



KEY DATES

- Year 12 External Exams commence - Monday 26th October
- Sports Awards Presentation - Monday 16th Nov
- VPSHS Awards Night @ RPAC - Tuesday 17th Nov
- Year 12 Formal - Wednesday 18th Nov
- Year 12 Graduation - Friday 20th Nov
- Year 10 and 11 Final Day - Friday 27th Nov
- Year 7 - 9 Rewards Day - Week 10 Date TBC
- Year 7 - 9 Final Day - Friday 11th Dec

As we move into our final term, there is a great deal to celebrate at Victoria Point State High School. Term 4 is always an important time as we recognise the achievements of our students, prepare our Year 12 cohort for their final examinations and celebrations, and continue planning for the future direction of our school. In Week 1 melodies and masterpieces were held to a packed crowd and our budding artists and musicians showcased their amazing talents. I thank our Arts teachers for their dedication and commitment to prepare our students. We certainly have some talented singers and drummers and it was great to see our whole concert band on stage together performing.

This term our Year 8 and 9 cohorts will complete their subject selections for 2027. Families are strongly encouraged to discuss subject pathways with their child at home and keep a look out for correspondence from the Year Level Deputies - Mrs Plauschin and Mrs James.

Celebrating Our School's Progress

Our Term 3 student achievement data has provided some very encouraging results, reflecting the collective efforts of our students, staff and families.

Across Years 7–12, 93.1% of students achieved an A–C for effort, continuing an upward trend from 87.9% in Semester 1, 2024. Our behaviour results also remain strong, with 96% of students achieving an A–C for behaviour.

We are also seeing improvements in academic achievement, particularly in our senior school, where the percentage of students achieving results in the upper two achievement bands has increased from 42.4% in Term 3, 2024 to 48.7% in Term 3, 2026.

These results are worth celebrating. They reflect the importance of high expectations, consistent teaching practices and positive relationships between students and staff. While there is always more work to do, these improvements reinforce that we are moving in the right direction.

I would particularly like to acknowledge our teaching staff for their ongoing commitment to improving learning outcomes and our students for the effort they are putting into their education.

Our Future Direction – Strategic Plan 2027–2030

Over the past few months, we have been working with our students, staff and community to shape the next chapter for Victoria Point State High School.

Our emerging strategic vision is centred around three connected pillars:

- **Belonging and Engagement:** Creating an environment where every student is known, valued, accepted and actively engaged in their learning.
- **Quality Teaching and Learning:** Strengthening intentional teaching practices, developing students as self-regulated learners and building their capacity to think about and manage their own learning.
- **A Human Approach:** Building a culture of kindness, empathy, positive relationships and high expectations, where we recognise the importance of understanding and supporting one another.

At the heart of this work is a simple belief: every student belongs at Victoria Point State High School, and every student can learn, think and perform.

Our challenge is to continue creating the conditions that allow this to happen consistently in every classroom, every day.

I look forward to sharing more of this work with our community as we finalise our strategic direction for 2027–2030.

Year 12 – The Final Chapter

For our Year 12 students and their families, this is a significant time. After years of schooling, our students are approaching the final stages of their secondary education, with external examinations and graduation celebrations ahead.

It is a time of mixed emotions, excitement, anticipation and perhaps a little nervousness. I encourage our Year 12 students to remain focused, maintain their study routines and make the most of the support available from their teachers.

To our families, thank you for the encouragement and support you have provided throughout your child's schooling. We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with you in the coming weeks.

Student Leadership and Community Connections

Recently, our student leaders had the wonderful opportunity to visit Queensland Parliament House at the invitation of our local State Member, Rebecca Young MP.

Students experienced a tour of Parliament House, observed Question Time and enjoyed lunch hosted by Rebecca. Experiences such as these provide valuable opportunities for our young people to develop their understanding of civic responsibility, leadership and the importance of contributing positively to their community.

The students represented our school with such pride and were so interested in Qld's history of governance.

Making a Difference in Our Community

One of the strengths of our school is the willingness of our students and staff to contribute to something bigger than themselves.

Our PFS initiatives continue to provide opportunities for students to demonstrate compassion, responsibility and service to others. This week, our Night Ninjas will receive blankets from our students who have been busily crocheting them for the past 6 months.

We are also looking forward to our Christmas Appeal later this term, providing another opportunity for our school community to support those in need.

Our Conservation and Wildlife students have also collaborated with our Industrial Technology and Design students to develop an outdoor classroom space. This is a wonderful example of students applying their learning to a practical project that will benefit our school environment.

First Nations Success

I would like to acknowledge the achievements of our First Nations students, particularly the seven students graduating from the Beyond Broncos program this year.

These students have demonstrated commitment to their education and are preparing for positive future pathways. We are also encouraged by improvements in achievement and attendance outcomes for our First Nations students.

These successes reflect the importance of strong relationships, cultural connection and ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed. Last week Aunty Robyn was recognised for her role as our Community Education Counsellor which has been in schools for the past 50 years. They are integral to the success of our First Nations students and Aunty Robyn has been instrumental in improving outcomes for FN students in her time at VPSHS.

QLearn and ID Attend 2027

In 2027 our school will be transitioning to the Department's online learning platform - QLearn. This platform will replace the online learning platform DAYMAP which is currently used to store learning materials and capture attendance for our school. Next year we will use IDAttend to capture student

attendance. Unlike DAYMAP there is no charge for our school to access QLearn and students will be able to access their learning resources in a similar way. Relevant information for parents such as attendance, assessment calendars and excursion dates is visible through QParents which we transitioned to this year. The Departmental platforms have the capacity to interface with Oneschool which is the central storage point of student information across the State. The cost savings of moving to QLearn and IDAttend means the funds can be deployed to other areas of need across the school. In the coming weeks, parent 'how to' guides will be distributed so that families feel confident to engage in the same way next year.

School Expectations – Finishing the Year Strongly

As the end of the year approaches, it can be tempting for students to begin switching off from their learning. However, there is still important work to be done.

I ask families to continue reinforcing the importance of regular attendance, arriving at school ready to learn, wearing the correct school uniform and meeting our expectations around respectful behaviour and mobile phone use.

Our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Integrity remain central to how we expect students to conduct themselves, both inside and outside the classroom.

Importantly, we want our students to understand that responsibility is more than simply following rules. It is about making choices that support their own learning, respecting the learning of others and recognising the impact their actions have on the wider school community.

School Opinion Survey

Our 2026 school opinion survey results have been released and I wish to acknowledge every student, parent and staff member that provided feedback. This information is one piece that helps us to navigate our school direction. Once again, I am extremely proud of our results this year and the summary of results will be published to the school website in the coming weeks.

International School visits

This week we had our final International school visit for 2026. We have welcomed 2 Japanese schools over the past fortnight, and our students were wonderful hosts as they acted as student buddies. From cooking Anzac biscuits to learning an Indigenous dance, our International program provides a range of memories for our visiting students.

Mobile Phones – Away for the Day

A reminder that as part of the Qld Government's 'Away for the Day' mobile device policy students at VPSHS are not permitted their mobile devices as soon as they enter the school gate until the bell rings in the afternoon. 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

Planning is underway for improvements to our school facilities. The removal of the demountable building 'The Hub' is scheduled for Term 1, 2027, and we have commenced planning for the refurbishment of C Block into a dedicated student support hub.

This will be an important development in strengthening how we support student wellbeing, engagement and connection to school.

As we move towards the final weeks of 2026, I encourage our students to continue striving for their personal best and to take pride in the progress they have made this year. The next few weeks will be extremely busy with external exams commencing for our Year 12 cohort and the various celebratory events occurring in week 7. I am very much looking forward to seeing our students recognised for their hard work across the year and sharing this with our community. I wish our Year 12's all the very best over the next 4 weeks.

Thank you to our families for your continued partnership and support. A strong school is built on strong relationships, and I remain incredibly proud of the students, staff and community who make Victoria Point State High School such a special place.

Yours in Education,

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Proud Principal of Victoria Point State High School