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# VICTORIA POINT STATE HIGH SCHOOL



## Principal Messages

WEEK 1, TERM 2 2025

### KEY DATES

- Parent / Teacher Conference 29<sup>th</sup> April
- Academic Camp 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May
- VPSHS Expo Night 27<sup>th</sup> May
- Sorry Day 26<sup>th</sup> May
- Reconciliation Week 27<sup>th</sup> May - 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- Year 10 Set Plan Conversations 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June
- Athletics Carnival 26<sup>th</sup> June

## Welcome

Welcome back to Term 2. With only a short week we have still managed to fit in a number of key events. Our school cross country, colour run and Anzac commemoration have been highlights so far with the students once again showcasing their talents across these opportunities.

Thank you to the P&C for their donation towards our colour run. The students had an absolute ball and was a great culture piece for our school.

This morning we held our Anzac commemoration, and I was extremely proud of the respect our students demonstrated during our Anzac service. It was wonderful to see so many representatives from our community attend including residents from our local aged care facility as a result of some new partnerships we have formed.

The student leaders and I attended the Redland Bay cemetery to acknowledge our servicemen and women who have served their country along with Redlands RSL Deputy President Ian Gray. This is always a humbling experience and a poignant reminder of this important part of our history.

## QParents

As mentioned last term, our school will be moving to online permissions and invoicing through the department's QParent app from 2026. Features of QParents and further information can be found at: <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/landing>. **Invitation links have been sent to the parent listed as 'Parent 1' in Oneschool today.** An additional parent can be requested through this QR code. At next week's parent teacher conferences we will provide an opportunity to sign up on the night. Please ensure you have the appropriate identification. Please refer to the QParent attachment.



## Uniform

As the cooler weather starts to approach students must only 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.

## Attendance

School absenteeism and truancy can impact significantly on students' learning and wellbeing. Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Our current attendance rate is 88.1% since the start of the year. Our school target for 2025 is 92%.

Parents, caregivers and communities have a key role in ensuring all students attend school every day. Resources providing advice to help parents and carers with their child's attendance can be found [HERE](#).

## Parent – Teacher Conversations

Next week we look forward to meeting with our families to discuss student progress. This is a way we can partner to support student learning. Meetings will occur in the student centre from 3pm - 6pm.

## Before school supervision

Just a reminder that the first school bell rings at 8.40am. Teacher supervision is not provided before this time. Students who choose to use the ovals or courts do so at their own risk. The library is open from 8am should students require a quiet place to study, print or photocopy.

## Staffing

There have been some staff changes over the Easter break. We welcome Mrs Jodie Preston - Year 11/12 Deputy Principal and Mr Nick Smeulders - Teacher (Maths / Science / HPE) to the VP family. Mrs

Sam Horner has also returned from maternity leave.

Mrs Belinda Brace has commenced her retirement as of this term and we thank her for her service to education. Mr Matt Prime will be moving to a role in a flexible learning school as of week 3 and Mr Steve Gomersall is on extended leave.

Thank you for your continued support as we manage our replacements for classes. We aim to have minimal disruption for students.

I look forward to seeing many of you next week and across the term.

Yours in Education,

*Susan Taylor*

Proud Principal of Victoria Point SHS