

12 July 2021

### From the Principal for Parents and Caregivers

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to Term 3, 2021. Victoria Point State High School will continue to observe the Department of Education Queensland Guidelines for hygienic practices aligned to Queensland Health advice and update parents/carers if and when necessary. Students are not required, but may choose to wear a face mask while at school. Students are not restricted by physical distancing and are able to interact in the same way as their younger peers. Please continue to encourage your child to maintain good hand hygiene and to stay at home when feeling unwell.

I would like to acknowledge students and staff on their active participation at the conclusion of Term 2, to ensure the school's Athletics Carnival and Beanie for Brain Cancer Fundraiser was a sensational success. Congratulations to the winning house, Benfer and to each of the athletes who demonstrated not only a competitive spirit but a sense of comradery exhibiting Respect, Integrity and Responsibility. Once again, the school's Student Leaders highlighted a sense of community through their planned and initiated activities supporting the annual Beanie for Brain Cancer fundraiser, donating to the Mark Hughes Foundation.

#### **Teaching and Learning**

All students will participate in 'High Expectations' presentations this week. These aim to build the school's learning culture through the identification and understanding of positive behaviours underpinned by explicitly teaching social skills. Please reinforce this message with your child by ensuring they have the necessary equipment to engage in their studies.

At the conclusion of Semester 1, all Parents/Carers were emailed Semester 1 2021 Academic Reports. If you have not received this email, please contact the school Administration - [admin@vpshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@vpshs.eq.edu.au).

Learning Progress Discussions - This Academic Report is designed to give you an indication of your child's academic achievement, effort and behaviour in subjects studied throughout Semester 1, 2021. Please be advised that we will not be conducting face-to-face Parent/Teacher interviews in the traditional format. If you wish to discuss your child's learning progress with their class teacher, please book a Learning Progress Discussion through SOBS ([www.sobs.com.au](http://www.sobs.com.au) or a link can be found on the school website). Bookings will open on Monday 19 July 2021 (3:00pm) and close on Friday 23 July 2021 (11.59pm). Further information will be emailed to support discussion with your child about their academic goals for Semester 2, 2021.

Term 3 Student Assessment Planners will be available from Monday 2 August 2021. Parents/Carers can access a copy of these planners through their child's Daymap – Student Portal – [www.vpshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.vpshs.eq.edu.au). The PDF can be downloaded from the Assessment (tab), Schedule, Reports. Please find attached a 'Guide to Daymap Student Login' for your reference. To request assistance for troubleshooting Daymap, please email [helpdesk@vpshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:helpdesk@vpshs.eq.edu.au).

Students in Year 12 will begin preparation for exit from Monday 2 August 2021, this includes information regarding end of year celebration events. Students on an ATAR pathway will participate in Mock Examinations from Monday 6 September 2021 to Friday 10 September 2021. This practice will prepare students for Term 4, External Examinations and guide targeted teaching and learning aimed at ensuring students challenge themselves to improve identified academic need for improvement and extend individual academic strengths.

#### **Student Resource Scheme (SRS)**

Year 10 student text collection for subjects to be studied across Semester 2, 2021 will be available from Moongalba from Monday 26 July 2021. Only students of families that are financial through the school's Student Resource Scheme will be eligible. All payments for the school's SRS must be made in full or include payment for Term 3, 2021 as part of a payment plan. For further inquiries or to request financial support, please contact the school's Business Manager via telephone or email: (07) 3820 5888 or [bsm@vpshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:bsm@vpshs.eq.edu.au).

#### **Term 3 Events**

**Tuesday 27 July 2021** – Visual Art Exhibition

**Monday 9 August 2021** - Redlands Exhibition Show Day

**Friday 20 August 2021 & Saturday 21 August 2021** - Night on Broadway

**Friday 27 August 2021** - Year 8 and 11 Leadership Day

**Thursday 2 September 2021** - Night of Dance

**Friday 3 September 2021** - Student Free Day (Queensland Curriculum Assessment Authority - Student Achievement Confirmation Meetings)

**Thursday 9 September 2021** - R U OK Day

#### **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:

- Telephoning 3820 5838.
- Email: [Wellbeing@vpshs.edu.au](mailto:Wellbeing@vpshs.edu.au)

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your on-going support across 2021. Please do not hesitate to contact the school for any further information or assistance. [admin@vpshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@vpshs.eq.edu.au).

Yours sincerely

Leisa James  
Acting Principal