

Learn, Think, Perform, Belong
through

RESPECT INTEGRITY RESPONSIBILITY

VICTORIA POINT STATE HIGH SCHOOL



Principal Messages

WEEK 7, TERM 2 2026

KEY DATES

- Year 10 Set Planning - 11th + 12th June
- Year 9 Jet Planning - 11th + 12th June
- Year 11 / 12 Exam Block - 15th - 19th June
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Performance - June 23rd + 24th
- Athletics Carnival - June 24th (invite) and 25th (whole school)
- Year 7 - 12 Rewards Day lunch 26th June
- School Holidays - 27th June

Expo night

On Tuesday the 27th of May our school community came together for 'Expo Night'. Again, we had an incredible display of community with many students, parents and exhibitors in attendance. Our Year 7 2027 enrolment sessions were packed, and it was great to meet some of our new students who will be joining VP next year. I would particularly like to thank Mrs Plauschin and Mrs Roberts for their organisation of the night and all of our sponsors who attended and gave support to the school.

Year 10 Set Plan and Year 9 Jet Plan

Next week our Year 10 students will participate in their Set Plan interviews where students and families will make decisions about senior pathways and subjects. Mr Wright, Ms Stanway, Ms Pyke and family group teachers have been heavily invested in preparing our Year 10 students for these conversations. A reminder to families that Year 10 students will only be required to attend their interview across these two days - normal classes will not run.

Our Year 9 students and families will have the opportunity to participate in a Jet Plan conversation across these same dates. This too is designed to help students shape their decision making for Year 10 subjects. Year 9 students are required to attend normal classes and will be released for their interview time.

Student achievements

Congratulations to the Open girls AFL team who were runners up in last week's AFL Qld cup held at Victoria Point Sharks. Our Open boys team also performed very well. Thank you to Ms Pyke and Mr

Malone for coaching the teams.

Our instrumental music students were incredible at Fanfare last week. Congratulations to our instrumental students for winning a silver medal and well done to Ms Taggart and Mr Craig for their time and effort.

Teaching and Learning @ VPSHS

This year one of our key partnerships is with Real Schools who is an organisation dedicated to building strong school communities through restorative practices and relationship-focused education.

The Real Schools partnership is designed to support our staff, students, and families in creating a culture of respect, responsibility, and resilience. Through this collaboration, we are working to embed restorative practices into our school's daily routines, ensuring that our approach to behaviour management is not only fair and consistent but also focused on building and maintaining positive relationships.

What Are Restorative Practices?

Restorative practices are an evidence-based approach to managing behaviour and resolving conflict. Rather than focusing solely on punishment, restorative practices encourage accountability, empathy, and understanding. This approach helps students to reflect on their actions, repair harm, and rebuild relationships, fostering a stronger sense of community within our school.

By embedding restorative practices into our school culture, we aim to:

- Reduce incidents of conflict.
- Strengthen relationships between students, staff, and families.
- Promote a sense of belonging and connectedness within the school community.
- Support students in developing the skills they need to navigate challenges and build positive relationships in all areas of their lives.

This work supports our Belonging and Engagement strategy as part of our wider school improvement plan.

Attendance

At Victoria Point State High School, we believe that **every day counts** when it comes to your child's education. Regular attendance is essential for students to achieve their full potential, build strong connections with their peers and teachers, and develop the skills and knowledge they need for future success.

Why Attendance Matters

Research shows that students who attend school regularly are more likely to:

- Achieve better academic outcomes.

- Develop positive relationships with their peers and teachers.
- Build resilience, confidence, and a sense of belonging.
- Successfully transition to further education, training, or employment.

On the other hand, missing just one day of school each fortnight adds up to **four weeks of missed learning each year**. Over the course of a student's education, this can have a significant impact on their progress and opportunities.

Our Commitment to Supporting Attendance

At VPSHS, we are committed to working in partnership with families to ensure that all students attend school regularly and on time. We understand that there may be times when students are unable to attend due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances. In these cases, we ask that families notify the school as soon as possible and provide a reason for the absence.

Our school also has a range of support systems in place to help students and families overcome any barriers to regular attendance. If you are experiencing challenges that may impact your child's ability to attend school, please don't hesitate to reach out to our wellbeing team for assistance.

How Families Can Support Attendance

Families play a vital role in promoting regular attendance. Here are some ways you can help:

- **Set a Routine:** Establish consistent bedtimes and morning routines to ensure your child is well-rested and ready for school each day.
- **Communicate the Importance of Attendance:** Talk to your child about why attending school every day is important for their learning and future.
- **Schedule Appointments Outside School Hours:** Wherever possible, arrange medical and other appointments outside of school hours to minimise disruptions to learning.
- **Stay Informed:** Keep track of school events, timetables, and attendance policies to ensure your child is prepared and present.

We know that regular attendance is a team effort, and we are here to support you and your child every step of the way. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or need assistance, please contact the year level Deputy, Head of Student Support or Year level lead teacher for your child's year level.

Uniform

Well done to our students for their high levels of presentation. The weather is certainly cooling down this week, and the uniform policy only permits the formal school jumper or jacket. Formal navy pants can be worn with the formal uniform while the tracksuit pants can be worn with either the sports uniform or day uniform polo. If families need support with jumpers over the winter months, please contact the front office - 3820 5888.

Mobile Phones – Away for the Day

As part of the Qld Government's 'Away for the Day' mobile device policy students at VPSHS are not permitted their device as soon as they enter the school gate until the bell rings in the afternoon. This statewide policy was introduced to reduce the distraction of devices as well as the negative social behaviours that can come from filming and social media. Across the school there has been a significant reduction in device use, demonstrating the high levels of responsibility from most students. Within the school there are designated purple zones where phones can be accessed for payment or implementing recorded verbal feedback. Students are expected to demonstrate respect, responsibility and integrity in all aspects of the school, including mobile phones. Failure to adhere will be subject to the student code of conduct.

Benfer Road Pick Up

Benfer Rd can become quite congested in the afternoons for pick up. With students and cars exiting the front of the school it is a busy space. Some options to avoid the congestion would be waiting an extra 5 minutes after the bell to collect your child or turning left onto Benfer Rd and using the round-about to allow traffic to flow more efficiently.

Ferry Transport

Over the past few months, we have been advocating for the return of a designated school ferry due to the large number of people transiting to and from the islands. Working with Sea Link and other stakeholders we are hopeful to have some direction in the near future. We certainly expect our students to continue demonstrating our values of respect, responsibility and integrity outside the school gate - thank you for reinforcing these messages at home.

Yours in Education,

Susan Taylor

Proud Principal of Victoria Point SHS