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Intent, Rationale and Focus

Intent – what our school is trying to achieve

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Rationale – why this is important to us

The implementation of our four year goals will ensure that:

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Strathfieldsaye Primary School
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Framework for Improving Student Outcomes

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- Caring
- Optimism
- Respect
- Excellence

We look after our environment and show kindness to other people and ourselves.

We are grateful for what we have and believe that we can make good things happen. We choose to be positive.

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  - Evidence based high impact teaching strategies
  - Evaluating impact on learning
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