

SENIOR SCHOOL SURVEY



MAY, 2011

This was a survey taken of all current Year 12 students, and was designed to be an overview of their perception and experiences of Southern Vales during their time at the College. Most of the students had very positive experiences and comments to make.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clyt Stapleton'.

Mr Clynton Stapleton

Head of Senior School

QUESTION RESULTS

Q1. You have been encouraged to grow in your relationship with God.

Strongly Disagree	3.4%	1
Disagree	0.0%	0
Agree	51.7%	15
Strongly Agree	44.8%	13
Not Applicable	0.0%	0

Q2. You have been encouraged to discover and develop your gifts and talents.

Strongly Disagree	0.0%	0
Disagree	0.0%	0
Agree	70.0%	21
Strongly Agree	26.7%	8
Not Applicable	3.3%	1

Q3. You have found the teachers to be encouraging and supportive.

Strongly Disagree	0.0%	0
Disagree	3.3%	1
Agree	53.3%	16
Strongly Agree	43.3%	13
Not Applicable	0.0%	0

Q4. Teachers have been passionate about their relationship with God.

Strongly Disagree	0.0%	0
Disagree	0.0%	0
Agree	36.7%	11
Strongly Agree	63.3%	19
Not Applicable	0.0%	0

Q5. Teachers have been prepared for their lessons and know what they are teaching.

Strongly Disagree	0.0%	0
Disagree	13.3%	4
Agree	63.3%	19
Strongly Agree	23.3%	7
Not Applicable	0.0%	0

Q6. Christian Studies lessons have been meaningful and enjoyable.

Strongly Disagree	0.0%	0
Disagree	31.0%	9
Agree	51.7%	15
Strongly Agree	13.8%	4
Not Applicable	3.4%	1

Q7. You have been able to do all the subjects you wanted to

Strongly Disagree	10.3%	3
Disagree	37.9%	11
Agree	31.0%	9
Strongly Agree	20.7%	6
Not Applicable	0.0%	0

Q8. You have participated in an extra-curricular sporting team

Never	37.5%	12
Only Once	15.6%	5
Occasionally	28.1%	9
Every Year	18.8%	6

Q9. You have had the opportunity to develop and show your leadership ability

Strongly Disagree	3.4%	1
Disagree	17.2%	5
Agree	34.5%	10
Strongly Agree	34.5%	10
Not Applicable	10.3%	3

Q10. You have been helped to work out your future career path

Strongly Disagree	3.4%	1
Disagree	20.7%	6
Agree	55.2%	16
Strongly Agree	20.7%	6
Not Applicable	0.0%	0

Q11. Assemblies have been engaging and meaningful

Strongly Disagree	3.8%	1
Disagree	34.6%	9
Agree	57.7%	15
Strongly Agree	3.8%	1
Not Applicable	0.0%	0

Q12. Teachers have been consistent in their issuing of detentions

Strongly Disagree	10.7%	3
Disagree	21.4%	6
Agree	42.9%	12
Strongly Agree	10.7%	3
Not Applicable	14.3%	4

Q13. Morning devotions in PG time have involved reading the bible

Never	3.4%	1
Rarely	51.7%	15
Regularly	27.6%	8
All the time	17.2%	5

Q14. The expectations regarding correctly wearing the College uniform have been clear

Strongly Disagree	0.0%	0
Disagree	6.9%	2
Agree	51.7%	15
Strongly Agree	41.4%	12
Not Applicable	0.0%	0

Q15. Teachers have been consistent and fair with their classroom expectations

Strongly Disagree	0.0%	0
Disagree	10.0%	3
Agree	73.3%	22
Strongly Agree	16.7%	5
Not Applicable	0.0%	0

Q16. You have been able to access the internet and use computers when needed

Never	6.7%	2
Sometimes	80.0%	24
Most times	6.7%	2
All the time	6.7%	2

Q17. Teachers have been appropriate and professional in their interactions with students

Strongly Disagree	3.1%	1
Disagree	12.5%	4
Agree	62.5%	20
Strongly Agree	21.9%	7
Not Applicable	0.0%	0

Q18. The school facilities (resource centre, classrooms, ovals etc) are

Strongly Disagree	0.0%	0
Disagree	23.5%	8
Agree	52.9%	18
Strongly Agree	17.6%	6
Not Applicable	5.9%	2

Q19. Prayer has been a regular part of your PG time in the morning

Never	0.0%	0
Rarely	3.6%	1
Regularly	32.1%	9
All the time	64.3%	18

Q20. Students have been accepting and encouraging of each other

Never	0.0%	0
Rarely	13.8%	4
Regularly	72.4%	21
All the time	13.8%	4

Q21. What type of information technology do you have at home?

Desk top computer	80.0%	24
Laptop	80.0%	24
iPod/mp3 Player	80.0%	24
Mobile Phone	100.0%	30
Digital Camera	86.7%	26
Video Camera	40.0%	12
Blu-Ray Player	23.3%	7
Play Station 3	36.7%	11
X-Box	16.7%	5
Wii	60.0%	18
Foxtel	36.7%	11

*** Students selected ALL of the applicable information technology items in their home.**

Q22. What do you mainly use your information technology for? (e.g. mobile phone for text messaging, computer for homework or gaming).

Desk top computer & laptop: homework & social networking etc. Mp3 Player: music. Phone: texting, dictionary, n-n, internet. Digital camera: homework (art etc)
Mobile phone: texting & writing up homework. Foxtel: watching
During the week for homework and weekends for gaming
Computers: homework, entertainment, socialising. Phone: socialising and entertainment. Game consoles: gaming
Desktop computer: printing. Laptop: school work. iPod: music. Mobile phone: texting. Camera: photographs. Wii: rarely used
Mobile phone: texting, facebook. iPod: music. Laptop: homework
Mobile phone: texting. iPod: music, internet, preaches. Camera: photos. Laptop: homework, leisure
Mobile phone: texting. Camera: for skating. All others: games
Computers: homework. Everything else: enjoyment & social
Mobile phone: texting. Computer: homework, facebook. Laptop: homework. iPod: music. Camera: photos. Foxtel: entertainment
Desktop: music. Laptop: homework. Mobile phone: calls & texts
Laptop, Camera, Foxtel: school work. Everything: leisure
All for entertainment
Mobile phone: calls and texts. iPod: music. Computer: homework. Camera: photos
Computer: music, email, homework. iPod: music. Mobile phone: texting
No answer given
Homework, social time, leisure time, hobbies etc.
School work, games, leisure
No answer given
Laptop: homework only. Desk top computer: homework, facebook, emails etc. iPod: music. Mobile phone: texting, calls, alarm. Camera: photography. Wii: rarely used
Computers: homework, facebook, everything! Mobile phone: calls, texts, etc. iPod: music.
Mobile phone: texting, phone calls. Laptop: homework, facebook, email, watching DVD's. Desk top computer: printing. iPod: music
Having fun
No answer given
Homework, facebook, texting, phone calls
Computers: facebook, homework. Mobile phone: texts, calls, facebook. iPod: Music. Camera: photos
Laptop: research, homework. Foxtel: TV. Wii: games
Mobile phone: texting. Laptop: research. Foxtel: watching. PS3: games
For what they are intended for
Homework, texting, facebook.

Q23. What copying media do you have at home?

Printer (B/W or colour)	60.0%	18
Fax	30.0%	9
Scanner	43.3%	13
All-in-one	76.7%	23
No answer/unsure	6.7%	2

Q24. Do you have an internet connection?

Yes	96.7%	29
No	3.3%	1

If yes, what type?

Dial up	0.0%	0
ADSL	48.3%	14
ADSL 2+	41.4%	12
Unsure	10.3%	3

Q25. Do you use e-mail facilities?

Yes	93.3%	28
No	6.7%	2

If yes, how often?

Daily	32.1%	9
Weekly	35.7%	10
Occasionally	32.1%	9

Q26. What data storage facilities do you use? (flash drive, internal or external hard drive, Mp# player, iPod, Pam, etc)

Flash drive, computer hard drive, my brain, my folders, my phone
Phone memory card, my brain, paper
iPod
USB/Flash drive x 10 responses
USB, hard drive, folder, my brain
USB & hard drive on laptop
USB & external hard drive
USB & iPod
USB, Laptop
USB, Email
USB, iPhone, iPod
Laptop, USB
Flash drive, hard drive
Flash drive, internal hard drive
USB. external hard drive
Flash drive, external hard drive
Hard drive & flash drive
Phone & USB
Laptop hard drive
Flash drive & phone
External hard drive

Q27. What online communities do you regularly use? (Glogs, Startpages, Wikis, RSS Feeds, My Space, Facebook, your own web page and Google Groups).

Blogs, Facebook
None x 4 responses
Facebook x19 response
Blogs, Google Books
Facebook, MSN
Tumblr, Facebook, Twitter, Hotmail
Facebook, Google
Facebook, Tumblr
Facebook, YouTube
Facebook, Tumblr, Frankie Magazine Blog

Q28. What are the things that you feel Southern Vales has helped you most with?

Education
Relationship with God
Education
Learning
Helped me grow into the person I am today
Choosing my career pathway
Building me up into a leader
Accepting me for I am. Encouraging me to do the best I possibly can. Continue growing my relationship with Christ
Education. Support through hard times, my journey, beliefs & morals
My faith and developing strong friendships
Helped me fit in at school
Relationship problems, helping me in my faith, helping & supporting me in my pathway
Choosing a possible career
Develop my leadership skills
My confidence
Leadership & communication
Education
Helped me with a better relationship with God, build stronger friendships
Education
The development of my character, leadership as well as helping me to strive for academic excellence. I have also been encouraged to stretch myself in my confidence and sharing my faith
Getting organised with homework
SVCC has helped me to try new things, have an opinion on things and to focus on study
Sothern Vales has helped me try to reach my potential
Mostly with improving my grades
Developing resilience
Helped me develop good values etc, good friendships, finding new skills/improving them

Q29. Would you recommend Southern Vales as a school for parents to send their children to? Why/Why not?

Yes. Because it is a really friendly & supportive community and the teachers are amazing
Yes, the education provided is quite good
I would recommend Southern Vales because the teachers are willing to help and it's a nice atmosphere
Southern Vales is a safe and friendly environment. And the teachers actually care.
I enjoy the community of Aldinga Campus and think that the teachers are great people. I'm guessing we're cared for a lot more than students in other schools
It helps you to grow into a strong person with a good relationship to God
For those who are looking for a community-like school that is small and personal, SVCC is great. Teachers genuinely care about students and encourage them in their academics and faith. It's a great environment to grow and develop.
Yes, it has a positive learning environment
Yes, friendly environment, supportive staff, safe environment. Small school means teachers are able to pay more attention and help
Depends. If they're Godly, yes. If not, probably not. Bit pushy with beliefs
Yes, coz it's cool... maybe
Yes, because there is a good community within the school
I would, but it's not perfect. Some teachers are slightly unprofessional
Yes. AS the school has a good community feel, which is great for kids to build strong personalities
Yes, very much so. It's helped me grow as a person and it's a very friendly & Christian environment.
Yes, because of the people here.
No. Not enough subjects. Sporting program fails.
Yes, because most of the teacher actually care about the students whereas in public/non-Christian schools students are just another face.
Yes. The size of the school & community feel. The overall beliefs of the college & teachers are good. Because it's a Christian school
Yes, because people who come here are welcomed and accepted and constantly encouraged to do their best academically and socially, making friendships and hopefully coming to know God as saviour.
Yes, because it is a great community and will be an amazing school for your kids to come to.
Yes and no. It's good as you have a good support group but doesn't offer enough subjects.
Good values, friendly students but not good range of subjects or some facilities.
No. Only because there aren't many subject choices. I missed out on a lot of subjects I wanted to do.
It depends on the need of the child
Yes
Yes, because the teachers care so much for your learning they want you to succeed.
Yes

Q30. If you could improve one thing at Southern Vales, what would it be and why?

Education
School jumpers for year 12 to come quicker
The computers and the internet
Drama facilities
Facilities. There isn't good drama facilities to use
More subject choices
Travelling between campuses three time a week is stressful
Better computers - sites blocked when researching, slow login
More subject choices
The computers, internet connection and sites being blocked! Making the study room just for year 12's as most of the year 11's muck around and don't do work
More Christian studies lessons. More reliable computers
Facilities. Things such as a performing arts centre
Student teacher relationships. Some teachers have obvious favourites when it comes to students
Better computers - faster login
Better rules, not ones like hair, nail polish, hair bands, clips, make up.
More subjects, better sports, Year 11 & 12 should be able to have hair down... we're not even near primary kids.
Wear hair down, and not as strict hair rules. Psychology as a subject.
More subject choices, bring in sign language
No after school punishment - people have other commitments, e.g. work, and travel issues can arise from staying after school. Punishment should be during recess and/or lunch.
Parent involvement
Teachers support toward students
Go to a new company for seniors jumpers.
I would like to see more worship sessions for people that want it. Because some students are rude and don't care and there are others that enjoy worship and don't want to be laughed at or gossiped about because of their participation
Making sure the campus leaders live Christ-cantered lives, not just accepting those that apply for the position
Better computers.