



HOËRSKOOL PAREL VALLEI HIGH SCHOOL



**NEW LEARNER
INFORMATION GUIDE**

2025

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Welcome from Mr Schenck

Welcome to Parel Vallei and your new Blue Thread family!

We are extremely proud of our campus and school that has grown over the last 39 years to become a leader in the Western Cape and a beacon of excellence in a changing world. Parel Vallei is on the forefront of education in our country. With wise adaptability, we manage a fine balance between maintaining and renewing according to best practices in all areas.

Our family's culture of inclusive diversity is built on Christian values and a pursuit of a balanced body, mind and spirit. Our success is not only measured by matric success, but how well we have prepared you for your studies, life and the world of work as well.

A multitude of opportunities awaits you here at Parel Vallei and may you, through active involvement and a TUNGU-nacity (a Turn-Up-Never-Give-Up-determination) discover your calling, gifts and talents – all in preparation for making a positive contribution to our community and country!

Mr David Schenck



The headmaster of Parel Vallei, Mr David Schenck.

Message from your Head Prefects

Dear new Parel Vallei learner

We are excited to have you join our Blue Thread family. Here, you will discover new interests, make lasting friendships, and grow academically and personally. There are a lot of great opportunities waiting for you!

In Parel Vallei we live by five values: Respect, Integrity, Pride, Self-discipline and Perseverance. These values, along with the Blue Thread, binds us all together, creating a positive school culture and inspiring success.

Die onderwysers en prefekte by PV is baie toeganklik en ondersteunend; ons is altyd gereed om jou te help, of jy nou verlore, bekommerd of verward voel. Ons is toegewyd om jou te help slaag en jou in 'n ware PV-bulldog te omskep!

Ons kan nie wag om jou in 2025 by PV te sien nie. Onthou om elke geleentheid aan te gryp en die meeste van jou Bulldog-reis te maak!

We wish you all the best for 2025.



Head girl Ánneh Mitrovich and head boy Noah Enyang

School song



In ons soepel lentejare
word ons vir ons taak gebrei,
skep ons vir ons ideale
in ons eie Parel Vallei.
Dis die skool wat ons so liefhet,
wat die mag van wysheid leer
en ons aanspoor om met insig
ons probleme te hanteer.

In our sport and in our labour
always vigilant we'll stay,
and by word and deed the spirit
of this lovely school display.
Parel Vallei we shall remember
how you tend us in our youth,
how to grow in the art of living
and to flourish forth in truth.

***The school song was written by Mr J F Spies
and composed by Dr Guurt van der Tas in
August 1989.***



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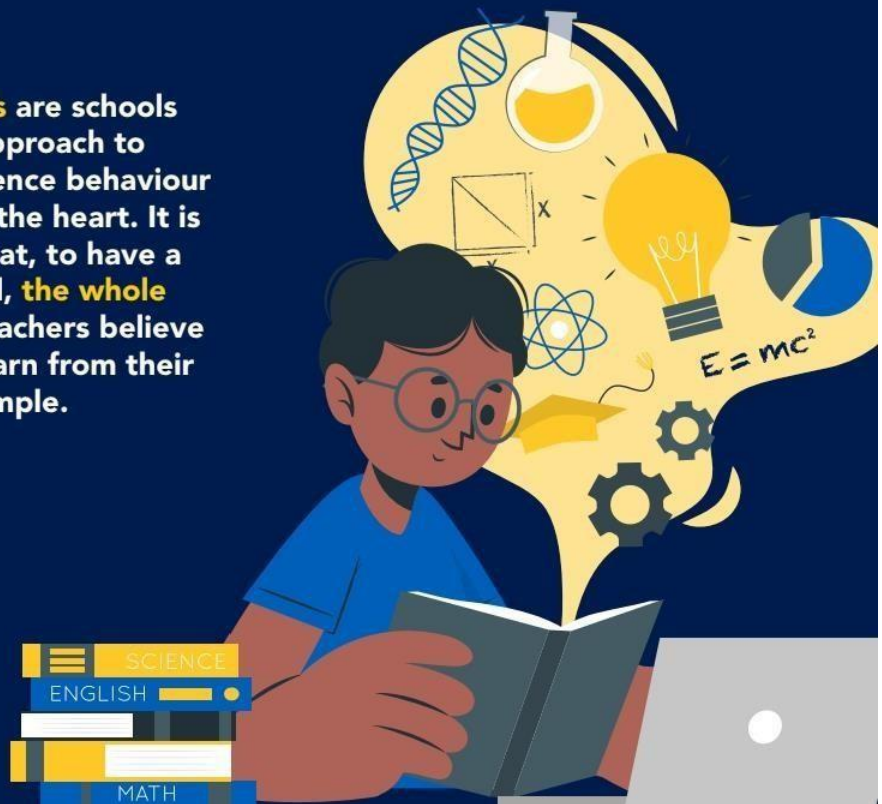
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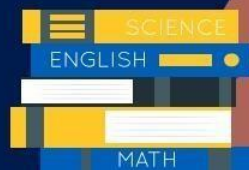
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Value Driven Schools are schools with a different approach to discipline. Values influence behaviour from the inside, from the heart. It is important to note that, to have a Value Driven School, **the whole school must buy in**. Teachers believe that the pupils will learn from their positive example.



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Tradition

We are proud to be in PV!

We greet all adults on the school grounds.

We stand whenever a teacher enters the classroom.

We stand when we speak to an adult or are spoken to by an adult.

Ons tree aan by klasse voordat ons kan instap.

Ons staan by ons banke en groet eers ons onderwysers voordat ons sit en met die les begin.

We have all the buttons on our blazers.

We fasten the top button of our blazer when unseated (boys).

We always wear our school blazer in term 2 and 3.

Ons ondersteun alle spanne op sportdae terwyl ons ons skoolunifrom dra.

We participate in a summer and winter sport.

We get involved in the musicals, one way or another.

We engage in the spirit of the orientation week.

We attend the Valedictory.

We support cultural and academic events.

Ons hardloop ons bene af by die interhuisatletiek.

Ons gaan na al die Big Brags toe.

We support our musicians at the music concerts.

We show that we are proud Parel Valleiers in every way possible.

Ons respekteer die Matrieks!

We ring the bell to begin and end our high school careers.

We participate in events we've never tried.

TUNGU (Turn Up Never Give Up)

Map of the PV campus

Parel Vallei High School is situated in the beautiful Somerset West at the foot of the majestic Helderberg. We continually look to expand and improve our already amazing facilities to offer our learners the best opportunities possible.

GET TO KNOW YOUR CAMPUS



1. Visitors parking
2. Main entrance
3. Reception
4. Gouws Hall

5. Sports Hall
6. Tuck Shop
7. Tennis courts
8. Ledbury house

9. Sports Hub
10. Netball courts
11. Kets Astro Turf
12. Muller Pavilion

13. A Rugby Field
14. Sports Clubhouse
15. B Rugby Field
16. C Rugby Field

17. Cricket field



Calendar



Term 1

15 January - 28 March

(Grade 8)

13 January - 28 March

Term 2

8 April - 27 June

Term 3

22 July - 3 October

Term 4

13 October – 10 December

Timetable

At Parel Vallei we follow a 10-day cycle timetable. Day 1 starts on the Monday of the first week and Day 6 follows at the start of the following week.

New learners will receive their timetable in the first week of school.

School times from Monday to Thursday will be 07:40 to 14:20 while on a Friday learners will start at 07:40 and finish at 13:30.

Formal test periods are on a Tuesday and Thursday, while class tests can be written during class time on any given day.

Subject choice GET phase

Gr 8 and 9 - A learner takes 9 subjects.

Languages - English and Afrikaans: Of the two languages taken, one must be a Home Language. (*A learner may select two Home Language options, but may not select two First Additional Language options.*)

1. English Home Language *or* English First Additional Language.
2. Afrikaans Huistaal *of* Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal.
3. Life Orientation
4. Mathematics
5. Natural Sciences (Physical Sciences and Life Sciences offered separately)
6. Social Sciences (Geography and History offered separately)
7. Economic Management Sciences
8. Technology
9. Creative Arts - *One of the following two options is selected:* Drama & Design *or* Drama & Music

Extra-curricular subjects: French / German on Second Additional Language level.

Contact person, French: Christine Nutter crenutter@mweb.co.za

Contact person, German: Ilse van Eeden ilsevaneeden@gmail.com



Subject choice FET phase

Gr 10 to 12 - A learner must take a minimum of 7 subjects.

Languages - English and Afrikaans: Of the two languages taken, one MUST be a HOME LANGUAGE (A learner may select two Home language options, but may not select two First Additional Language options.)

Compulsory subjects:

1. English Home Language *or* English First Additional Language.
2. Afrikaans Huistaal *of* Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal.
3. Pure Mathematics *or* Mathematical Literacy
4. Life Orientation.
- 5 – 7. **Three** of the following choice subjects must be chosen:

- Accounting
- Business Studies
- Computer Application Technology
- Consumer Studies
- Design
- Dramatic Arts
- Economics
- Engineering Graphics & Design
- Geography
- History
- Hospitality Studies
- Information Technology
- Life Sciences
- Music*
- Physical Sciences Tourism

**Music: We offer tuition in the following instruments: Piano, Keyboard, Singing, Violin, Viola, Clarinet, Saxophone, Ukulele, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Percussion and Drums.*

8th Subject: Should a learner wish to take an 8th subject in the FET phase, it must be taken from the beginning of Gr 10.

Extra-curricular subjects: French / German on Second Additional Language level.

Parel Vallei Advanced Education Programme: Enriching education for grade 10 to12, follow the link: <https://pvallei.co.za/academics/21>.

Dress code and appearance

Pride in the school is of paramount importance.

1. School uniforms must be clean and neat. Sponsored clothing may not be worn to school.
2. Learners must wear the correct shoes.
Boys: polished, black lace-up and black sole shoes without large labels or buckles.
Girls: T-bar or lace-up black school shoes or black sole shoes with one strap over the foot.
3. It is compulsory to wear your school blazer every day in the winter, inside and outside of the school. In terms 1 and 4 blazers are only compulsory for formal events. The school blazer is always the only outer garment. Boys' top blazer button must be fastened.
4. Jerseys may be worn, but not without the school blazer and never as an outer garment outside the school grounds. Shirts must be tucked in. Only the Matrics have the privilege of wearing the white Matric jersey as an outer garment in terms 1 and 4 and under the school blazer in terms 2 and 3.
5. During the summer terms, the boys must wear a short-sleeved shirt with the school badge. Boys may also wear the school tie in the summer. Girls must wear the short-sleeved shirt with the school badge and the prescribed skirt or pants as sold by the official supplier of the PV school uniform, De Jagers.
6. Boys must wear black or grey belts with long pants to keep their shirts tucked in.
7. Shorts for PE: Only the longer type (as received in the beginning of Grade 8) may be worn.
8. Learners must wear suitable underwear that is not visible.
9. Socks - Only the prescribed school socks and tights are permitted.
Boys: School: Long, grey PV school socks to be worn with shorts.
Grey socks with long pants
Sport/PE: Short, white school socks with blue stripe, sold by De Jagers.
Girls: Summer: Short, white school socks with blue stripe.
Winter: Opaque tights - not sheer/knitted.
White socks may not be worn with long pants.
No socks may be worn underneath tights.
Sport/PE: Short, white school socks with blue stripe, sold by De Jagers.

10. The only jewellery that may be worn is a wrist watch. Girls may wear ONE small, plain, gold or silver stud or sleeper in each ear lobe.
11. Winter uniform must be worn in terms 2 and 3. A tie is compulsory with the winter uniform and the boys' top button must be buttoned up. Girls may not wear the short sleeve shirt during winter.

The rain jacket may be worn in terms 2 and 3, but only with the school blazer. In terms 1 and 4 the rain jacket may be worn without the school blazer, but only on the days that it rains. The rain jacket may be worn with the school tracksuit.

12. Nails should be clean and should not extend beyond the fingertips. Only colourless nail polish is allowed. Nails must look natural and be well groomed. No artificial nails. Make-up is not permitted.
13. **Boys:** Hair must be short and well-groomed. Sideburns should not reach lower than mid-ear. Boys must be shaven at all times.

Girls: If hair extends lower than the shirt collar it should be kept together with suitable hair elastics or ribbons. It must be neat and well-groomed. White, black and navy hair elastics/ribbons and clips are allowed. Gel may be used in moderation. Refer to the school's Code of Conduct for further guidelines.
14. Length of skirts must be decent. (Four fingers from the knee could be used as a guideline for the appropriate length of the skirts.)
15. Navy-blue gloves and scarves sold by De Jagers are permitted in winter.
16. Sportswear, as specified, is compulsory for sports events and practices. NO sneakers allowed.
17. ONLY PV schoolbags and sport bags are allowed.

In regards to electronic devices / cellphones we would like to highlight the following:

Cellphones and electronic devices may only be used with the permission of a teacher between 07:40 and 14:20.

Earphones are not allowed during school hours or outside of the school while learners are still in school uniform.

To view the full Code of Conduct please visit our website www.pvallei.co.za.

Schoolwear Guide



Summer uniform
with short pants



Summer uniform
with trousers



Summer uniform
with tie



Winter uniform
with short pants



Winter uniform
with trousers



Winter uniform
with rain jacket

Schoolwear Guide



Summer uniform
with skirt



Summer uniform
with pants



Winter uniform
with pants



Winter uniform
with skirt



Winter uniform
with rain jacket

Sportswear Guide



Boys: Full tracksuit



Girls: Full tracksuit

*Sportswear for the various sport codes will be showcased at De Jagers, the official independent stockist of Parel Vallei High School's uniforms, bags and sportswear.

Sportswear Guide

General sportswear



Athletics sportswear



School and sports bags

Compulsory as part of schoolwear.



School bag



Drawstring bag



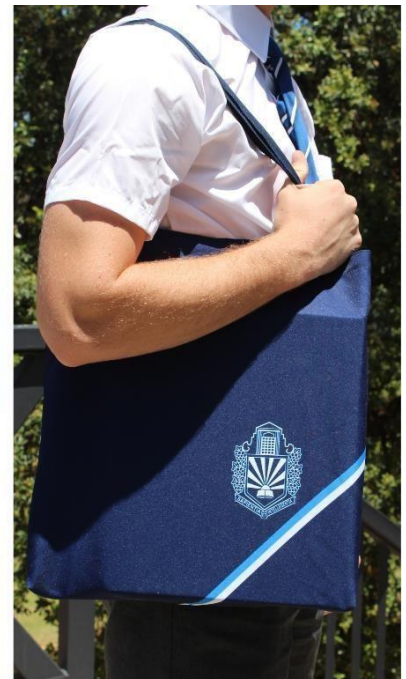
Sport backpack



Hockey stick bag

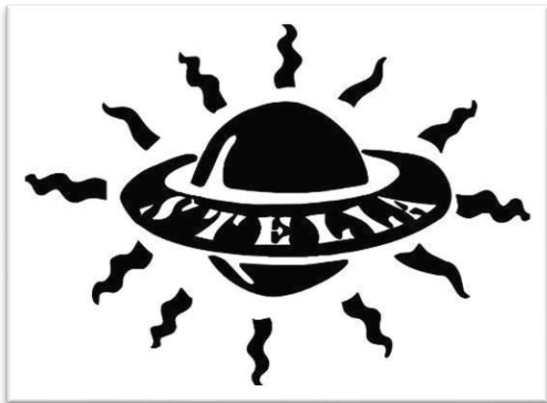
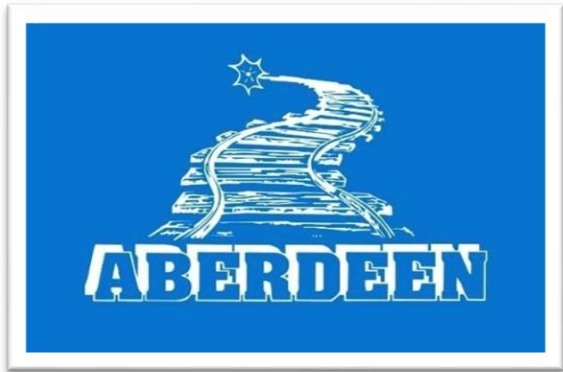


Sports tog bag



Tote bag

Parel Vallei Houses



Sports information

Welcome to Parel Vallei High School.

We are very excited to have you join our sports program.

At Parel Vallei, we have built up excellent facilities for the various sports we offer. We believe that, through sport, you are able to identify your strengths and use these to the benefit of the team in which you play. The working world needs young people who are able to slot into teams and work towards a common goal. We believe that sport encourages this.

We strive to encompass all facets of the school to have holistic sportsmen and sportswomen. We endeavour to always give the best opportunities through tournaments, camps, tours and through competition.

We look forward to journeying with you, here at Parel Vallei Sport!

Mr J. du Plooy
Sport administrator
iduplooy@pvallei.co.za

Sport codes	Head of sport code	Email address
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Tennis	Mr J Koekemoer	jkoekemoer@pvallei.co.za

Culture information

Welcome to Parel Vallei High School.

We are very excited to have you join our culture program.

At Parel Vallei, we offer learners the opportunity to develop talents and skills. Learners are encouraged to participate in at least one cultural activity which enables them to make friends, discover talents, refine abilities and gain valuable experience.

Please join us as we make many more wonderful memories in the Culture Department.

We offer the following activities:

A cappella

Choir

Drumline

Orchestra

Vocal Ensemble

Big Band

Debating

Eisteddfods

Orators

Musical

Blue Thread Magazine

Drama

Optog

String orchestra

Word Weavers

We look forward to meeting you when registration for the various activities is called for.

Mr. Darryl Spijkers

Head of Culture

dspijkers@pvallei.co.za



Club information

Welcome to Parel Vallei High School!

The Community Portfolio contains a number of clubs that any learner can join.

If you enjoy serving your community or see an activity that interests you, you will find a home in one of our clubs.

Have a look at the variety of clubs PV offers:

ATKV	Crafts Club
Eco Club	First Aid
Interact	GIG (God is Great)
Library	Presidents Award
Robotics	
Investors Club	

Come join us - a whole new world awaits you!

Ms. M. Madsen-Leibold
Head of Clubs
mmadsen-leibold@pvallei.co.za



Locker information

Lockers are hired for the year:

Large lockers for books and a tog bag @ R200.

Small lockers for only books @ R150.

Lockers can be registered on the following dates:

Current Grade 11:	28 October 2024
Current Grade 10:	4 November 2024
Current Grade 9:	11 November 2024
Current Grade 8:	18 November 2024
New Grade 8 2024:	15 January 2025



Money for the lockers can be paid by EFT into the school's bank account:

ABSA Bank

Branch code: 632005

Account number: 2900141311

Reference: 'Locker' + Child Initial and Surname

Lockers are only registered at the Reception office.

Proof of payment must be shown by learner to register the locker and obtain a locker number.

Lockers will be available from the first day of school in 2025.

Learners are to provide own locks.

Lockers are used at own risk.

Textbooks and stationery

On the Parel Vallei website, our EduVista “Parent Portal” as well the d6 Communicator you will find lists per grade of the **WCED textbooks** that are supplied by the school as well as the **textbooks** and **stationery** that must be bought for each subject.



Clothing shop

DE JAGERS
Since 1955

De Jagers is the independent official stockist of Parel Vallei High School uniforms and school/sport bags.

For their trading hours, please visit their website: [De Jagers. Somerset West](#)

Contact number: 021 850 0287

Address: Shop 1-2, The Hub Centre Cnr, R44, Somerset West

Price list: Available on the D6 School Communicator

MySchool



Complete the MySchool application for Parel Vallei at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3eC0Xux>

Please send your completed application to
Karin Laubscher
klaubscher@pvallei.co.za

Communication platforms

Parel Vallei strives to keep everyone up to date with interesting news and photographs on social media as well as on our website.



www.facebook.com/ParelVallei



www.instagram.com/parelvallei



www.pvallei.co.za

D6 Communicator



The school uses the D6 Communicator as an easy source of communication between the school, learners and the parents. Information appears immediately and, in the event of an urgent notice, the school can immediately inform users. The D6 Communicator can be downloaded to a computer, laptop and/or smart phone.

The D6 Communicator can be downloaded from the following link: www.school-communicator.com/downloads

Parel Vallei Communicate



**PAREL VALLEI
COMMUNICATE**

Parel Vallei Communicate is a new platform that was created to serve as a one-way communication between Parel Vallei and its learners. (POPIA protocol applies). No private WhatsApp groups with reference to the school are allowed.

Each grade is divided into two groups - Afrikaans and English. All grade related information is shared on these group. By using WhatsApp, the learners are able to receive information daily.

The learners join the group by scanning a QR code that will be provided.

There is only one *Admin* on the group and only the *Admin* can send messages. The Parel Vallei Communicate cellphone number is not there to answer learners' personal questions. Any questions that a learner might have can be addressed to their class representatives.

EduVista

EduVista is a complete school management system accessed by all stakeholders.



The **PV Parent Portal** - This portal allows the parent to log in to EduVista and:

1. Access their child's information such as his/her: personal information, school reports, timetable, detailed attendance record, subjects and teacher contact details, involvement in extra-curricular activities, documentation etc.
2. Perform a variety of functions such as: update / change, personal information, upload and view absentee notes, download / print school reports, subject selection, etc.

Information and log in details will be e-mailed to the parents before school opens in 2025.

The StudyHub - This personalized portal gives the learner to access the following:

Subject curriculum with all topic-based study materials, PowerPoints, videos etc., their own timetable, personal info., test & exam timetables, teacher contact info., on-line meeting facilities, up-load facilities, interactive Q & A, track their own progress etc.

Learners are given their access details to the StudyHub on their first day of school.

Contact us

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