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Villanova College

A little of our journey...

How we're going about it...

What we've learned so far...





Villanova College

Our context...

a Catholic boys' school – Years 5 – 12

an Augustinian school



St Augustine (354-430 AD)

"children often endure the punishments
which are designed to compel their learning,
rather than submit to the process of learning"

St Augustine, City of God XXI, 14

(circa 420 AD)



"love the sinner, hate the sin"

St Augustine, City of God XIV, 6

"Behaviour is confronted with disapproval...

... within a continuum of respect and support"

Braithwaite, J. (1989) *Crime, Shame and Reintegration.* New York: Cambridge University Press











Our work in RP has drawn on an extensive literature in both school-based and criminal justice fields.

The bibliography lists those sources used in this presentation.



Villanova - historically



Established 1948



a traditional, academic school a community focus

strong relationship values

but a punitive milieu – reflecting broader Australian society

with inevitable tensions...







Villanova Schooling Project

2003 – ?



"to improve the experience of schooling for all Villanova students"









curriculum



discipline









structures





Core Values





...to be *better able to meet* students' changing needs



...to ensure that all of our approaches *align*







THINK ~ PAIR ~ SHARE

If you created this opportunity in your school now...



Which area of school life would be *your* priority?



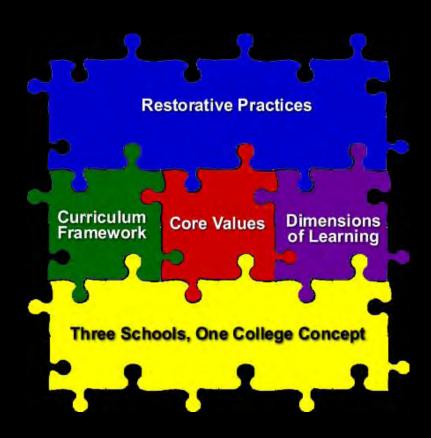
Why?



















Senior School Years 10, 11, 12



Middle School Years 7, 8, 9

Junior School Years 5, 6



"10-year-olds are not just little 17-year-olds"







Senior School

Years 10, 11, 12

individuation, focus



Years 7, 8, 9

connectedness, engagement

Junior School

Years 5, 6

foundations, belonging















Restorative Practices @ Villanova









Our Aims in Restorative Practices

• To better *educate* students towards self-directed right behaviour

• To better *promote*, *nurture* and *protect* healthy relationships among members of the community

• To better enable students to be accountable for the *real consequences* of wrongdoing









We operate restoratively by...

Having high expectations
 and insisting on high standards of behaviour

While providing *high levels of support* and care for individuals

• Focussing on *restoring any harm done*, and seeing incidents primarily as 'teachable moments'









This involves...

- Recognising that conflict and wrongdoing primarily
 - and most importantly –

cause harm to relationships,
and that *this harm must be repaired*in order to move forward









punitive TO

authoritarian stigmatising

neglectful NOT

indifferent passive

restorative WITH

authoritative reintegrative

permissive

FOR

therapeutic protective

support encouragement, nurture

Reshaping Australian Institutions Conference, The Australian National University, Canberra Wachtel, T (1999) Restorative Justice in Everyday Life: Beyond the Formal Ritual,









'Responsive Regulation' – a structured vision of RP

a continuum of Restorative action

- both *prevention* and *intervention*
- stepping the action up and down as needed
- Primary,
- Secondary &
- Tertiary Levels

From the pro-active to the reactive

...widening the circle of care around participants

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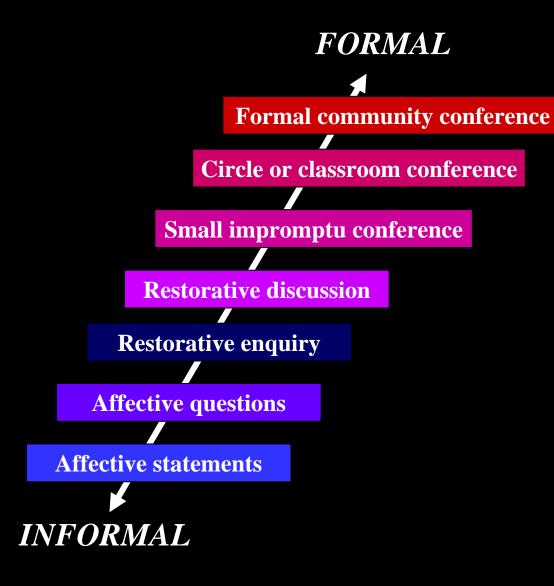








A personal 'continuum of action'











Responsive Regulation

- Primary (universal prevention everyone)
 - Development of social/emotional competencies
 - Focus on developing empathy
 - Deliberate curricular, school-wide focusses,
 "Responsible Citizenship Programs"
 Curricular Programs e.g. in Year Five & Year Eight
 Special Campaigns e.g. Anti-Bullying Campaign 2007
 - an 'immunisation' strategy but not just once

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'Responsible Citizenship Programs'



... after Brenda Morrison, ANU





Senior School – Responsibility, Commitment, Purpose

individuation, focus



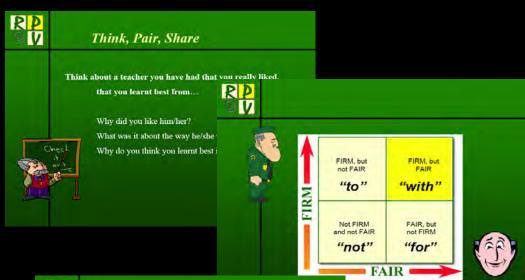
Middle School – Respect, Consideration, Participation

connectedness, engagement



Curricular Programs





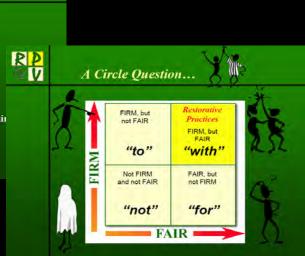




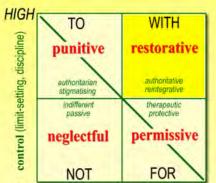
When something goes wrong,
a Restorative approach asks:

Restorative Practices...

- · what happened?
- what harm has resulted?
- · what needs to happen to make this







LOW support (encouragement, nurture) HIGH

The development of empathy

- regular feedback about how our actions are affecting others, respectfully communicated
- * relationships in which we are valued and our worth is validated
- * experience of sympathy from others when we are in pain



Managing shame adaptively (acknowledging & discharging)

- * Admit the wrongdoing
- * Take responsibility for the effects of our action
- * Make amends for the harm done

We are acting on (and developing) an internal sanctioning mechanism (conscience)





Anti-Bullying Campaign 2007



Villanova College

At Villanova College, students, parents and staff have the expectation that everyone is treated with respect and dignity.







OPERATIONAL POLICY TO SUPPORT THE COLLEGE ANTI-BULLYING STRATEGY

This Operational Policy document extends the Villanova College Anti-Bullying Strategy as outlined in the relevant College brochure. It is designed primarily to provide more detailed information, direction and guidance for staff

Bullying in our context

- Our Mission Statement affirms that Villanova strives to "educate young men ...within the context of the Catholic faith". The Operating Principles of this Statement calls those in the Villanova community to challenge those values "...which erode the dignity of the human person." As such, we believe that bullying in any form has no place in such an environment.
- Students are entitled to enjoy their education free from humiliation, oppression and abuse. Bullyin affects everyone - not just the bullies and their victims. It also affects those other boys who may witness violence, intimidation and the distress of the victim. It can damage the atmosphere of a class and even the climate of a school.
- Bullying goes against the very grain of what makes Villanova special a friendly, family environment. Intimidation and violence have no place in our community and will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Bullying - Definition

- Not all conflict between people constitutes bullying.
- Bullying is usually repeated behaviour and usually involves an imbalance of power between t individuals. The imbalance of power could arise from differences in age, ability, physical stre social status or some other attribute.
- A particular single incident could be considered bullying behaviour if it involves a gross im of power between the aggressor and the victim.
- Bullying is usually done with the intent to disrupt physically or emotionally, but it can also unintentional process, where people are insensitive to the feeling of others and the effects actions. It is "recipient defined", i.e. "It was only a joke" or "He doesn't mind" is never a acceptable excuse for bullying behaviour.

College Responses to Bullying

- Our school community does not tolerate bullying behaviour. It is always unacceptable. to bullying behaviour should always reflect this position to all concerned.
- Reports or allegations or observations of bullying behaviour received or made by any must be passed to a member of the Pastoral Care Team of the sub-school involved wh investigate the report or allegation.
- Our first priority in any response to incidents of bullying behaviour is always the we being and on-going protection of those who have or may have been affected by the
- Our secondary priority is the encouragement of the learning and change deemed n for the person responsible for the behaviour.





is available from your Year Level Coordinator, Head of School, or the Student Services Office.

LONGOS SUPPORTE

anti-bullying strategy



Anti-Bullying Campaign 2007

Samples of the Poster Series











Tyler's Procedural Justice Theory

"highest levels of cooperative relations are found...

when individuals feel

It's good to be a Villa student!

- a high level of pride (connectedness)
- a high level of respect (status)" -

I have a place here at Villa!

Tyler, T.R., and Blader, S. (2000). *Cooperation in groups: Procedural justice, social identity, and behavioral engagement.*Philadelphia, Pa.: Psychology Press.









"Deadly Lessons: Understanding Lethal School Violence"

• "the common characteristic – social marginality"

[basic needs – *connectedness* and *status* - not fulfilled]

"adolescents are intensely concerned about their social standing in their school and among their peers"

> Moore, M.H., Petrie, C.V., Braga, A.A. & McLaughlin, B.L., 2002 Deadly Lessons: Understanding Lethal School Violence. National Research Council Washington DC







Responsive Regulation

Primary

"Developing a strong normative climate of respect,

a sense of belonging within the school community,

and procedural fairness"

we are aiming for 'connectedness' & 'status'

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"pride (connectedness) management not buttressed with shame management...



offers false hope for building the health and safety of school communities"



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"the key issue with shame management

is helping wrongdoers acknowledge and discharge shame

rather than *displace* shame into anger"





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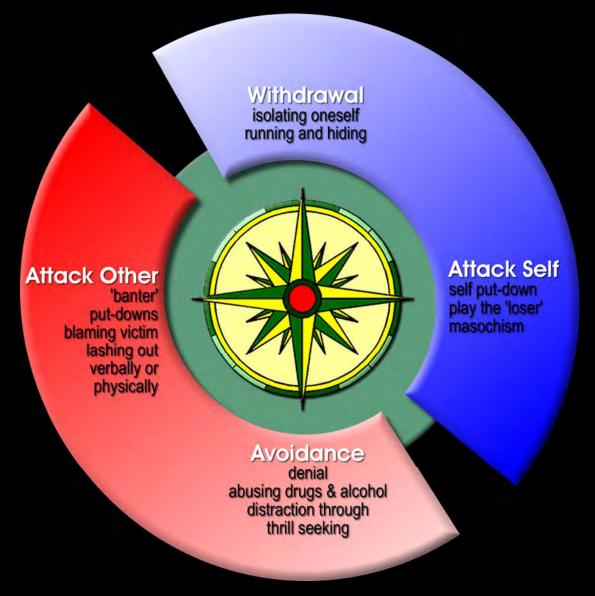








The Compass of Shame



Donald Nathanson, 1992. Shame and Pride: Affect, Sex, and the birth of the Self.









Shame Management

- We manage shame *adaptively* when we:
 - Admit the wrongdoing
 - Take responsibility for the effects of our action
 - Make amends for the harm done

i.e. when we act Restoratively

Ahmed, E., Harris, N. Braithwaite, J., & Braithwaite, V., 2001 Shame Management through Reintegration Cambridge University Press quoted in: Brenda Morrison, 2005 Restorative Justice in Schools









Software

learning, social conditioning, experience



Firmware

affects, drives



Hardware

central nervous system, neurotransmitters, muscles, hormones, etc





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"Storytelling is fundamental for healthy social relationships.

To feel connected and respected we need to tell our own stories and have others listen..."

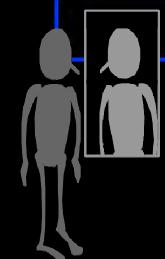


"... listening to someone's story is a way of empowering them, of validating their intrinsic worth as a human being."









REFLECT

What are the major

events...

influences...

people...

that make up your story, your narrative?





How has your 'story' changed over the years?





"People's identities are created through the ways they are spoken about by others...



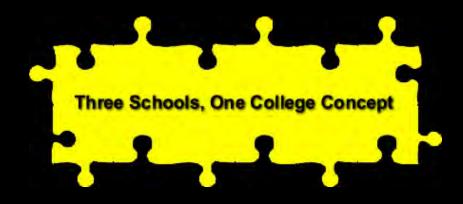
...and in the ways that they learn to speak about themselves"



The Role of Language in Creating School Community in Restorative Practices in Schools: A Resource Restorative Practices Development Team, School of Education, University of Waikato



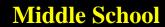






Years 10, 11, 12

individuation, focus



Years 7, 8, 9

connectedness, engagement

Junior School

Years 5, 6

foundations, belonging



Each transition enables some 're-storying'













Responsive Regulation

- Secondary (target specific individuals/groups at risk)
 - Conflict may have become protracted or widespread
 - Drawing on key members of the community increases the intensity of the intervention – facilitator
 - mediation, problem-solving circles
 - Necessarily involves other students since the aim is to re-connect students at risk with the community
 - e.g. mini-conferences, problem-solving circles, Senior mentors

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Responsive Regulation

- Tertiary (intense specific individuals)
 - Chronic or intense behaviour problem
 - Needs to involve a wider cross section
 - parents, counsellors, other significant people
 - Restorative Conference

e.g. Community Conferences

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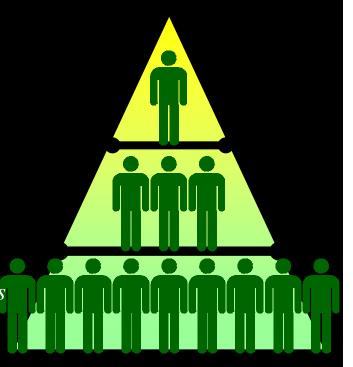


Responsive Regulation

Tertiary – repair & rebuild relationships

• Secondary – re-connect relationships

Primary – build & re-affirm relationships



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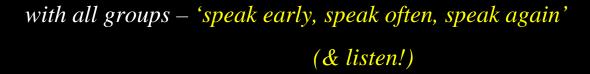








Implementation with staff, students, parents...



Key Learning: Leadership 'from the top' critical



Key Learning: Use 'informal' leadership also - 'diffusion'





Amongst Staff:

- 'early adopters'
- 'to be convinced'
- 'resisters'



'resisters'

- some lacked confidence, skills
- some ideologically opposed











Professional Development is <u>THE</u> key:

- Philosophy/Orientation
- Skills

Relatively easy to win most hearts and minds...

More difficult to give people the necessary knowledge & skills









Professional Development is <u>THE</u> key:

Initially...

- used expert consultants (esp Marg Thorsborne)
- one group of 20 three-day conference facilitator training
- all staff about 10 hours exposure

At a critical point... (for us, mid-2005)

• needed to be driving the PD ourselves - ownership

Key Learning: eventually, local 'ownership' essential





Professional Development is <u>THE</u> key:



Developed:

- Induction Program for New Staff
- RP Skills Workshops
- Ongoing PD
 - each Student-Free day
 - sharing of literature, research, practice
 - intranet, resource library















Professional Development is <u>THE</u> key:

Key Learning:

people with detailed knowledge of the Community Conference and its dynamics often understood – and did – the 'day-to-day stuff' better





PAST

PRESENT

FUTURE





Community Conference

Introductions

Preamble

Offender's Story

Victim's Story

Supporters' Stories

Return to Offenders

Agreement Phase

Closing

Reintegration

The Conference sequence and dynamic embodies the fundamental values, principles and processes of *Restorative Practices*.

I believe that understanding the Conference and its dynamics...

...can help teachers gain insights into the 'day-to-day' practice of RP.

O'Connell, T., Wachtel, T & Wachtel, B. (1999) *Conferencing Handbook: The New <u>REAL</u> JUSTICE Training Manual* The Piper's Press, Pipersville, Pennsylvania.





Professional Development is <u>THE</u> key:



Community Conference Handbook

Villanova College



- 'Introduction to Conferencing' Evening Workshops
 - small groups, continuing
- 'Shame Management' Workshops
 - all teaching staff









Professional Development is <u>THE</u> key:



Community Conference Handbook

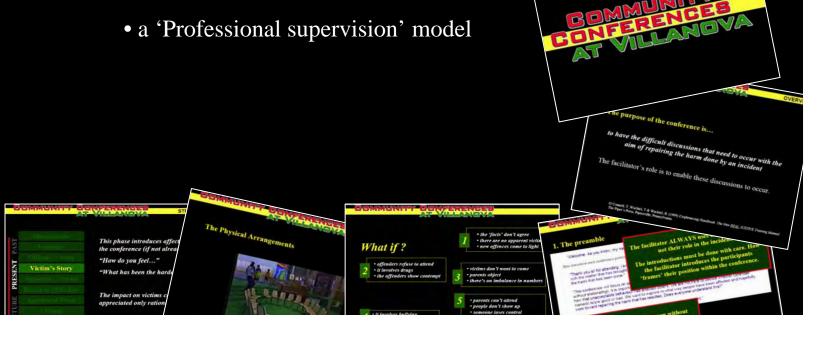
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• Conference Facilitator Training Program











Professional Development is <u>THE</u> key:



• a never-ending process











Resourcing

Key Learning:

initially at least, implementing RP requires substantial resourcing:

- professional development
- coordination, leadership
- release time

at Villanova,

- increased total release time for the Pastoral Care Team
- provided DP level coordination
- professional development

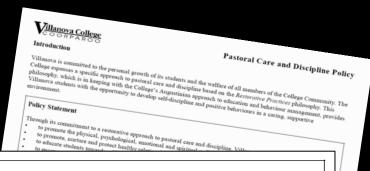








Re-aligning policy, practices



Policy Statement

Through its commitment to a restorative approach to pastoral care and discipline, Villanova College seeks:

- · to promote the physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual well-being of its students
- · to promote, nurture and protect healthy relationships and good order among members of the community
- · to educate students towards self-directed right behaviour
- to encourage respect, healing and restoration both for those who are harmed, and for those who cause harm, through wrongdoing
- to enable students to build personal responsibility by developing skills of reflection and empathy with others, and by enabling them to be accountable for the real consequences of any wrongdoing

A restorative approach values the person while challenging negative behaviour, echoing Augustine's call to 'dove the sinner.

Implementation

This policy, and the procedures and practices that flow from it, are to be part of staff, student and parent induction on an endough basis and are to be included in the various handbooks published by the College.

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Evaluation

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Data Collection

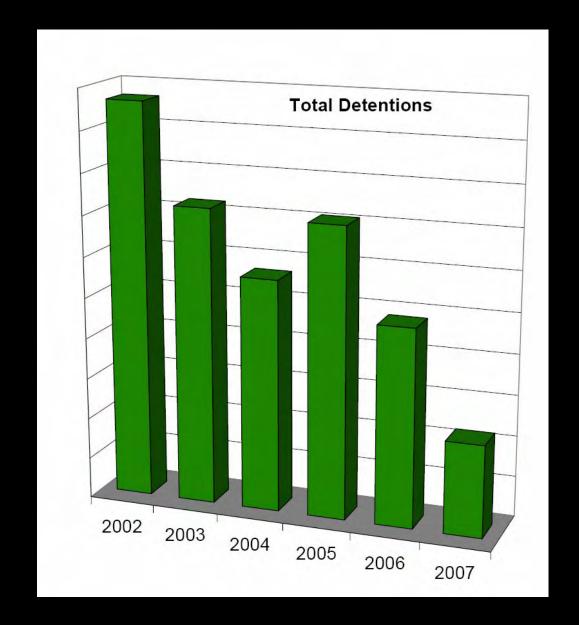












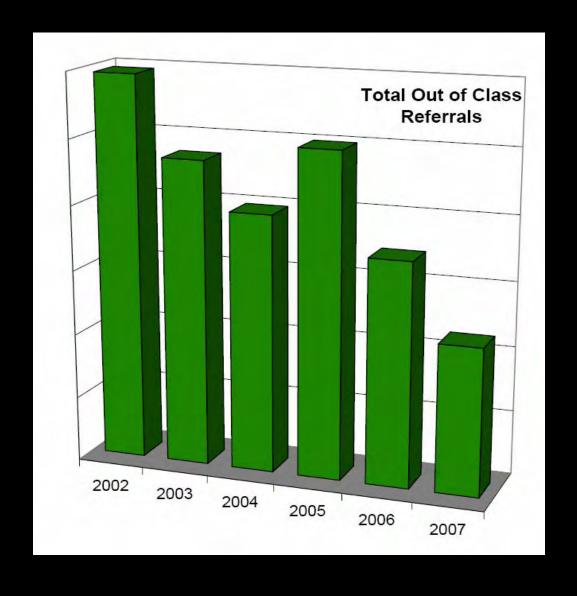








Out of Class Referral Data ~ 2002 - 2007





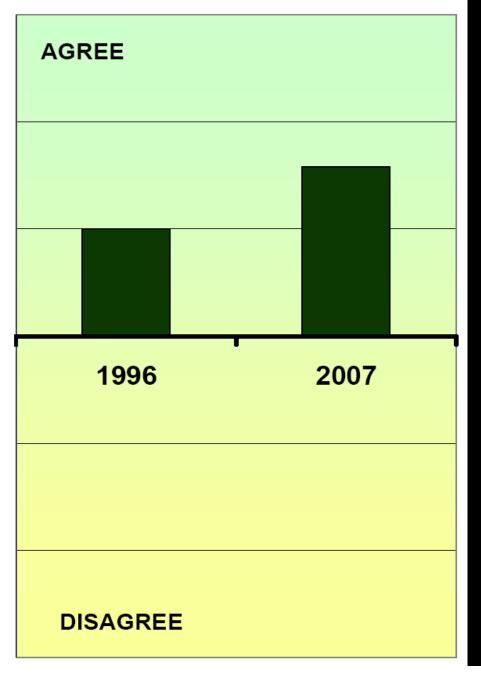




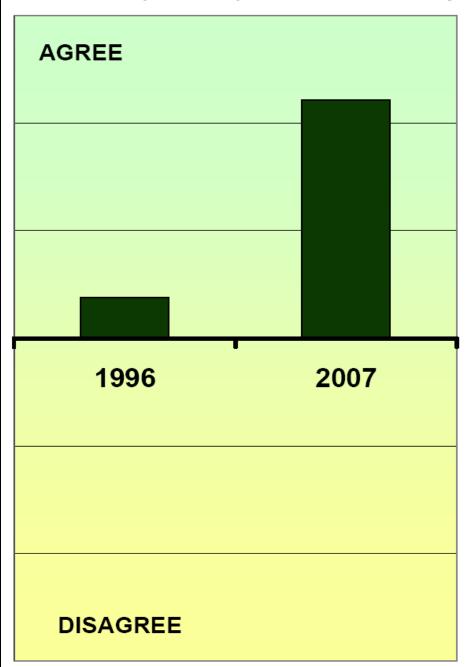
Longitudinal study of teacher perceptions – 1996, 2002, 2007

In your opinion, students at Villanova -							
2.2.1	know students in year levels other than their own	1	2	3	4	5	121
2.2.2	greet one another in a friendly manner in the playground	1	2	3	4	5	122
2.2.3	listen to the opinions of others	1	2	3	4	5	123
2.2.4	voluntarily offer genuine help to other students	1	2	3	4	5	124
2.2.5	treat school and student property with care and respect	1	2	3	4	5	125
2.2.6	participate regularly in activities oriented towards helping others	1	2	3	4	5	126
2.2.7	know the names of all of the teachers in the secondary/primary school	1	2	3	4	5	127
2.2.8	greet visitors around the school appropriately	1	2	3	4	5	128
2.2.9	are honest	1	2	3	4	5	129
2.2.10	consider that 'dobbing' is the worst offence a student can commit	1	2	3	4	5	130
2.2.11	are physically aggressive towards other students in the stairwells, corridors and grounds	1	2	3	4	5	131
2.2.12	are verbally aggressive towards others at school	1	2	3	4	5	132

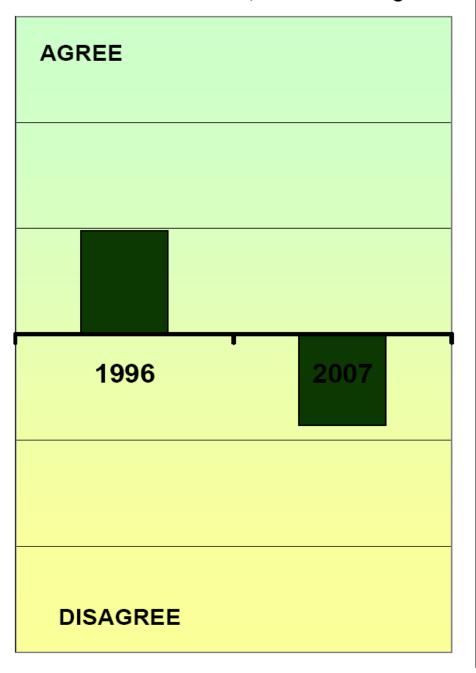
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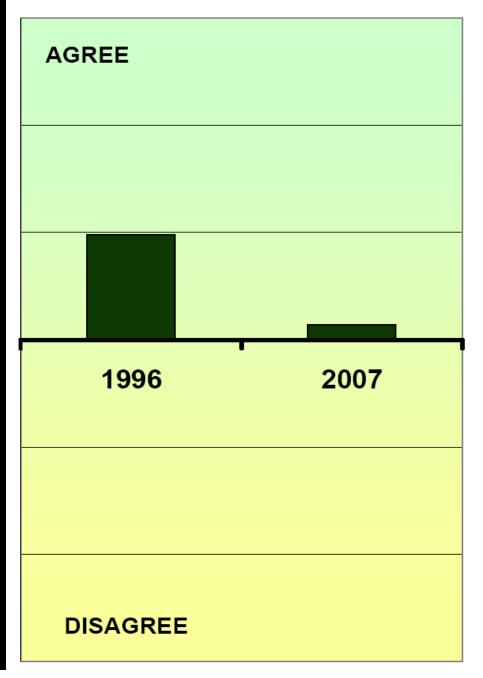
the discipline system encourages the growth of self-discipline and personal accountability



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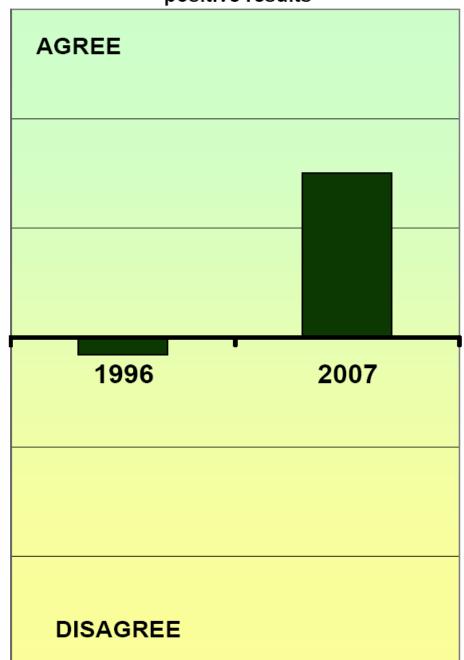


students are verbally aggressive towards others at school





at Villanova, the discipline system achieves positive results



TINCIT VERITAS

More focussed 'validation study' of teacher perceptions – 2007

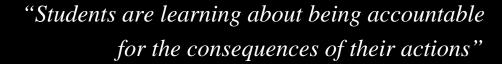






Pastoral Care & Discipline			Please circle the appropriate response						
20	I believe students experience Villanova as a just school.	SD	D	U	A	SA			
21	I believe students experience Villanova as a caring environment where they are respected as individuals.	SD	D	U	А	SA			
22	Students are being adequately challenged to live up to the community expectations.	SD	D	U	A	SA			
23	Students are being adequately supported to be able to meet the community expectations.	SD	D	U	А	SA			
24	I feel supported by the College in my work with students over behaviour issues.	SD	D	U	A	SA			
25	I am confident in my knowledge and abilities with regard to managing student behaviour issues.	SD	D	U	А	SA			
26	Students are learning about being accountable for the consequences of their actions.	SD	D	U	А	SA			
27	Students aren't really being held accountable for their actions unless they are punished when they do something wrong.	SD	D	U	А	SA			
28	A coordinated program across the three schools specifically encouraging the social and emotional development of the boys should be a priority.	SD	D	U	А	SA			
29	I am sufficiently knowledgeable and skilled in using restorative approaches to behaviour challenges in my classroom.	SD	D	U	А	SA			

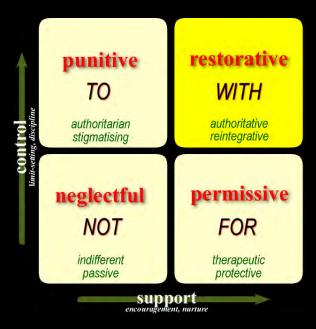


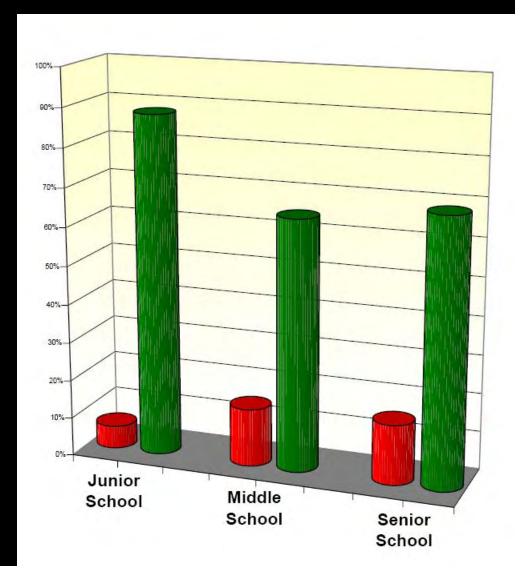










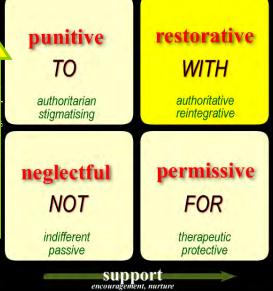


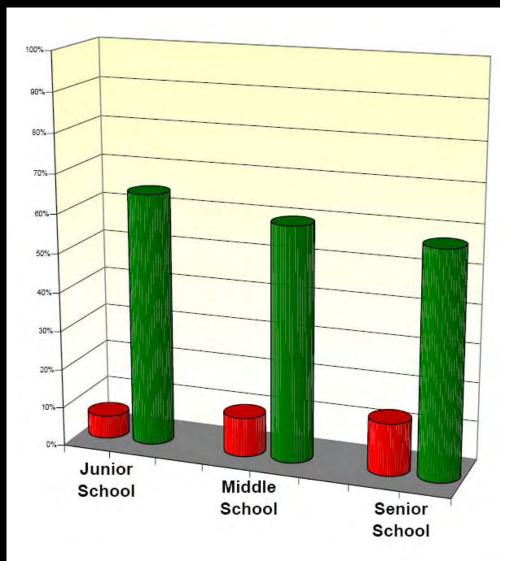


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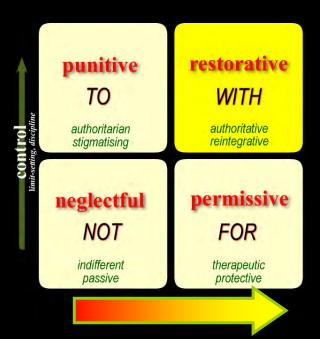


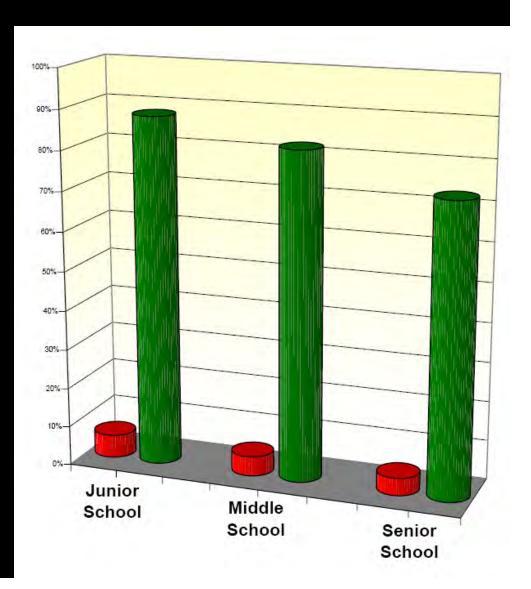
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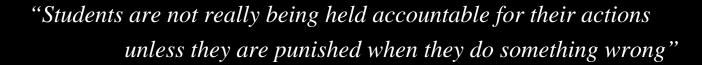








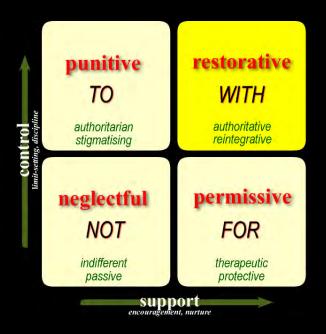


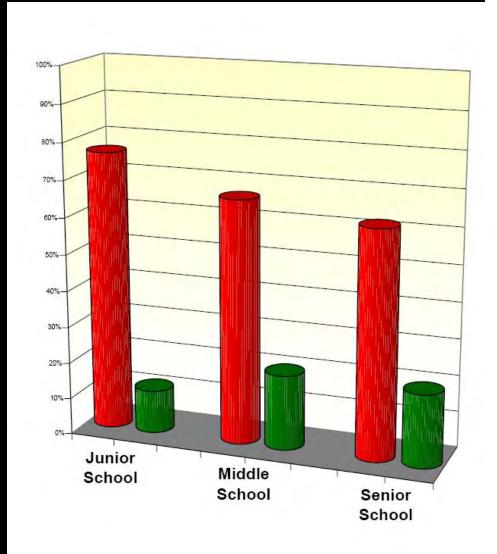




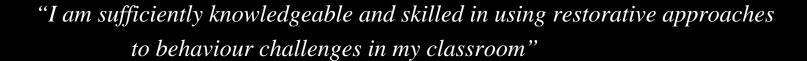












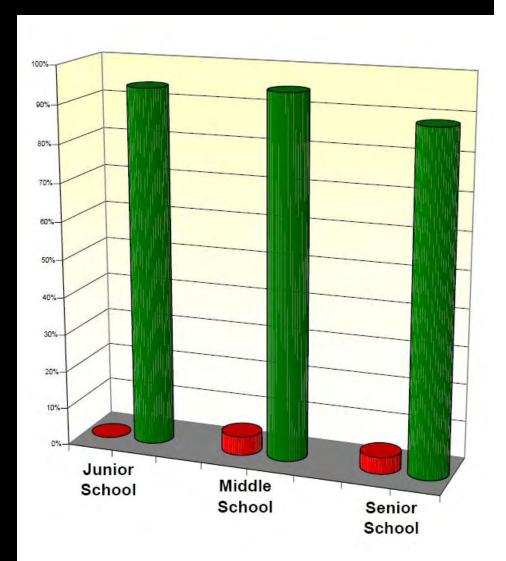


a follow-up q 'suggestions

a follow-up question asked for 'suggestions for future trainings'



- generated a long list...











Student Perceptions – Longitudinal Research Study

in conjunction with Griffith University

Focussing on...

Students' perceptions of school Well-being

Pro-social behaviour School satisfaction

Peer relationships Aggression

Bullying and bystander behaviour Academic motivation

Incidence of depression and anxiety

Student academic self-belief/self-efficacy

Commencing 2007 - initial results expected early next year





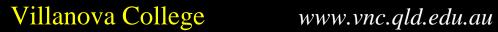




Are we *there* yet?









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