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# VICTORIA POINT STATE HIGH SCHOOL



*Principal Messages*

WEEK 4, TERM 2 2026

## KEY DATES

- 25<sup>th</sup> May - Reconciliation Week
- 26<sup>th</sup> May - **VPSHS Expo Night**
- 4<sup>th</sup> June - International School visit commences
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> June - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory musical
- 24<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> VPSHS Athletics carnival
- 26<sup>th</sup> June - VPV Rewards Activity

Dear VP families,

I hope this message finds you well as we settle into Term 2. It has been a busy start to the term, and we have a lot of updates and acknowledgements from the past few weeks.

### **Celebrating Student Success**

First and foremost, I want to congratulate our students on their outstanding achievements from Term 1. From academic excellence to sporting triumphs, our students continue to make us proud. A special mention to our athletes who have made district and regional representative teams, our robotics students have been participating in a number of events, and our creative industries students are busily preparing for the upcoming performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Our interim Term 1 data continues to build on our improvement last year with increasing performance of A-C for achievement, effort and behaviour. Our clear focus on intentional visible thinking practices is translating through our results and school culture.

### **Strategic Plan 2027**

Every 4years schools have previously undertaken a school review to help provide 'next steps' for school improvement. The process is currently being reconfigured however we will still have our opportunity to partake in some self-review processes to help create our next strategic plan – this is due for the start of next year. Further information will be communicated in Principal messages, and it will be important to have voice from our students, families, staff and community involved in this feedback process.

### **PFS Lesson**

This year we have restructured our PFS classes to a Friday afternoon with a 'global citizen framework' approach. Students have been given choice over their activity along with their project, the caveat being the activity has to service our community in some way. From primary connections with VPSS to history tours to facelifts within the school grounds, there have been some strong community connections built, and we look forward to showcasing these projects at the end of this term.

## **ANZAC Day Commemorations**

On 24<sup>th</sup> of April, we came together as a school community to honour the sacrifices of our servicemen and women during our annual ANZAC Day ceremony. It was an incredibly emotive service thanks to Year 11 student Georgina's musical performance supported by our choral group. We are always so honoured to have a wide range of community members partake in our service.

Additionally, it was heartening to see so many students, staff, and families attend the local dawn service as either cadets or participants and march in the Redland Bay community. Our school captains Destinee, Olivia and Jaxon did an exceptional job representing the school.

## **Cybernetics Shield Partnership**

This year the VPSHS P&C and VPSHS have both invested to form a three way partnership with Cybernetic Shield to strengthen student safety, confidence and wellbeing in the online environment. Online behaviour has been a growing concern in recent years and this is something we feel strongly about to protect our students and children. Cybernetic Shield supports schools Australia-wide with specialist guidance, prevention-focused education, and response support when online issues occur. Parents and carers also now have access to the 4Cs Parent Community - the access instructions were sent to families earlier in the term. Cybernetics Shield will have a stall at our upcoming expo later this term.

## **School Cross Country**

At the end of last term we held our annual cross country. This was a great way to cap off a busy term with many students embracing the opportunity to get coloured. We thank our wonderful P&C for contributing to the supplies along with local community stakeholders Rebecca Young and Jones & Co for their donations to our sausage donation. Thank you to Mrs Ash Wright and Mr Tom Marshall for their organisation of these events.

## **Cultural and Creative Highlights**

Congratulations to 2 of our Year 11 students who participated in the Beyond Broncos leadership camp over the Easter holidays which was held at Tangalooma Resort. Aunty Robyn was also present as one of the facilitators and our students certainly learnt a lot. Congratulations to Ashanti who has been picked to be part of the leadership program for 2026.

Our dance academy students have commenced their performances, recently competing in the Ipswich eisteddfod. Staff got a sneak peak in the days leading up and it was so good to see our talent and support of one another through the performances.

Mr Cobos has been a driving force in a number of our students who will be competing in the annual Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage in the coming months. We have a number of students showcasing their incredible talents in dance, drama, and music.

## **Uniform**

Well done to our students for their high levels of presentation. With the cooler weather approaching students are required to wear the 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.

## Attendance and Leave passes

Education is the most important gift our students receive. Attendance each day is compulsory and builds student knowledge and skills. Our school target is 92% so that interruptions to student learning is minimised. Please refer to the Department's attendance policy for further information. Please reach out to the year level deputy if you need to discuss or require support for any attendance issues.

### 🌐 Attendance

A reminder to families that appointments during school time should be as a last resort as students are expected to be in attendance in school. Should you require a leave pass please use the QParents app or the designated student absence line so that our phone lines are not tied up. Requests should be made the morning of the leave at the latest. It is not reasonable to expect an admin staff member to locate a student on very short notice unless it is an absolute emergency - thank you for your understanding and support of this.

## 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.

## Looking Ahead

As we move forward into the rest of Term 2, there are many exciting events on the horizon. Our Year 10 students will soon begin their subject selection process for senior schooling, and we encourage families to attend the upcoming information expo evening to learn more about the pathways available. Year 9 students will also be preparing for their Jet Plan conversations – Mrs James will be sending information to families this week.

Year 7 2027 enrolments have opened with the first round of induction sessions to occur at the expo evening.

Yours in Education,

*Susan Taylor*

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