Our Values

Our values are encompassed between the pillars of Love and Service. God’s love for us and our love response to Him through service to Him and others, is expressed through our Christian values.

We live our Christianity through:

- **Excellence**
- **Using God’s gifts to do our best**
- **Compassion**
- **Showing kindness and empathy to all**
- **Humility**
- **Accepting our achievements without boasting**
- **Respect**
- **Thinking and behaving well towards others**
- **Integrity**
- **Living at peace with ourselves**
- **Justice**
- **Seeking what is right**
- **Discernment**
- **Making wise choices**
- **Responsibility**
- **Owning our actions**
- **Hope**
- **Living with joy because our future is certain**

For a list of Adventist Schools in Victoria, visit our website asv.adventist.edu.au

Three of our schools have been part of the Smarter Schools National Partnerships (SSNPs) program, which was designed to improve the quality of Australian schooling and student outcomes. These schools are Gilson College, Henderson College, and Heritage College. Case studies from these schools were featured in the new publication released in September this year entitled ‘Journeys’.

As Michelle Green, Chief Executive of ISV explains in the Introduction, ‘The publication is an uplifting collection of articles from Independent Schools across Victoria...with many positive lessons learnt. One of the most important is that teaching experience, imagination, collaboration, goodwill – and hard work – can overcome many education challenges’.

Gilson College was featured for taking on the challenge of implementing the Australian Curriculum in 2013 by introducing the Agile process of project management. The results included leadership capacity spreading throughout the school.

ASV Schools featured in the Independent Schools Victoria publication...

You don’t have to look overseas to see best practice in education”, said Independent Schools Victoria SSNPN Advisor Max Caruso. “A visit to Gilson College will demonstrate best practice in action.”

As quoted in ‘Journeys’, Mark Vodell, Gilson College Principal, said, "The impact of the National Partnerships programs throughout out school is having a substantially positive effect on the education and achievement of our young people from the western suburbs of Melbourne".

Henderson College’s challenge was to strengthen the school’s connection with the broader community. This was achieved by receiving the first ‘Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden’ grant to an Independent School in Victoria which resulted in Primary school students building a large vegetable garden, making connections with their community through the sale and donate of produce and cooking up a storm and inviting the community to eat with them. The program continues to expand through sharing their experience with another local state school and plans to link with the local TAFE.

“...students love the Kitchen Garden Program. They don’t mind getting their hands dirty. Even at lunchtime some students will be out in the garden, working and some are now building their own kitchen gardens at home, and also cooking meals at home”.

Ms Cherie Reid, Head of Primary and Kitchen Garden Program Coordinator in 2012.

Craig Dunstan, an Independent Schools Victoria SSNPN Advisor to Henderson College explains in ‘Journeys’, The Garden at Henderson College provides opportunities for the school and their families to share experiences and be part of a community.

To read the full articles featured, head to www.asv.adventist.edu.au

Les Miserables

It was a big night out for family and friends of Nunawading Christian College on Tuesday, 10 September. The school family came together to watch their students put on one of the most challenging of musicals – Les Miserables. The production, directed by Ms Jenny Kaur, included 120 of the 165 students as well as many parent volunteers. The enthusiastic audience number 400+.

Prior to the production students were featured in the local paper on 6 September. This provided a boost in energy and enthusiasm to the students and staff in the practices leading up to the main event. As quoted by Ms Kaur on page 25 of the paper, “It has been a transformation, a revolution of the heart”.

Students & Staff on Overseas Service Trips (SOST)

The values that motivate ASV and its member schools are encompassed in Love & Service. The Love of God and Service to Others. This is demonstrated through the community service projects and overseas mission projects that our schools are involved in throughout the year.

This year we have had students, parents and teachers attend the following service trips.

- Henderson College – Year 10 trip to Vietnam
- Gilson College – Myanmar
- Lilydale Adventist Academy – Vanuatu
- Nunawading Christian College – Vanuatu
- Heritage College – a double trip to Nepal in 2014

Even though our Primary students do not travel on these trips, they take part in community service by raising vital funds for these trips and other community initiatives as well as actively participating in Alphabet Ark and Happy Hands programs.