Kilberry Valley Primary School

Kilberry Valley Primary School has an enrolment of 833 students. Our continuing trend of an increasingly culturally diverse school community is enriched by the experiences and backgrounds of families representing 40 nationalities.

Our vision is to develop responsible learners for a changing society. The school believes that all students, staff and the community can learn. The values of respect, responsibility, tolerance, honesty, trust and diversity are paramount at Kilberry Valley. Our school promotes an environment focused on continuous improvement in learning, encouraging all members of the school community to become independent, adaptable and positive contributors to their learning and self development. The school community continues to embrace the use of information technology to challenge and enrich our students.

Kilberry Valley’s mission states that students will be given the opportunity to succeed through a school design that;

* Promotes and supports a strong set of beliefs and values * Provides a comprehensive and inclusive curriculum to support areas of learning * Supports the journey towards personal excellence * Encourages innovative teaching and an investigative approach to learning * Ensures a safe and supportive learning environment which encourages involvement of parents and the community.

Kilberry Valley Primary School has 67.98 equivalent full time staff: 3 Principal Class, 52.48 Teaching Staff and 12.50 Education Support Staff.

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<td><strong>Academic achievement continues to be strong at Kilberry Valley Primary School and we are performing at a similar level to other schools in all but one category, after considering background characteristics known to make a difference to students' results.</strong> Literacy and numeracy results are sound with our Year 5 students remaining above state average. Our school continues to provide excellent levels of Information and Communication Technologies across all year levels with students engaging in a variety of multimedia activities. The continual development of our film studio provides increasing opportunities for students to enrich their learning. Teamwork, life skills, social development, literacy and numeracy are all enriched as the students utilise the studio to increase their engagement in all aspects of school life. Our Visual and Performing Arts, Physical Education, Life Skills, and other non-classroom programs ensure a variety of opportunities for our students to develop their individual skills. A continual focus on building staff capacity remains a priority to improve our curriculum delivery to meet the changing needs of our students. Our Professional Learning Teams remain positively focussed on staff and school improvement.</td>
<td><strong>Staff, Parent and Student survey data indicate that in 2011 Kilberry Valley Primary School provided a safe and stimulating environment for our students. Parent Opinion Survey results increased markedly during 2011 in all areas. Absence data slightly increased over 2011. A small number of excessive student absences contributed to this result. Kilberry Valley students develop a sense of belonging through a variety of programs like ‘You Can Do It’, ‘5 Golden Rules’, ‘Kids Hope’ mentoring and ‘CHIPS’. Community responsibility and citizenship is promoted through strong, consistent community rules and consequences, which are positively focused. Survey results show a whole school improvement trend in the student morale element. Students are engaging in many positive aspects of healthy living and personal development resulting in the students' positive attitude results. The introduction of Kids Matter programs has also had positive results. Our Primary Welfare Officer and student leaders continue to engage students in positive activities to increase social awareness and empathy. Strong community cooperation and commitment was evident during the Year Level Concert attendance and special community nights.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Kilberry Valley Primary School has a well developed transition and induction process to effectively introduce new students to our school. The Pre School to Prep transition occurs through a series of parent information meetings. The Transition Program conducted with the Pre School students during October/November each year aids the familiarisation of our new Preps. Improved moderation procedures including weekly year level meetings and earlier class determination, saw frequent term four opportunities developed by our ‘Transitions’ Professional Learning Team, allowing students increased access to their next year’s class members and staff. The keeping of accurate, up to date digital records of each student’s yearly performance along with their Individual Development Plans, enables our staff to quickly analyse and monitor a smooth transference between year levels across the whole school during 2011. Close links with feeder Secondary Colleges, commencing with our Year 5 students, facilitates better transition for our Year 6 students to the local Government, Catholic and Independent schools. Our engagement with the Casey Central Network of Schools Transitions group further improved transition processes for our students to Secondary Colleges.</strong></td>
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