Principal Messages

**WEEK 8, TERM 4 2025** 

## **KEY DATES**

- Year 10 and 11 Final Day Friday 28th Nov
- Orientation Day Year 7 2026 students
- Year 7 9 Rewards Day Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Year 7 9 Final Day Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

## **Celebration Week**

What an incredible week to celebrate the achievements of our VP students. Starting with our sports awards on Monday to our Awards night on Tuesday at RPAC, the events reflected the calibre of students we have. The Year 12 cohort shined for their formal on Wednesday before we farewelled them on Friday in an emotional service. I thank our Year 12 cohort for their contribution to VP and we wish them all the best in their next steps.

A special thanks to our VPTv students who captured every moment across the week. Their team work and mentoring was really evident and I thank Head of the Arts - Mrs Bierton for preparing them so beautifully.

## **Student Leaders**

Congratulations to our new student leaders for 2026. These positions were announced at awards night and they will certainly lead our students with strength, enthusiasm and passion next year.

	Senior	Junior
School Captain	Destinee A	Jaimee T
	Olivia B	Jaxon P
Sports	Lachlan M	Scarlett
	Jay R	Adeline H
Creative Industries	Lucy P	Ally M
	Alex B	Chloe S
Academic	Chloe P	Talli L
	Holly N	Emma M
Community	Kai S	Jaiven M
	Mia M	Emma W

## Social Media Ban

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of December there will be a number of social media bans put in place for Under 16's. This is to address the harmful impact social media can have on young people. Please visit the e-safety website for helpful information for families.



We will also be addressing this ban with year level assemblies in the final weeks of school. A focus of our discussion will be looking at:

- 1. What students get out of social media and how they can still connect with their friends
- 2. Alternate activities they can spend time on

It will also be important for families to engage in conversations with their child about the bans

In 2026 our school will be looking to partner with cyber security services which help to support issues that arise from cyber issues. More to come in 2026.

### **E-Bikes**

As we come into the Christmas holiday period it is timely to revisit the laws legalities around electronic transportation. E-scooters, e-skateboards, and solo wheels have a separate set of rules to e-bikes. Here in Queensland, riders of legal e-bikes must follow the same rules as standard bicycles.

#### E-scooters rules

To ensure you and your child know the rules to stay as safe as possible when using e-scooters or e-skateboards, visit StreetSmarts Qld for a quick and easy to understand listing of the rules and fines. Most importantly, remember:

- Only those aged 16+ can ride e-scooters and e-skateboards unsupervised.
- Helmets must be worn with the straps properly fastened (bicycle or motorcycle helmets) and bells fitted for devices with handlebars.
- No passengers/doubling only one person riding an e-scooter.
- Speed limit of 12km/h on footpaths and shared paths.
- Serious fines may apply to riders, and parents, if caught breaking the rules.

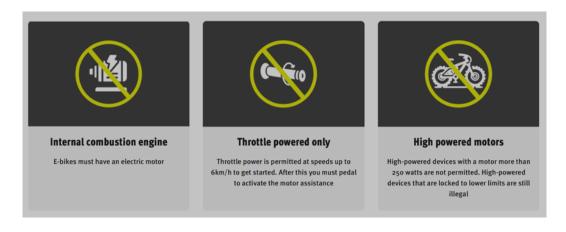
StreetSmartsQld also features educational videos and other helpful safety tips for riding e-scooters and e-skateboards.

#### E-bike rules

Beware that some e-bikes are illegal. In order to legally ride an e-bike on public roads and footpaths, it must comply with the following:

There has been a huge increase in devices that are thought to be e-bikes but are in fact illegal motorbikes. They are banned from use and riders (or parents) can face significant penalties totalling more than \$1,640.

You can't ride your device on a path or road if it has any of these:



Already have one of these devices in your home, or considering buying one? Visit Electric Bikes | StreetSmarts - Queensland Government to find out more about the rules for legal devices as well as the rules for riding.

## **2026 Plan**

We are well underway in our planning for 2026. Our focus will build on our current work of 'belonging; along with looking specifically at the teaching of visible thinking. Faculties will also focus on areas of reading, writing and numeracy. To support our future direction we have restructured some of Head of Department roles. These roles will work across the 6 year levels.

HOD - Student Support Year 7 / 8 - Stephanie Evermore

HOD - Student Support Year 9/10 - Raymond Adams (returning)

HOD - Student Support Year 11/12 - David Seymour

# **QParents**

Majority of families have set up their QParents accounts - thank you. This will be the format for permissions and invoicing from 2026. We trialled QParents to gain parental permission and invoicing for the end of year Rewards trip occurring in week 10 for eligible students. This process has improved our efficiency significantly so we look forward to the changes it will bring to our systems.

If you need assistance in setting up your account please contact the school via email or visit our friendly front office staff in business hours.

### Uniform

A reminder that we have almost completed our transition year to the new day uniform. A reminder that the teal sports uniform will not be part of the school uniform from 2026. Please visit the uniform shop to purchase the navy day uniforms. Students will still be required to wear the formal uniform on Mondays in its entirety and be worn correctly. Thanks for your continued support.

# Thank You VP Community

As we near the Christmas break I want to extend my thanks to our wider VP community. I am incredibly proud of what we have been able to achieve in 2025 and look forward to building on this next year. I wish all of our families are safe and relaxing break over the Christmas and New Year period and look forward to welcoming the Year 7, 8 and 9 students on Tuesday the  $27^{th}$  of January. Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will join us on Wednesday the  $28^{th}$  of January.

Yours in Education,

Susan Taylor

Proud Principal of Victoria Point SHS