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Dear Parents & Caregivers,

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to new and existing VPSHS families as we commence Term 1, 2021. My message to students formed from the words, courage and character – conduct that is inclusive and supportive. I see this demonstrated through pride in oneself and the community we belong to, particularly the presentation of the school uniform. As a school, we are looking forward to uniting and partaking in the VPSHS Swimming Carnival, Friday 5 February 2021 and acknowledging the elected Student Leadership Team at the Badge Ceremony, Monday 15 February 2021 for invited guests. Victoria Point State High School will continue to observe Education Queensland Guidelines for hygienic practices aligned to Queensland Health advice and update parents/carers if and when necessary beyond the 'new COVID normal'. Please encourage your child to maintain good hand hygiene and to stay at home when feeling unwell.

## 2020 Year 12 Outcomes

Congratulations to the class of 2020. Students' accomplished great results against the challenges of COVID and within the requirements of a new senior educational system. We are very proud to have worked alongside independent, capable and confident citizens of our local community.

- 100% of our Year 12 students exiting in 2020 received a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or a Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA), above the state average of 89%.
- 23.5% of eligible students received an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) above 90, 49.5% above 80, and all students >50 (ATARs range from the highest 99.95 - the lowest <30, on a 2000 point scale, in increments of 0.05).
- 100% of Year 12 students continuing onto a Tertiary Education in semester 1 of 2021 received an offer in the fields of Social Work, Psychology, Law/Justice, Creative Arts, Management and Commerce, Health, Education, Engineering, IT and Architecture. 24 students received an early offer.
- VPSHS continues to be recognised as a leading school for School-Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships across Queensland.

## **Facilities**

Victoria Point State High School anticipates the conclusion of a wide scope of works commenced late 2020 or commencing soon. This includes:

- A \$2.2 million Student Centre renovation opening
- A security fence spanning the boundaries of the school
- Installation of 67 air-conditioning units for classrooms
- Installation of 606 solar panels
- An upgrade of the school's Science Centre
- A new building consisting of 10 general purpose classrooms and specialist facilities.

We appreciate the patience of staff, students, parents/caregivers and visitors to the school whilst we re-establish our grounds.

## Wellbeing

The Student Support Services HUB continues to post tips on the school's Facebook page 'Words of Wellbeing' - Easing your student back into school mode after holidays. Please contact the HUB if you require any further information:

- Visiting the HUB (before or after school).
- Telephoning 3820 5838.
- Email: <u>Wellbeing@vpshs.edu.au</u>

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your on-going support into 2021. Further communication will be forth-coming from your child's individual teacher/s. Please do not hesitate to contact the school for any further information or assistance. <u>admin@vpshs.eq.edu.au</u>

Yours sincerely

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Scot Steinhardt Principal

I would like to acknowledge the Quandamooka people who are the traditional custodians of the land on which Victoria Point State High School is located.