

New Detention Policy

Dear Parents and Caregivers

After much consideration and consultation we will be commencing with a new discipline procedure at school to assist students in correcting their behaviour. When a student does breaches our school discipline code in class or is persistently misbehaving, their teacher may place them on detention at recess or lunch that day or the next day available. It is the responsibility of the student to attend that detention and be counselled by the teacher in regards to expectations within that particular learning environment. If the student attends the detention as expected to there should be no further consequence.

However, if the student forgets to attend or chooses not to;

- They will be issued with a second detention. It should be clear that this second detention does not replace the first but is additional. The student must now attend both teacher detentions. If they do there are no further consequences.
- If they choose not to attend or forget to attend they will now be issued with a Head Teacher detention in addition to the two teacher detentions. This has an accumulative effect where extra detentions are added each time students do not attend their detention, they do not supersede or replace the existing detentions. If the student attends the Head Teacher detention they will be counselled by the Head Teacher on their actions that have led to this detention and will still be required to complete the two Teacher detentions.
- If a student fails to attend the Head Teacher detention they will be issued with a second Head Teacher detention that is added to the previously issued detentions. At this point, the total number of detentions the student must attend is four, two teacher and two Head Teacher.
- If a student refuses to attend any of the Head Teacher detentions they will be placed on a Deputy Principal detention which will occur after school from 2.30pm until 3.20pm on either a Tuesday or a Thursday. This Deputy Principal's afterschool detention does not replace the other detentions but instead is added to them.
- If a student fails to attend a Deputy Principal detention they will be issued with a second Deputy Principal's afterschool detention and a formal caution of suspension for continued disobedience.
- If, after being issued with two Deputy Principal's detentions, a student fails to attend they may be suspended. Upon return from suspension as a part of their successful resolution of the suspension they will be required to attend all detentions they had failed to attend.
- Serious breaches of our school discipline code may result in Head Teacher or Deputy Principal's detentions being issued directly. Parents will be informed that their child has been placed on a Deputy Principal's afterschool detention at least the day prior to the Tuesday or Thursday detention. No 'After School Detentions' will be issued on the same day. After school detentions will commence Tuesday 13 November 2018.

We rely on parental support in the disciplinary actions we need to take to ensure your child's school is a safe, inclusive and happy place of learning and that the students who attend Vincentia High School can learn without the distraction of poor behaviour from other students. We constantly require students to be respectful, take responsibility for their actions and always strive to achieve their personal best.

If you would like to discuss this further I am happy to speak about it at the P&C meeting, or you may make an appointment by calling 4441 6766.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ken Bates

Principal

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