



19 April 2021

From the Principal for Parents and Caregivers

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to Term 2, 2021. 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.

My message to students continues to be courage and character – individual conduct that contributes to the values of our community. The upcoming recognition services for our ANZACs provides a timely reminder of how collective courage and the character of individuals can achieve the freedom that we have today - freedom that has enabled us to create an Australian Identity - freedom that inspires a deep and proud affiliation with our country and our mates. 'Lest we forget'.

Teaching and Learning

All students will participate in 'High Expectations' presentations across next 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 Term 1, all Parents/Carers were emailed Term 1 Interim Academic Reports. If you have not received this email, please contact the school Administration - admin@vpshs.eq.edu.au.

Learning Progress Discussions - This Interim Academic Report is designed to give you an indication of your child's academic progress, effort and behaviour in subjects studied throughout Term 1, 2021. Please be advised that we will not be conducting face-to-face Parent/Teacher interviews in the traditional format in Term 1, 2021. If you wish to discuss your child's learning progress with their class teacher, please book a Learning Progress Discussion. Bookings for these Learning Progress Discussions are to be made through SOBS (www.sobs.com.au) or a link can be found on the school website). You may indicate a preferred day/time for the teacher to make contact, however teachers will have to negotiate times for when they are also available. Bookings will open on Tuesday 27 April 2021 (3:00pm) and close on Friday 30 April 2021 (11.59pm). Please use this report as a basis for generating discussion with your child about their academic goals for 2021.

Term 2 Student Assessment Planners will be available from Monday 10 May 2021. Parents/Carers can access a copy of these planners through their child's Daymap – Student Portal – 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.

Students in Years 7 and 9 will participate in NAPLAN Online 2021. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy will occur at scheduled times between Monday 10 May 2021 up to and including Friday 21 May 2021. The standardised tests assess reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy skills. Further detailed information will be provided when made available.

Term 2 Events

Friday 23 April 2021

- Victoria Point State High School ANZAC Day Commemorative Service and Honour Our Fallen Project
- VPSHS Cross Country

Tuesday 25 May 2021

- School and Subject Information Pathways and Careers Expo including a parent information session - Developing Student Study Skills - at 6.00pm in the Performing Arts Auditorium.

Friday 25 June 2021

- Vikings Athletics Carnival and Beanies for Brain Cancer Fundraiser

The school has made the decision to cancel both the Year 8 and Year 11 2021 Leadership Camps because of unpredictable circumstances and the ability to ensure the health and wellbeing of all students.

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

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

Yours sincerely

Scot Steinhardt
Principal