

# Southern Vales Christian College Inc.



## *2011 Community Survey Results*

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## THANK YOU

Thank you to all the families who participated in the year's survey – your input is greatly appreciated and helps us to see how we are doing and to reflect on what needs to be included in our forward planning.

We received 106 responses.

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## SUMMARY COMMENTS

I take this opportunity to thank the members of our community who have taken the time to answer our online Community survey. As Principal of the College I am greatly encouraged by the generally overwhelming positive response to the questions that were asked. There is always room for improvement in anything that we do so it is appreciated and understood that there will be some criticism or suggestions made about how we can do better.

About two thirds of our community are in regular Christian fellowship.

This survey indicates that parents are really happy with our Biblical worldview and the Christian values we impart to students. They are generally very satisfied with our approach to academic excellence, with our subject offerings and with our facilities. Parents perceive that there is a strong sense of community and that Southern Vales Christian College offers a safe environment for its students.

They are pleased with the new facilities and programs we are offering such as our OSHC and Vacation Care.

There is an indication that families are pleased with the overall direction the College is taking and that things have improved over the last few years. They are very happy with the ongoing appointment of our College Chaplain. There was strong support for our new uniform but some concern about the opening hours and accessibility of our uniform shop.

There is still some minor concern about students needing to travel between campuses. This should however be alleviated over the next two years.

Obviously we cannot be everything to everyone. There was some individual criticism but this was quite minimal. The comments will be examined and attended to wherever possible. I invite you to have a look at the responses and share it with others. I believe it paints a very good picture of who we are as a Christian Community.

Yours in Christ,  
Andrew Clayton  
Principal

## QUESTION RESULTS

### Sections 1. & 2: General

Q2. We currently attend a local church.

Yes	60.8%	62
No	39.2%	40

answered question: 102 / skipped question: 4

Q4. We regularly visit the College website.

Yes	44.2%	46
No	55.8%	58

answered question: 104 / skipped question: 2

Q5. How many years have you and your family been a part of the SVCC community?

Less than 1 Year	29.0%	29
1-3 years	25.0%	25
More than 3 years	46.0%	46

answered question: 100 / skipped question: 6

Q6. Please indicate the year levels your child/ren are enrolled in at SVCC (if you have more than one child at the College, please tick each relevant year):

Reception	19.6%	19
1	12.4%	12
2	6.2%	6
3	5.2%	5
4	14.4%	14
5	7.2%	7
6	14.4%	14
7	13.4%	13
8	19.6%	19
9	12.4%	12
10	15.5%	15
11	16.5%	16
12	8.2%	8

answered question: 97 / skipped question: 9

Q7. What is something that you particularly appreciate about SVCC?

answered question: 97 skipped question: 9

**See responses commencing page 11**

Q8. Is there something that you would like to change about SVCC's learning program?

answered question: 80 / skipped question: 26

**See responses commencing page 13**

Q9. How would you describe SVCC to someone you met who did not know about the College?

answered question: 94 / skipped question: 12

**See responses commencing page 14**

Q10. We believe the College fees are reasonable.

Strongly agree	27.8%	27
<b>Agree</b>	<b>58.8%</b>	<b>57</b>
Disagree	4.1%	4
Strongly disagree	1.0%	1
Don't know	7.2%	7
Not applicable	1.0%	1

answered question: 97 / skipped question: 9

Q11. If you were to rate SVCC on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 the lowest; 10 the highest) how would you rate the College?

3	1.0%	1
5	2.0%	2
6	4.0%	4
7	13.1%	13
<b>8</b>	<b>39.4%</b>	<b>39</b>
9	27.3%	27
10	13.1%	13

answered question: 99 / skipped question: 7

## Section 4: Curriculum, Teaching and Learning

Q12. A biblical worldview and a Christian perspective are promoted through the curriculum.

Strongly agree	38.5%	37
<b>Agree</b>	<b>58.3%</b>	<b>56</b>
Disagree	1.0%	1
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	2.1%	2
Not applicable	0.0%	0

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

Q13. Class sizes are satisfactory.

Strongly agree	22.7%	22
<b>Agree</b>	<b>72.2%</b>	<b>70</b>
Disagree	3.1%	3
Strongly disagree	1.0%	1
Don't know	1.0%	1
Not applicable	0.0%	0

answered question: 97 / skipped question: 9

Q14. Academic excellence is being pursued at the College.

Strongly agree	20.6%	20
<b>Agree</b>	<b>74.2%</b>	<b>72</b>
Disagree	3.1%	3
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	1.0%	1
Not applicable	1.0%	1

answered question: 97 / skipped question: 9

Q15. Families are suitably informed about curriculum offerings and subject choices.

Strongly agree	17.7%	17
<b>Agree</b>	<b>55.2%</b>	<b>53</b>
Disagree	7.3%	7
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	8.3%	8
Not applicable	11.5%	11

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

Q16. Our son or daughter is likely to apply for Hospitality at the new Aldinga Trade Training Centre in 2012.

Strongly agree	1.0%	1
Agree	6.2%	6
Disagree	12.4%	12
Strongly disagree	5.2%	5
Don't know	32.0%	31
Not applicable	43.3%	42

answered question: 97 / skipped question: 9

Q17. We support the inclusion of Aquaculture at Aldinga as a curriculum offering.

Strongly agree	23.7%	23
<b>Agree</b>	<b>40.2%</b>	<b>39</b>
Disagree	0.0%	0
Strongly disagree	2.1%	2
Don't know	11.3%	11
Not applicable	22.7%	22

answered question: 97 / skipped question: 9

Q18. Our son or daughter is likely to apply for Aquaculture if it were to be offered in 2012.

Strongly agree	2.1%	2
Agree	7.2%	7
Disagree	12.4%	12
Strongly disagree	5.2%	5
Don't know	29.9%	29
Not applicable	43.3%	42

answered question: 97 / skipped question: 9

Q19. We think students should be able to bring their own laptops or iPads to College for use in the classroom.

Strongly agree	13.5%	13
<b>Agree</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>32</b>
Disagree	14.6%	14
Strongly disagree	10.4%	10
Don't know	16.7%	16
Not applicable	11.5%	11

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

## Section 5: Facilities and Resources

Q20. The current Primary School facilities are adequate and of good quality.

Strongly agree	11.3%	11
<b>Agree</b>	<b>57.7%</b>	<b>56</b>
Disagree	9.3%	9
Strongly disagree	2.1%	2
Don't know	6.2%	6
Not applicable	13.4%	13

answered question: 97 / skipped question: 9

Q21. The current Middle School facilities are adequate and of good quality.

Strongly agree	9.3%	9
<b>Agree</b>	<b>36.1%</b>	<b>35</b>
Disagree	14.4%	14
Strongly disagree	1.0%	1
Don't know	16.5%	16
Not applicable	22.7%	22

answered question: 97 / skipped question: 9

Q22. The current Senior School facilities are adequate and of good quality.

Strongly agree	14.6%	14
<b>Agree</b>	<b>30.2%</b>	<b>29</b>
Disagree	8.3%	8
Strongly disagree	1.0%	1
Don't know	19.8%	19
Not applicable	26.0%	25

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

Q23. The current course offerings at Senior School level are adequate.

Strongly agree	8.2%	8
<b>Agree</b>	<b>34.0%</b>	<b>33</b>
Disagree	8.2%	8
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	19.6%	19
Not applicable	29.9%	29

answered question: 97 / skipped question: 9

Q24. The appointment of a Chaplain to the College has been a positive step.

Strongly agree	28.9%	28
<b>Agree</b>	<b>51.5%</b>	<b>50</b>
Disagree	0.0%	0
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	17.5%	17
Not applicable	2.1%	2

answered question: 97 / skipped question: 9

Q25. The Out of School Hours Care Facility (OSHC) at Morphett Vale and Aldinga campuses is appreciated by parents.

<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>24.7%</b>	<b>24</b>
Agree	20.6%	20
Disagree	0.0%	0
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	21.6%	21
Not applicable	33.0%	32

answered question: 97 / skipped question: 9

Q26. We would make use of a Vacation Care program if it was offered at Aldinga.

<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>8</b>
Agree	7.2%	7
Disagree	3.1%	3
Strongly disagree	5.2%	5
Don't know	8.2%	8
Not applicable	68.0%	66

answered question: 97 / skipped question: 9

Q27. We would make use of a Vacation Care program if it was offered at Morphett Vale.

Strongly agree	5.2%	5
<b>Agree</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>10</b>
Disagree	6.3%	6
Strongly disagree	7.3%	7
Don't know	13.5%	13
Not applicable	57.3%	55

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

**Section 6: Relationships and Ethos**

Q28. Cooperation and communication between the College's two campuses has improved.

Strongly agree	4.2%	4
Agree	29.2%	28
Disagree	6.3%	6
Strongly disagree	1.0%	1
<b>Don't know</b>	<b>56.3%</b>	<b>54</b>
Not applicable	3.1%	3

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

Q29. There is a strong sense of community among families of the College.

Strongly agree	24.2%	23
<b>Agree</b>	<b>54.7%</b>	<b>52</b>
Disagree	8.4%	8
Strongly disagree	1.1%	1
Don't know	11.6%	11
Not applicable	0.0%	0

answered question: 95 / skipped question: 11

Q30. Families in need are supported well by the College community.

Strongly agree	20.8%	20
<b>Agree</b>	<b>38.5%</b>	<b>37</b>
Disagree	3.1%	3
Strongly disagree	1.0%	1
Don't know	33.3%	32
Not applicable	3.1%	3

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

Q31. There are ample opportunities for parents to interact with teachers and to discuss issues arising.

Strongly agree	22.9%	22
<b>Agree</b>	<b>67.7%</b>	<b>65</b>
Disagree	6.3%	6
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	3.1%	3
Not applicable	0.0%	0

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

Q32. The atmosphere and ethos at the College has improved over recent years.

Strongly agree	10.6%	10
Agree	35.1%	33
Disagree	2.1%	2
Strongly disagree	1.1%	1
<b>Don't know</b>	<b>41.5%</b>	<b>39</b>
Not applicable	9.6%	9

answered question: 94 / skipped question: 12

Q33. People at my church and in my suburb have positive perceptions of SVCC.

Strongly agree	16.7%	16
<b>Agree</b>	<b>52.1%</b>	<b>50</b>

Disagree	3.1%	3
Strongly disagree	1.0%	1
Don't know	12.5%	12
Not applicable	14.6%	14

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

Q34. Students have ample opportunities to grow in servant leadership and in service to others.

Strongly agree	23.2%	22
<b>Agree</b>	<b>49.5%</b>	<b>47</b>
Disagree	2.1%	2
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	24.2%	23
Not applicable	1.1%	1

answered question: 95 / skipped question: 11

Q35. The College Board has a positive relationship with the College community.

Strongly agree	4.2%	4
Agree	23.2%	22
Disagree	3.2%	3
Strongly disagree	4.2%	4
<b>Don't know</b>	<b>61.1%</b>	<b>58</b>
Not applicable	4.2%	4

answered question: 95 / skipped question: 11

Q36. Communication at all levels is adequate.

Strongly agree	12.5%	12
<b>Agree</b>	<b>52.1%</b>	<b>50</b>
Disagree	14.6%	14
Strongly disagree	3.1%	3
Don't know	17.7%	17
Not applicable	0.0%	0

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

**Section 7: College Uniform**

Q37. The College uniform is positively received by the College community.

Strongly agree	21.9%	21
<b>Agree</b>	<b>63.5%</b>	<b>61</b>
Disagree	3.1%	3
Strongly disagree	3.1%	3
Don't know	8.3%	8
Not applicable	0.0%	0

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

Q38. My child (children) appreciate the College uniform.

Strongly agree	16.7%	16
<b>Agree</b>	<b>64.6%</b>	<b>62</b>
Disagree	6.3%	6
Strongly disagree	2.1%	2
Don't know	5.2%	5
Not applicable	5.2%	5

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

Q39. The uniform store is accessible.

Strongly agree	6.2%	6
<b>Agree</b>	<b>53.6%</b>	<b>52</b>
Disagree	30.9%	30
Strongly disagree	7.2%	7
Don't know	1.0%	1
Not applicable	1.0%	1

answered question: 97 / skipped question: 9

Q40. The uniform store hours are adequate.

Strongly agree	3.1%	3
<b>Agree</b>	<b>45.4%</b>	<b>44</b>
Disagree	41.2%	40
Strongly disagree	6.2%	6
Don't know	3.1%	3
Not applicable	1.0%	1

answered question: 97 / skipped question: 9

Q41. The College blazer has been a positive addition to the uniform.

Strongly agree	13.5%	13
<b>Agree</b>	<b>36.5%</b>	<b>35</b>
Disagree	9.4%	9
Strongly disagree	1.0%	1
Don't know	31.3%	30
Not applicable	8.3%	8

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

**Section 8: Strengths of the College**

Q42. Providing a caring environment

<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>52.1%</b>	<b>50</b>
Agree	44.8%	43
Disagree	1.0%	1
Strongly disagree	1.0%	1
Don't know	1.0%	1

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

Q43. Promoting Christian values

Strongly agree	49.0%	47
<b>Agree</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>48</b>
Disagree	0.0%	0
Strongly disagree	1.0%	1
Don't know	0.0%	0

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

Q44. Communication at all levels

Strongly agree	16.8%	16
<b>Agree</b>	<b>55.8%</b>	<b>53</b>
Disagree	14.7%	14
Strongly disagree	2.1%	2
Don't know	10.5%	10

answered question: 95 / skipped question: 11

Q45. Achieving a sense of community

Strongly agree	31.6%	30
<b>Agree</b>	<b>54.7%</b>	<b>52</b>
Disagree	5.3%	5
Strongly disagree	1.1%	1
Don't know	7.4%	7

answered question: 95 / skipped question: 11

Q46. Providing academic excellence

Strongly agree	21.9%	21
<b>Agree</b>	<b>63.5%</b>	<b>61</b>
Disagree	4.2%	4
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	10.4%	10

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

Q47. Teaching biblical principles

Strongly agree	41.7%	40
<b>Agree</b>	<b>54.2%</b>	<b>52</b>
Disagree	0.0%	0
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	4.2%	4

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

Q48. Providing a safe and friendly environment

Strongly agree	45.8%	44
<b>Agree</b>	<b>46.9%</b>	<b>45</b>
Disagree	4.2%	4
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	3.1%	3

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

Q49. Providing a variety of subject choice

Strongly agree	13.7%	13
<b>Agree</b>	<b>58.9%</b>	<b>56</b>
Disagree	8.4%	8
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	18.9%	18

answered question: 95 / skipped question: 11

Q50. Developing young leaders

Strongly agree	21.1%	20
<b>Agree</b>	<b>63.2%</b>	<b>60</b>
Disagree	2.1%	2
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	13.7%	13

answered question: 95 / skipped question: 11

Q51. Developing students' giftings

Strongly agree	11.6%	11
<b>Agree</b>	<b>60.0%</b>	<b>57</b>
Disagree	5.3%	5
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	23.2%	22

answered question: 95 / skipped question: 11

Q52. Fostering a love of learning

Strongly agree	26.0%	25
<b>Agree</b>	<b>58.3%</b>	<b>56</b>
Disagree	5.2%	5
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	10.4%	10

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

Q53. Imparting creative skills

Strongly agree	20.8%	20
<b>Agree</b>	<b>67.7%</b>	<b>65</b>
Disagree	2.1%	2
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	9.4%	9

answered question: 96 / skipped question: 10

Q54. Integrating real life experience

Strongly agree	14.7%	14
<b>Agree</b>	<b>63.2%</b>	<b>60</b>
Disagree	2.1%	2
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	20.0%	19

answered question: 95 / skipped question: 11

Q55. Giving personalized instruction

Strongly agree	18.9%	18
<b>Agree</b>	<b>61.1%</b>	<b>58</b>
Disagree	7.4%	7
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	12.6%	12

answered question: 95 / skipped question: 11

Q56. Utilising current technology

Strongly agree	12.8%	12
<b>Agree</b>	<b>61.7%</b>	<b>58</b>
Disagree	13.8%	13
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	11.7%	11

answered question: 94 / skipped question: 12

Q57. Encouraging parent involvement

Strongly agree	16.8%	16
<b>Agree</b>	<b>70.5%</b>	<b>67</b>
Disagree	5.3%	5
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	7.4%	7

answered question: 95 / skipped question: 11

Q58. Adopting appropriate standards of assessment

Strongly agree	15.1%	14
<b>Agree</b>	<b>62.4%</b>	<b>58</b>
Disagree	2.2%	2
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	20.4%	19

answered question: 93 / skipped question: 13

Q59. Giving exposure to other cultures

Strongly agree	18.1%	17
<b>Agree</b>	<b>62.8%</b>	<b>59</b>
Disagree	4.3%	4
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	14.9%	14

answered question: 94 / skipped question: 12

Q60. Encouraging discipleship growth

Strongly agree	23.4%	22
<b>Agree</b>	<b>62.8%</b>	<b>59</b>
Disagree	1.1%	1
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	12.8%	12

answered question: 94 / skipped question: 12

Q61. Displaying discernment in curriculum choice

Strongly agree	15.1%	14
<b>Agree</b>	<b>49.5%</b>	<b>46</b>
Disagree	4.3%	4
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	31.2%	29

answered question: 93 / skipped question: 13

Q62. Providing and promoting praise and musical worship

Strongly agree	21.1%	20
<b>Agree</b>	<b>66.3%</b>	<b>63</b>
Disagree	4.2%	4
Strongly disagree	0.0%	0
Don't know	8.4%	8

answered question: 95 / skipped question: 11

## RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS 7., 8. and 9.

### Question 7: What is something that you particularly appreciate about SVCC?

The spirit of the College and its heart for Jesus

The community feel that the school has

The caring and personal individual attention that both my children and we as a family receive.

The Christian Ethos

Christian education and values, focus on agriculture

The strong Christian ethic of the teachers and the care they have for the students.

Caring environment and Christian studies

Values

Caring

Community spirit and the small size of the school

The caring nature of some teachers

The importance of character building, rather than just academic excellence

That they value the spiritual growth of the children

Excellent teaching staff

Teachers who keep me informed of my child's curriculum expectations

The communication between teachers and parents.

Wonderful staff

Small enough to be personal, real Christian values and each member of staff live accordingly

The way the staff generally care about the students

Local

Phone calls from teachers / principal when there is an issue that involves my child at school.

The Christian education

Warm friendly atmosphere

Their willingness to accommodate us during a financial difficulty. Also the fact that the staff are committed Christians.

Good teachers, locality

That it is Christ centred

The extremely caring teachers!

The community feel around the school. The general feeling of well being amongst staff & pupils & a sense of belonging to college life for all pupils.

The children being treated as an individual and the smaller class sizes

The support and love that is given and the great communication with the parents

Christian Teaching/ Values

Christian teachers/ethos

The inclusion. Acceptance. Support offered to students and parents. Christian values.

The normality of Christ centred learning. Consistent approach to behaviour in the school.

The closeness of the school with all the students and teachers knowing nearly every student.

The Christ focused outlook in all that the college does

Christ and Bible Oriented

A supportive Christian environment and influence on our children. We like the school size and fees.

What we teach our children at home about God is backed up at school

The care and love of staff, and that the values taught and expressed mirror our home and family values

Very caring hearts and it has been going so well for so long because I am a former student. The staff are always willing to help you and your children we love this school. God bless

The genuine caring attitude of the staff

We appreciate the different relationships that we are involved with, within the school community, they are based on equality and respect.

The college was and is not against my child even though we are a single parent family.

Understanding different families different situations.

Sense of community

The caring community feel of the college community

The teacher/student ratio.

The understanding and care given by all staff, as well as the class sizes.

Christian values. Teachers who care and encourage the children to work at their full potential. And the fact that the kids are lifted up and covered in prayer.

Smaller class sizes so any problems can be picked up quickly.

The teachers being Christians, the Christian approach to the whole curriculum

Good values and teaching children politeness.

The teaching staff

The sense of respect students have for themselves and staff

Caring attitude towards students.

Teachers really care about each individual child

Caring community of staff who care about our children.

The loving, caring, Christian atmosphere in the school and with all the staff

Teacher follow up and support

The caring and nurturing environment that provides a secure and happy transition from outside primary schools (in our case) to high schooling.

The family feel

That the Head of campus and others are very approachable if there is an issue it is dealt with.

Recognition of students in Friday assemblies is great

Christian teachings

Community spirit

Biblical morals

We like the Community feel of the College.

Community & Family spirit /teaching

Christian Ethos

Friendly, relaxed, positive atmosphere,

That the staff are all friendly and seem to make strong relationships with the children

Commitment to Christian education

I have liked the Primary, Middle, Senior school concept.

Taking the time to actually teach each child based on their needs.

The community atmosphere

The warm caring attitude of ALL staff/ The strong Christian teaching

Christian foundation for learning & also the staff's genuine interest in & care for our child

The teachers care about the children and work with us, not against us.

Teachers Modelling Jesus to my Children. The Christian education and a Safe place for them to learn

Union that SVCC Aldinga Campus demonstrate is fantastic.

Family feel, Christian values

Family Friendly

The values and principles and the Christian touch

The friendliness of the staff towards each other, the parents, and the students. The commitment to the students to achieve positive outcomes.

Friendly and caring

Education that is Bible based. Teachers who are accessible and prepared to listen and be involved in the individual student. Geographically close to home.

Its Christian values

The community spirit and small scale education.

The staff and the students.

Christian based learning

Having all the dates and notices in the college chronicle

The friendly and approachable staff who show great care for their students

Watching beautiful, respectful children enter the community after attending SVCC

Christian values, small school.

The community feel and the Christian principles and ethos practically applied day to day. We like that the teachers pray together and for the students.

**Question 8: Is there something that you would like to change about SVCC's learning program?**

I'd like to see the addition of an Asian language throughout the whole of school.

Stronger house program.

I am satisfied with the options that were presented this year

More support for children with learning difficulties

A better sports programme, e.g. gym

Move the learning style from book based to electronic

I have 2 children in the same year level but with separate teachers. One gives a lot of homework (which I approve of) and the other sets very little. One spends a lot of time doing sport the other doesn't. I would like more consistency with these classes.

More diverse curriculum.

I believe the students needing to go from Aldinga on some days, and Morphett vale others - disrupts their learning. Had a huge, detrimental effect on <> for year 11 & 12

Possibly more subjects available to high school students. Smart boards in all classrooms.

That the subject choice in Year 11/12 was a little more flexible

I would prefer to see non mixed year groups, e.g.: year receptions together, Year 1 together etc etc. In my opinion I feel the age differences from young year 1's to older years 2's is quite a large gap to bridge between both academically and in emotional maturity.

How the matter of Due Dates and extension of such dates is implemented.

Possibly more opportunities for particularly gifted children

Having children in primary and in high school we think it is unreasonable for the one in primary to have the most homework.

There seems to be ongoing problems with the high school laptops and occasionally whole lessons wasted ...also macs not compatible with most home computers...my only gripe!

Everything seems to be up to standard

I would like to see music and environmental issues available as part of the schools learning program.

No very happy

Perhaps in sport, a more professional manner and better coaching. My son plays tag rugby and the team is always down after their games as they have no coach and always loose. The team doesn't really know much about the game. They need help.

More subject choices in the upper school.

More subject choices for the middle/high school students

There seems to be a big range of children's learning capabilities within classes and it is not always possible for 1 teacher to deal with all of these levels.

To learn music from a young age as a subject and the opportunity to learn an instrument

Yes there isn't enough support/services for special needs at Aldinga

No we are happy with it so far

The time travelling between campus we were led to believe they will only be at M/Vale 1 day per week and its three and they arrive an hour earlier and have to wait almost an hour afterward without some sort of area they can go and have some sort of snack and study

No I am happy with the curriculum

More of a focus on phonics as this seems to really work for my child.

Would like more variety of subjects in senior school

I would like to see a stronger music, performing arts emphasise from middle school up. A musical performed in these schools.

No, we're very pleased so far

Some subjects require step by step teaching (especially maths) to enable students to grasp concepts and achieve to the best of their ability. Difficult concepts need to be taught/explained so students gain a good understanding.

At this stage, faultless!

More sporting facilities

Not really but perhaps some art lessons for the little ones

I think the college knows best how to set up the programs but they are keen and willing to listen to whatever the parents suggest and to have the opportunity to be involved in these decisions is what impresses me. So far we are happy with the way our kids are being taught.

1. Sports day for Aldinga campus to be held at Aldinga. 2. Being in a combination 6/7 class for two consecutive years is not good for students. When the student is in year 7 they are not very challenged in learning more and new things. We feel that students in year 7 could be prepared better in their transition to year 8. 3. Sound proofing of the walls between the year 6/7 classes at the Aldinga campus is required.

No as long as we keep up to date with technology etc.

Nothing, I truly love it!!!

**Question 9: How would you describe SVCC to someone you met who did not know about the College?**

As a warm and caring school community that has a heart to lead children to Christ and give them a sound Christian education.

A very friendly school, where all the teachers know all the children names.

That there is no mountain high enough for me to ring the praises of the school.

Nice small school where Christian beliefs are taught and upheld. Could be better organised administratively.

Lovely close knit community feel.

Strong Christian ethical school that cares for students.

SVCC is a Christian College where children are given the opportunity to study in a caring environment, the subjects and teachers help the children to grow not only in academic studies but also in their relationship with God.

I would promote the college as I feel you don't have to deal with the same issues that face the public school system. e.g. If the student requires additional learning assistance it is provided.

Community spirited, small in size which allows better support for the children as they progress through the school, better behaviour

Brilliant Primary school with very caring teachers

SVCC is a community college that embraces the ethos of Christianity, in their belief that all children have within them unexplored gifts, talents and interests that can be pursued within an academic framework.

I would recommend it because it does not only develop the children in terms of academics but also in their growth in the knowledge of the lord

Caring community of people looking after the well being of all children academically, spiritually and emotionally. Well rounded learning program and affordable fees.

Nurtures faith of our children, good community centred school

A wonderful place to work.

It's a great school

Nurturing learning environment

A very caring community environment

Southern Vales suits the need for our child.

FANTASTIC!!! The teachers/admin staff are great with the children. The support to the parents is excellent. The time the teachers have spent with my teenager over the last two years at SVCC has been incredible. He has learnt more in one year at SVCC than he learnt in eight years at his previous school, all because of the encouragement and support he received from his teachers.

Quite a few really great teachers, good policies to deal with bullying etc,

Great school, you need to check it out.

Is a school who values and encourage students to be their best. Has a strong sense of Christian values in both the staff and students.

Caring environment

A great Christ centred school where the individual matters

A school that raises children not just to excel in the academic field but supports them in every part of their selves. A caring close community.

A welcoming and friendly environment in which my son has blossomed. The encompassing warmth of the school and its staff is both refreshing and reassuring for me as a parent. The pupils of SVCC are both a credit to the school and their parents.

I would say how supportive the college is and my kids wouldn't be the same without going there, I know 100% my children have benefited from SVCC

Love the School

Very dedicated teachers, good curriculum, caring and supportive environment

Friendly, caring. V. good teaching & admin staff. Uphold their values and beliefs. Holistic approach. Understanding.

Fantastic, very impressed, both academically, administratively and 'religiously'. Very impressed with staff and the level of commitment and passion to their positions.

A community school where all the staff and students know each other through every year level and staff are approachable and follow up with any concerns and will ring Parents if there are any concerns with your child.

A great school with caring teachers who strive to show Christ to our children. I love the aspect that I know if I have issues the staff are willing to pray with and for me for my child

A friendly environment where kids are respected and Christ values are taught.

An affordable, Christian, nurturing school

A beautiful, safe, caring environment...a school that has found the balance of encouraging academics while encouraging potential in all children

I would say it's a lovely school very much feel at home

That it treats students as a whole person and cares for them academically and emotionally

I would describe it as a great school that proves to be non judgemental and providing excellent facilities, learning guidelines and staff.

Friendly, helpful, very encouraging towards children, help them to achieve the best they can.

Helpful and caring teachers.

Christ-centred education and caring culture for students and families

A small Christian College that cares and values its students.

Friendly, the staff really encourage the students

It is a wonderful school and my son is the happiest he has ever been at school.

I have said before to people that SVCC is a fantastic school. The teachers are kind and care and as I said above, encourage the kids to work at their full potential.

Caring small school with good academic results.

A lovely friendly school, that educates the whole child and doesn't just focus on the academic strengths but also develops and celebrates other achievements.

A school with good values and teachers who seem very passionate about their school. Also a school that praises good behaviour rather than concentrating on the negatives.

The staff care about the students

Small, safe and disciplined

Absolutely YES!

Fantastic if you don't have children with special needs

A loving Christian community striving to educate our children in a Christ centred way.

Fantastic, a beautiful community to send our children to.

A great learning environment but too much focus on money

A nurturing, caring, safe, small community school in a peaceful setting.

An excellent caring Christian school

I would tell them it is like an extended family you are made to feel very welcome and the children will get a fantastic education

Very supportive environment and community feel. Has a focus on rewarding children for good behaviour and acknowledging achievements.

Brilliant Christian school

A Christian based school with an individual care

A safe but strict school with a Christ centred education that does not overwhelm the students by pushing religion and always develops good character within each child.

A small very friendly family feel College. Fairly small class sizes. Firm but fair.

The best decision we have made teaching the children good values and very family / community orientated

Small caring school committed to enabling students to succeed. Strong Christian ethos and commitment to Christ centred education.

Small community based school which really cares about their students

A Christian based education system were each child is encouraged to perform to their best abilities, a safe friendly environment

Good Christian emphasis, caring environment, pastoral teachers, good academic.

A place that your children can learn without being subject to bullying or backstabbing that I have seen in other schools.

Not sure - I'd certainly mention the community feel of the school, haven't really discovered much else.

A college where Students are nurtured & encouraged to reach their full potential

Teachers genuinely care about students, fantastic family-like environment

Generally a good school which a good Christian basis and mostly supportive teachers. Disciplinary system is extreme, e.g. 2 hour after school detentions for not wearing a hat

Small private school with reasonable fees that has a great community feel to it. My kids are really happy there. It is a very Christian school and Christian topics and values are a part of every class.

I think SVCC is a great college. My children have made positive friends and very settled.

Fantastic, especially if you want your children to belong, Be safe, feel special, given strong but loving boundaries, learn manners, kindness and grow spiritually then definitely SVCC

A school that cares about each child

Family friendly and will do their best to suit the needs of your child

Wonderful, friendly and caring

It is a safe and good learning environment for the children.

Very welcoming and straight forward with college expectations

A school that offers dedicated teachers and reasonable class sizes which enables students an environment conducive to learning. As all schools it will have problems with individual students and individual situations but overall because of the smaller campus size there is greater opportunity for addressing these problems than in a larger school - hence students are more likely to be known to the majority of teachers with a greater chance of being dealt with as an individual rather than just an unknown. It is growing in resources but still probably lags behind some of the bigger schools in this respect but I personally am more interested in the environment that the child works in, rather than the technological resources. I would also tell people that it is a Christian school and will teach what is in the Bible.

That the college is very approachable and will sort out problems quickly. Our kids enjoy going to school, I think this sums up the college in a nutshell.

Benefits of small scale school where the older kids look out for the young ones. Parents know each other. Christian caring staff, opportunity for students to get involved in unique programs like the aquaculture and hospitality subjects.

I would recommend SVCC because of its Christian based learning, discipline, encouragement and care towards students needs.

A great school for great education.

A small caring school, excellent staff, lovely grounds and good curriculum

Pleasant environment, excellent teachers and schooling. Basically a great school to send your children.

We can only comment on the Aldinga campus but we would say it is a growing school with a caring community feel to it. The teachers and students connect with one another and it is a very nurturing environment. The school holds important its solid Christian foundation.