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Operating Guidelines and Initiatives for Term 3 from the Principal for Parents and Caregivers

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

As COVID-19 restrictions continue to ease across the state, Victoria Point State High School will observe the following guidelines for Term 3, 2020 while aligning with Queensland Health advice and continuing to support students during these uncertain times and into the future.

Teaching and Learning

The school will continue to ensure critical school routines are established and learning programs are implemented which meet the expected curriculum objectives and reporting standards.

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) will continue to monitor the impacts of COVID-19 on senior secondary schooling and include any changes that might be required to ensure fair and equitable outcomes for all students upon exit.

Parents and Teachers will have an opportunity to engage in learning discussions regarding a student's academic progress early Term 4 in lieu of Performance Progress Day scheduled for 12 August, 2020 which has been cancelled. Please look for information regarding this event on Term 3 Interim Report Cards.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Victoria Point State High School regrets to advise the following cancellations in the best interest of staff, students and the community:

- Year 8 Leadership Camp, Year 11 Leadership Camp, Night of Dance and Night of Music.
- Excursions will be at the discretion of the Principal and only permitted at locations or businesses that have approved COVID Safe Industry Plans.

A showcase video will be produced to provide an opportunity for Dance and Music students to present their performance pieces to a wide audience and celebrate their achievements in the Arts. This video will be uploaded to the school's Facebook.

On 28 August 2020, a Leadership Day will be held for students in Years 8 and 11, wishing to nominate for a leadership position in 2021. This will be followed by a Leadership Induction Day on 27 November 2020 for successful students.

All end of year celebrations, including the Vikings Sport Breakfast, Victoria Point State High School Academic Awards Evening, Year 12 Formal, Year 12 Graduation Ceremony and Year 9 Tie Ceremony remain scheduled as per the school calendar. Please visit the school website: <u>www.vpshs.eq.edu.au</u> for dates.

Vikings Sport inter-school competition will resume in Term 3.

Facilities

Victoria Point State High School anticipates the \$2 million Student Centre renovations to be completed early in Term 4, 2020, allowing the school to conduct assemblies. Throughout Term 3, students will engage in Year Level Assemblies to acknowledge and promote whole school initiatives and a sense of belonging.

Wellbeing

The Student Support Services HUB is pleased to welcome "The Good Doctors". This service will operate on-site as an extension of the Victoria Point Surgery for students enrolled at our school. Dr. Lesley Wlyda and Dr. Patrick Chen are in addition to the school's existing Wellbeing Team offering a holistic approach to student engagement and wellbeing for academic success. This Department of Education, Queensland Health and Victoria Point State High School initiative will be available for Parents and Students to schedule an appointment from Term 3, 2020 by:

- Visiting the HUB (before or after school and/or lunch times).
- Telephoning 3820 5838.
- Email: Wellbeing@vpshs.edu.au

Please find attached a "Frequently Asked Questions" Information Sheet for Parents and Information Sheet for Students.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your support during these difficult and uncertain times. I wish you and your loved ones a restful and safe break.

Yours sincerely

Scot Steinhardt Principal