on a regular basis.

See Exemptions from Compulsory Schooling section for absences more than 10 consecutive days.

Does your child have a chance of being successful?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days	8 weeks	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Equal to finishing in grade 4

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Behaviour Management

Happy Valley school community supports a proactive approach to behaviour management. There is a whole school 'social skilling program' which includes teaching students to use the language and actions needed for dealing with everyday situations. Parental support for the School's Student Code Of Conduct and the whole school Social Skills program, is regarded as essential to ensuring a supportive school environment. A range of consequences are applied for inappropriate behaviour. These consequences are documented in the Student Code Of Conduct. A detailed copy of the plan is given to all new families and is available on the school's website.

Bicycles

All children who ride a bike to school MUST wear a helmet. Children should not borrow or lend their bicycles. The riding of bicycles and scooters is not permitted in the school grounds. Student's bikes or scooters must be able to be locked and secured in the bike enclosure. NO skateboards or rollerblades are permitted at school.

THE BIKE ENCLOSURE IS OUT OF BOUNDS DURING THE DAY.

Illness

Children are required to present a medical certificate when absent due to illness for 3 consecutive days. If your child is absent due to illness please inform the school.

Book Lists

Happy Valley State School's book list is given to each child towards the end of Term 4 each year or on request. It is requested that books be covered and clearly labelled for the start of the new school year. Please ensure all materials are clearly marked with the child's name and class.

Camps

A Year 6 camp will be held in Term One as of 2022. Further information will be provided to parents of Year 5 students the year prior and organisation will begin.

Cars in School Grounds

Private cars are not allowed in the school grounds except on official business or with special permission from the Principal.

This is a safety precaution that should be STRICTLY ADHERED TO. For security and safety the car park is out of bounds for pedestrians.

Computers

The school is resourced with over fifty workstations in the classrooms and library. All students must have parental permission and have signed a user's agreement to use the Internet at school.

Crossing Supervisor

We have a Crossing Supervisor on the Twenty-third Avenue crossing. This person supervises children crossing from Happy Valley and Saint Josephs' Schools between the hours of 7.40am – 8.40am and 2.20pm – 3.05pm. Children are to use this crossing when crossing the road, including children on bikes.

Curriculum

The Australian Curriculum is implemented. Each teacher will provide parents with information about work programs at the beginning of each term via a class newsletter.

Dental Services

Available for free to all school age children

All primary school children are entitled to free dental treatment. The school dentist can be contacted by phoning the Mount Isa Base Hospital Dental Clinic on 4744 4407.

Disease

There are a number of childhood diseases, which require children to be excluded from school. These include measles, chicken pox and mumps. If you need any advice about keeping children away from school because of some contagious disease, please contact the school for more information.

Excursions and Sporting Trips

From time to time, educational trips are organised by teachers to reinforce the work being covered at school. For these trips, families are usually required to meet the cost of transport and admission fees where applicable. No child is permitted to participate without the consent of parents/guardians. Sporting trips allow students to represent their school district or region. The following guidelines are used to select students to represent the school:

- A satisfactory attendance record
- Up to date in all school work
- A satisfactory behaviour record

Exemptions from Compulsory Schooling

Under the Education Act (2006), students who are absent from school for more than 10 consecutive school days (eg. due to family holidays) require an exemption. It is essential for parents to contact the school administration office in order to apply for an application for exemption, prior to the child/ren's absence and provide evidence for the need for exemption.

Extra-Curricular Activities

A variety of school based clubs and competitions are offered throughout the year. Some are held during breaks, others before or after school. Examples include Opti-MINDS, Rock Pop Mime Show, Wonders of Science, STEM club and choir.

Guidance and Specialist Services

Throughout the school, children have access to a great variety of resource services through our Guidance Officer and other visiting specialists. If you feel your child needs assistance, refer the problem through the class teacher or the Principal.

If you wish your child to see the Guidance Officer appointments must be made in advance, with written permission from a parent.

Head Injuries

If your child receives a head injury at school we will call you. The school follows the 'Managing Head Injuries' flowchart attached.

History of the School

Isa Mines School opened in May 1932 and was located on about 8 acres of land close to the present King's Cross area of Mine side. The first Principal was Mr McPhail and 79 pupils were enrolled on the first day.

The new school at Happy Valley opened in 1964 but from then until 1971 children were split, with grades 5, 6, 7 at Happy Valley and grades 1, 2, 3, 4, at Isa Mines School. The final merger of the two parts of the school occurred on 20th November 1971. The original Isa Mine Plaque of Insignia is now incorporated into a commemorative cairn located in the lawn area at the school entrance.

The modular type buildings of this school were erected during 1971. The first library was built in 1975.

In 1977 the Preschool opened its doors to approximately 90 pupils. The assembly area, 'the hill', an open-air stage was finally ready for use in 1979. This area was redeveloped to become an upper oval play area for students in Prep – Year 2. The area was part of a commonwealth funding project and was completed in 2007.

In 2008 the school was also fully air conditioned and more recently Federal and State funding has enabled the school to establish a new multi-purpose hall, tennis court, a new resource centre and refurbishments of classrooms.

Homework

Education Queensland recommended guidelines for homework are:

- Prep – no formal homework but daily reading is encouraged.
- Year 1 – 15 minutes maximum
- Year 2 / 3 – 30 minutes maximum
- Year 4 / 5 – 45 minutes maximum
- Year 6 – 60 minutes maximum

Teachers will not give children 'new work' for homework.

Languages Other Than English (LOTE)

Our LOTE is Japanese. All children in Years 5 and 6 have weekly LOTE lessons taught by a specialist language teacher remotely from Charters Towers School of Distance Education.

Lead SMART

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

Leaving School Grounds

Children are not to leave the grounds during the school day unless under supervision of parents or a teacher. Children must be collected and signed out by a parent or guardian from the school office if they leave during the day, for example if they are sick.

Library

Library skills are taught in conjunction with the general curriculum. Weekly borrowing is encouraged, and the Library is open at break times for the children to access.

Lost Property

Children being children, it is inevitable that belongings are either mislaid or lost. Marking of property allows it to be returned to the owner. Lost property boxes are located in each module's wet area. At the end of each term you can find lost property on the stage area near the tuckshop.

Lunches

HVSS encourages healthy eating

At Happy Valley State School:

- children bring their own lunches
- children are not permitted to leave the school grounds to buy their lunches
- refrigerators are provided for the use of students to keep their lunches fresh and cool
- students are requested to take home all uneaten food so that parents know if the quantity they are sending is too large or if the child does not like a particular food
- water is the recommended drink. There is a cooled drinking fountain available for the students
- please label all lunch boxes and water bottles with child's name

During the year, there may be special food days organized (e.g. sausage sizzles, pizza lunch and cake days). Parents will be notified of these food days in the newsletter, but they will only occur once a term.

Suggestions of lunch food include:

- Sandwiches or pita bread with cheese, lean meat, hummus and salad
- Cheese slices, crackers with spread, and fresh or dried fruits
- Washed and cut up raw vegetables or fresh fruits
- Frozen water bottle or tetra pack of juice or milk
- Yoghurt

Parents are asked to keep special treats (e.g. lollies, soft drinks, chocolates) for after school.



Medicines at School

Students with Asthma and Anaphylaxis require a management plan from the doctor. If your child requires medication to be administered at school, you must complete the necessary paperwork in the office. All medications must be held at the school office. Students with a management plan may carry medications that need to be administered in an emergency. Children with sores, abrasions or other injuries should have treatment before coming to school. Parents should ensure that sores and abrasions are properly covered.

It is important that medicines are only prescribed for administration during school hours when it is absolutely necessary. Check with your doctor first to see whether it is necessary for it to be given while at school. Three times a day will usually work - before school, after school and at night, but please check first.

Music

All students participate in class music with a specialist teacher. Students in Years 3 to 6 may choose to study an individual instrument. For more on instrumental music please see separate “Instrumental Music” section.



Newsletter

Our **school newsletter** is sent via email. It is completed fortnightly and informs you of upcoming events, school activities and news. If you wish to receive a copy of the newsletter, please provide your email address to the school office. The newsletter is also posted on our school website at www.happyvalleyss.eq.edu.au.

Parade

Parade is conducted every Friday morning at 8.30am and is held in our multi-purpose hall. It is traditionally run by the School Captains and includes the singing of the National Anthem and the Happy Valley School song, student weekly awards and a whole school social skill. We encourage parents to attend.

Parental Absence

Should you be leaving your children in the care of others, please notify the school office in advance of the details of the caregiver or emergency contacts during your absence.

Parents and Citizens Assoc.

The association is composed of parents, like yourself, who demonstrate their interest in the welfare of the school and the children at Happy Valley State School as well as interested community members. The P & C supports the school by helping with special events and fundraising for particular resources that will benefit students and staff e.g. educational materials, library books, sporting equipment, computers and general school items.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month in the school meeting room (HPE) at 5:30pm and we encourage you to attend.

Photos

Class photographs will be taken annually. Due to privacy concerns please refrain from taking photos of children who are not your own.



Prep

Students begin Prep when they are 4 ½ - 5½ year old. Prep, like other Primary year levels, begins day one of the school year with all other students. ***Please see the Prep Parent Information Booklet for more information.***

If your child turns 5 in July or has previously attended school in another state or country and you are considering applying for early entry to Prep, the Principal will need to decide whether or not your child is ready for education. Please contact the office to organise a meeting with the Principal.

Religious Instruction

Queensland state schools embrace a multitude of cultural, religious and non-religious beliefs. Under the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*, schools are to provide Religious Instruction (RI) if approached by a faith group seeking to provide RI and students of that faith attend the school.

RI is delivered by volunteers of a faith group using instructional materials approved by that faith group. RI is required to be consistent with legislation and Department of Education policies and procedures.

All RI instructors must hold a blue card and participate in compulsory Student Protection and Code of Conduct training. RI instructors are only entitled to deliver the RI program outlined below. A school staff member will be present during the delivery of RI.

Participation in RI is not compulsory. Any student (except Prep students) may participate in RI if a parent has provided written instructions to the school.

Students are allocated to RI based on information provided by parents on the completed [Application for student enrolment](#) unless other written instructions have been provided to the school.

Note: *This consent remains in effect unless the parent informs the school otherwise in writing.*

Cooperative Religious Instruction

Participating faith groups: Council of Cooperative Churches (including Catholic, Baptist, Victory of Life, Uniting, Anglican, Australian Christian Churches)

Authorised program: Connect

Aims and goals: To share the gospel message. To share the love and forgiveness of God.

Lesson structure: Lessons contain: Way in, Bible focus, Connections, Concluding prayer. Lessons are 30 min per week.

For further information, including module and/or lesson descriptors visit: cepconnect.com.au

Parents of students participating in these programs will be advised if a faith group requires funds to cover the expense of materials used in RI.

Other Instruction

Students who are not participating in RI will be provided with other instruction in a separate supervised location. Other instruction must relate to part of a subject area already covered in class and may include:

- personal research and/or assignments
- revision of class work such as creative writing or literacy and/or numeracy activities which could include online programs currently accessed by the students of that school (i.e. [Mathletics](#))
- wider reading such as independent reading appropriate to the student

Parents will be advised of any changes to the RI and other instruction programs to ensure they are able to make an informed decision on their child's participation.

Reports

Student Reports are distributed at the beginning of Semester 2 and end of Semester 2.

We believe that students benefit and progress best, when parents and teachers work well together. Reports are sent home via email or QParents at the beginning of Semester 2 and end of Semester 2. They explain your child's progress across a range of academic and social areas. Interviews are also offered twice a year.

School Based Police Officer

We are actively supported by our School Based Police Officer who attends parades, camps and special invitation activities whenever the opportunity arises.

School Finance

The school will invoice parents for any money required to cover extracurricular activities. This money is to be paid to the office and an official receipt will be provided.

Deadlines for payment of class and whole school events will be detailed on the permission letters that go home. In the event of **family hardship** prior arrangements may be made with the **Principal** for payment prior to the deadline date. **Part-payments** are welcome but must be paid in full by the deadline date.

At Happy Valley State School, we are committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for students, staff and volunteers. This commitment includes the health and safety of staff and students when conducting curriculum activities in the school or in other locations.

School excursions and camps enhance a student's learning by providing opportunities for the student to participate in activities, both curriculum-related and recreational, outside the normal school routine. All planned school excursions are approved by the Principal and endorsed by the Parents & Citizens Association.

State schools are able to charge a fee for:

- An educational service including materials and consumables not defined as instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student;
- An education service purchased from a provider other than the school where the provider charges the school; and
- A specialised educational program.

A school fee is directed to the purpose for which it is charged.

School fees for excursions and camps are calculated on a cost recovery only basis, according to the number of students who have indicated their attendance.

Participation of students in an excursion or camp is indicated through payment of the excursion or camp fee and provision of a permission form completed by the parent/carer.

As the school budget cannot meet any shortfalls in funding for an excursion or camp due to the subsequent non-participation of a student who had previously indicated attendance of the activity, fees already paid for an excursion or school camp may be refunded in full or in part or not at all, having regard to the associated expenses incurred and the circumstances of the non-participation. If a parent/carer wishes to apply for a refund due to their child's non-participation in an excursion or camp activity, they may do so by completing a Request for Refund form available from the school office. Where possible, the request should include the receipt relating to the payment for which a refund is being sought.

School Strategic Plan, Annual Implementation Plan (AIP)

The School Plan is the blue print for our school's development over forthcoming years. The School Plan outlines key strategies for improvement in the 4 years ahead. The Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) is the annual planning and budget which is developed from the long term goals of the Strategic Plan.

School Leaders

The school has a number of student leadership positions including 2 School Captains, 2 Vice Captains, House Captains for each of the 3 houses, and student council representatives from the Year 6 classes. All positions are nominated by students and endorsed by staff. The appointment process includes written application, interview, presentation of speech and voting, then students in school leadership positions are role models for all students.



School Uniforms

The school has a uniform shop, which is run by the tuckshop. It operates Monday to Thursday 8am to 8:30am. School uniforms can be ordered on Flexischools and collected from the Tuckshop.

Many local suppliers such as Kmart, Sportspower and Best & Less also stock royal blue skirts and shorts. All students are expected to wear the school uniform as outlined in our school dress code policy. Wearing the school uniform develops a pride in our school and self-respect in our students.

Students are expected to wear school uniform as outlined below.

Unisex school uniform

Royal blue school T-shirt with logo and royal blue shorts.

A school royal blue hat with school logo.

White or black socks and closed in shoes e.g. joggers or school shoes

Shorts, skirt or skort must be mid-thigh or longer.

Girl's options

In addition to unisex uniforms girls may wear a royal blue skirt or skort.

Navy bike pants or athletic briefs to be worn under skirts

Year 6 and Prep options

Year 6 students have an opportunity to purchase a Year 6 shirt.

Prep students have an option to purchase a Prep T-shirt.

Accessories

- Students may wear a watch to school as long as it is not a smart watch.
- Hair accessories are to be blue or white to match the uniform and not interfere with learning.
- Plain stud or sleeper earrings may be worn and a religious necklace may be worn as long as it will easily break if it catches, so not to choke.
- Plain signet ring.
- Students with long hair should have it tied up.
- Natural hair, nails and skin.

Winter uniform

The winter uniform is the same as above with the addition of a royal blue tracksuit or jumper. Leggings or tights may be worn under shorts, skort or skirt but not by themselves.

Sports Day

Students wear clothes in their house colours. There is not a designated sports T-shirt.

School Watch

To help protect our school, we are part of the school watch program. We encourage our school community to keep a watchful eye on the school grounds and buildings during out of school hours. Please report out of hours intruders or damage to the police immediately. You do not have to give your name, simply say you are part of the Happy Valley School Watch. Phone 13 17 88.

Sick Children

Advise school office of changes to address and telephone numbers.

If a child becomes sick during the school day, the class teacher will ask staff in the Administration Office to contact you. **Please keep your address and telephone number up to date with the office so you can be contacted immediately.**



Sports Houses

Participation in school sport is encouraged. We participate in a variety of sports as part of the Physical Education program. A variety of skills are taught as children move through the years.

Inter-school sport is organised for Years 5 – 6. Interschool sport is conducted on Gala Days where whole days are dedicated to the competition. Children will be selected for inter-school sport according to acceptable behaviour and skill.

Staff

The school has approximately 25 teachers, including a Principal, Deputy Principal, Head of Department: Curriculum, Intervention teachers/coaches, a Music teacher, Support teachers and a part time Guidance Officer. We are assisted by a Business Manager, Administrative Officers, Teacher Aides, Schools Officer and Cleaners.

Sun Safe

No hat no play

As part of our sun safe program all children must wear the uniform broad brimmed or school bucket hat when taking part in outdoor activities and playing in the school grounds. Caps are not permitted to be worn at school or for outdoor play / school activities.

Our school Sun Protection Policy can be found on our website.

Supervisions

School hours 8:30am-2:30pm

Children are supervised at school by teachers from 8:30am to 2:30pm every day. Children not collected by 3.00pm will be taken to the office and parents will be contacted.

Swimming

Swimming lessons are conducted as part of the Physical Education program. We have a swimming block in Term 4 for selected year levels. The school swimming carnival is usually held in Term 4. Students must wear a sun safe 'rashie' for swimming lessons.

Telephone/Mobiles/Smart Watches

Children are not allowed to use the school phone. If needed, our Administration Staff will make the calls on behalf of your child e.g. forgotten lunches or queries about transport arrangements. Mobile phones are not permitted to be taken to class. Students who have mobiles should leave them at and collect them from the office each morning and afternoon at arrival and departure times.

Mobiles / video / camera phones and other electronic devices, including smart watches are not permitted for use in any school activities unless specifically determined by staff and parental permission sought. Items will be confiscated should there be a breach of this procedure. Parents will be contacted in this case.

Transfers

If your child is leaving this school, please be sure to let our Administration staff know.

Tuckshop

Helpers welcome

Our tuckshop offers a wide variety of foods and is run by our convenor and voluntary helpers. The tuckshop is currently operating Monday to Friday. A current price list will be sent home regularly on the school newsletter and is available through the office.

Our school now has a great online ordering system called Flexischools, orders need to be placed by 8:15am. You can register via www.flexischools.com.au

However, we still offer manual ordering via brown paper bag including cash and children are to place their orders for lunch at the tuckshop by 8:15am. Orders are to be written on a tuckshop bag with NAME, YEAR LEVEL and ORDER on it. The bag must be handed in at the tuckshop.

Teachers arrange for the collection of the tuckshop basket at break time and hand orders to the children.

The tuckshop is always LOOKING FOR HELPERS. Any parents who can help (even if only occasionally), please ring the convenor at the Tuckshop on 4745 0333.

Instrumental Music at Happy Valley State School

What is involved in Instrumental Music?

Students learn an orchestral instrument, in a small class of between 3 and 10 students. Students learn how to play their chosen instrument, how to read music, how to write music and how to perform to an audience.

Who can study Instrumental Music?

Students are eligible to study Instrumental Music from Years 5-6 for wind and percussion instruments and Years 3-6 for stringed instruments. The Instrumental Music Program also extends into High School so that students may continue playing their instrument until university and beyond.

Students are taken into the program if they show talent in music, are successful at the practical Instrument Test and have their teachers and parents support. All students with their own instruments will be accepted automatically into the program.

What Instruments Can My Child Learn?

Woodwind Instruments:	Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone
Brass Instruments:	Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba
Percussion Instruments:	Snare Drum, Bass Drum, Glockenspiel, Timpani, Auxiliary Percussion
String Instruments:	Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass

Note: The Instrumental Music Program does not include Drum Kit, Guitar or Piano

What might I see my son or daughter doing as part of the school Instrumental Music program?

- playing instruments
- performing in small and large music groups
- performing as a soloist
- composing and arranging
- reading music
- improvising
- memorising
- practising
- conducting
- recording
- playing in a pit band or support band
- researching
- using music software
- attending live performances
- participating in music camps
- organising and promoting concerts
- using technology such as computers and sound systems
- writing material for concert programs
- co-operating with peers and others
- taking on leadership roles
- enjoying a sense of achievement
- working towards excellence

How will Instrumental Music benefit my son or daughter?

- broadens musical, intellectual and cultural horizons
- fosters self-esteem, confidence and a positive outlook
- endorses the pursuit of excellence
- focuses on participation and performance in an environment of co-operation and teamwork
- encourages mutual respect and tolerance
- stimulates intellectual growth

What is the cost?

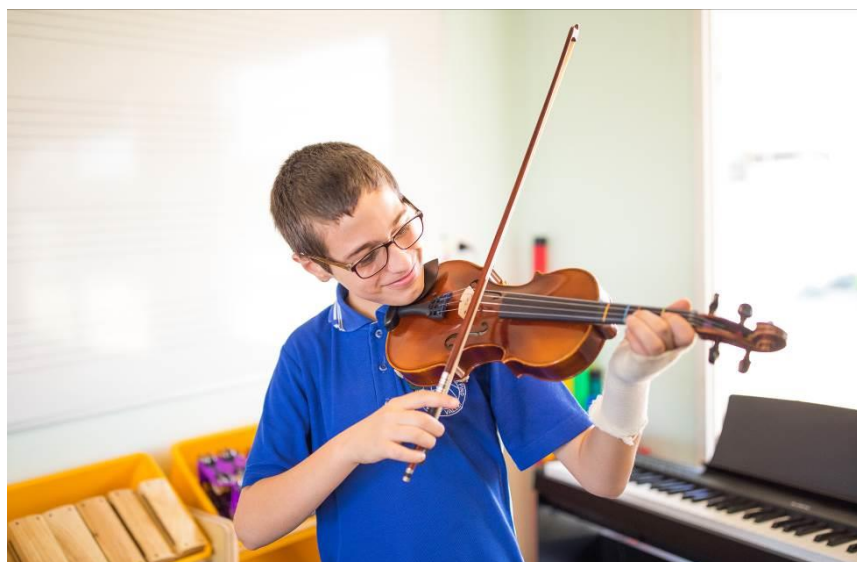
- Music program levy \$80.00 (to be paid by all students)
- Instrumental Maintenance Levy \$80.00 (to be paid by all students loaning an instrument from the school)
- Equipment levy \$45.00 (1st year students only)

Instrumental Music contributes to these career paths:

- Artist/band/orchestra manager
- Arts administrator
- Audio engineer
- Choral director
- Composer
- Conductor
- Entertainer
- Journalist
- Multi-media artist
- Music copyright lawyer
- Music librarian
- Music publishing
- Music software design and marketing
- Musician — vocalist/instrumentalist
- Public relations
- 'Roadie'
- Sales and marketing
- Sound technician
- Stage manager
- Stage/theatre director
- Teacher
- Web designer

Where do we Perform?

- ANZAC Day
- Workshops
- Rodeo/Mardi Gras
- Parade Performances
- Eisteddfod
- Education Week
- Battle of the Bands
- School functions
- Musical evenings
- Community Events



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.

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.

National School Anthem

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.

Social Skills

Be Seen to be clean
Show me grit
Deal or no deal Students need to be able to identify when behaviour is a no deal or has developed into a no deal.
Don't gossip, stop it
Done and dusted
Help is at hand
Honesty is the best policy
I pull my own strings
In the zone Students showing learning behaviours in the classroom, to enable their best opportunities for learning and showing what they have learned in assessments.
Is it a catastrophe?
It's cool to be kind
It's not cool to wreck our school
It's not over till it's over Students need to know that even though the school term is almost over they still need to be in the zone and ready to learn throughout the whole week.
It's okay to be angry, it's what we do with that anger that counts
Keep it positive If students' outlook is always negative then it is difficult to find solutions to problems. Therefore, students need to be taught to look for and appreciate the good things in their lives and to see their problems as challenges for growth and learning.
Manners matter Students using their manners: speaking to each other politely; telling the truth; asking nicely; speaking in an appropriate voice; using a person's name; saying thank you, please, excuse me, I beg your pardon, sorry.
My space, my bubble Students need to learn to be respectful of the personal space of others. This can be difficult particularly for younger students when playing and being excited. Different people have different personal space boundaries and students need to learn how to respect others and ask them to move away if needed.
No shame in fame
Own it Students owning their behaviour, acknowledging their involvement in an incident, being honest and taking responsibility for their actions even when there is a consequence, making things right if they have had negative impacts on someone or something else.
Play it safe
Right place, right time Students being in the right place at the right time throughout the school day. This could include lining up after lunch, playing in the correct areas, being in class during learning time etc.
Sit on it When students arrive at school they need to sit on the seats outside their classroom until the teacher lets them inside. At lunch time students need to sit down to eat their lunch.
Start to shine, be on time
To have a friend, be a friend
Turn it around