

Learn, Think, Perform, Belong
through
RESPECT INTEGRITY RESPONSIBILITY

VICTORIA POINT STATE HIGH SCHOOL



Principal Messages

WEEK 7, TERM 3 2026

KEY DATES

- Student Free Day - Friday 4th September
- 7th - 11th Sep - Year 11 Exam Block
- Night of Dance - Friday 11th and Saturday 12th of September
- 14th - 18th Sep - Year 12 Mock Exam Block
- Spring Thing - Friday 18th September

As we move into Week 8 of Term 3, there is certainly no slowing down at VP. This part of the term is always busy, with students completing assessment, participating in activities and beginning to look towards the final weeks of Term 3.

A key message for our students continues to be that **school is about learning**. Turning up each day is only the first step. Being ready to learn, managing your time, responding to feedback and taking responsibility for the choices you make are all important parts of being a successful learner.

Our values of **Respect, Responsibility and Integrity** provide a strong foundation for this. As we continue to strengthen a culture of belonging at Victoria Point SHS, we want every student to understand that they have an important role to play in creating a school where everyone can **Learn, Think, Perform and Belong**.

Strategic Planning 2027–2030

Thank you to the students, staff, parents and community members who have contributed to our strategic planning process throughout Term 3 2026.

We have been gathering feedback about what we should **keep doing, stop doing and start doing** as we consider the future direction of Victoria Point SHS. Student voice has been particularly important in this process. Our students have been clear about the importance of belonging, positive relationships, engaging learning and having greater ownership of their learning.

Over the coming weeks, we will have a draft **2027–2030 Strategic Plan**. Our challenge is to ensure that the plan is more than a document. It needs to provide a clear direction for how we improve teaching and learning, strengthen belonging and engagement, develop self-regulated learners and ensure our students leave Victoria Point SHS ready for their future.

There will be further opportunities for our community to contribute as this work progresses.

Teaching and Learning @ VPSHS

As students move through their Term 3 assessment, I encourage families to have a conversation at home about how learning is progressing.

One of our priorities is developing students who can increasingly **manage their own learning**. This means being able to answer some simple but important questions:

What am I learning? How am I going? What feedback have I received? What do I need to do next?

Drafting and feedback are important parts of this process. Our previous year level have highlighted the importance of students using drafting as part of the learning cycle rather than simply focusing on the final submission. As a school we are prioritising early intervention as we want our students to achieve their very best results. Teachers may have already reached out highlighting any concerns with work output but there is also a lot of support from teachers and Heads of Department's along the way.

Students should be checking assessment calendars, meeting draft deadlines and seeking assistance early. As a parent you can view these deadlines through QParents. These are habits that develop responsibility and self-management well beyond school.

Celebrating Our Students

Term 3 continues to provide many opportunities for our students to represent Victoria Point SHS through academic, cultural, sporting, leadership and community activities.

What makes me particularly proud is seeing students prepared to have a go, contribute to their school and support one another. We have had sporting teams competing in Met Finals, Year 8 student Ellis recently competed in the National cross country championships placing 12th which is outstanding, students participating in robotics and e-sports competitions and the Year 12 cohort out in the community for different events. We have also had strong representation of groups within our school working with our local feeder schools. Our Better Men program, Kapa Haka and First Nations reading groups are continuing their mentoring of students at Redland Bay State School and Victoria Point State School.

Over the coming weeks our dancers and musicians will be finalising their rehearsals for the Night of Dance and Melodies and Masterpieces with our media students supporting both events. Well done to all students for their success in Term 3.

Attendance — Every Day Matters

Attendance remains an important priority for Victoria Point SHS.

As we approach the end of the term, it can be tempting for students to think that missing the occasional day does not matter. It does. Learning continues every day, and regular attendance helps students maintain routines, relationships and connection with their classes.

Our message is simple: **show up, be ready and make the day count.**

Thank you to our families for continuing to support regular attendance and contacting the school when there are circumstances affecting your child's attendance. There has been a change to the notification system if students are required to leave early or arrive late. Please do this through QParents or via email. The voicemail system is no longer in operation.

Devices and Being Ready to Learn

We continue to reinforce expectations around the responsible use of devices at school.

Technology is an important tool for learning, but it needs to be used with purpose. Students should arrive each day with their device **charged, ready and available for learning.** Just as importantly, students need to develop the self-management to know when technology supports their learning and when it becomes a distraction.

This is another example of **Responsibility and Integrity in action** — making the right choice even when someone is not standing beside you reminding you what to do.

Looking Towards Term 4

Although we still have several weeks remaining in Term 3, planning for Term 4 and 2027 is well underway.

For our Year 12 students in particular, the remaining weeks of school will move incredibly quickly. I encourage every Year 12 student to make the most of the time they have left — stay engaged, complete the work, support your peers and finish your schooling in a way that you can be proud of.

The Year 12 cohort have been reminded about safe driving practices in Bambara Cl. If you have child of driving age please reinforce this message with them. At the end of the school day there is a lot of traffic and extra attention is needed to ensure all students and families can exit the school precinct safely.

For every other year level, Term 4 provides another opportunity to finish 2026 strongly and prepare for the year ahead.

Ultimately, our goal remains straightforward: **every student belongs, every student learns, and every student leaves Victoria Point SHS ready to make a positive contribution to their community.**

We will finish Term 3 with our annual Spring Thing. Each year level will be hosting a range of games that students can participate in. A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided for those students who have met the attendance and behaviour requirements.

I will be taking a short period of leave from Thursday the 10th of September until the end of Term 3. Mrs Plauschin will be the acting Principal in my place.

Thank you to our students, staff and families for your continued contribution to our school.

Yours in Education,

Susan Taylor

Proud Principal of Victoria Point SHS