

# Vincentia High School

## 2020

Vincentia High School staff are committed to support and guide students to achieve their personal best.



## 2020 School Representative Council



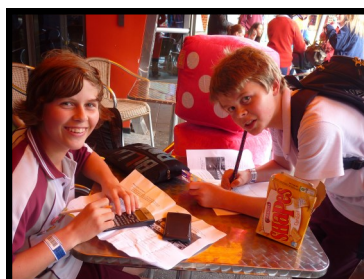
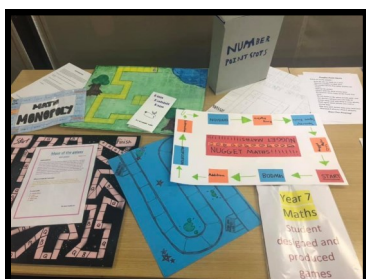
## ENGLISH

Our faculty is committed to creating dynamic and engaging learning experiences for students. We pride ourselves on a challenging, real world curriculum that foster creative and critical thinking. We provide a range of extracurricular activities including creative writing competitions, drama, year book, public speaking and debating. Success has been celebrated by our students in the Premier's Debating Competition and various writing competitions.



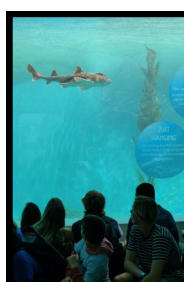
## MATHEMATICS

The Mathematics Faculty encourages our students to explore how mathematics is used to understand and explain the world around us. Students build upon their current skills base and apply new mathematical concepts by studying relevant and challenging topics including finance, measurement and algebra. All students are able to engage in various extracurricular activities including excursions, competitions and 'World Maths Day'. Our Mathematics courses are aimed at each student's ability and all students are guided towards achieving their personal best.



## SCIENCE

Studying Science will help students gain a greater understanding of the physical and natural processes within the world in which they live. Through developing scientific thinking and problem solving strategies, students gain the necessary skills to study science at a senior level. Many students who have undertaken studies in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth and Environmental Science, Agriculture and Investigating Science and Extension Science have achieved outstanding course results and ATARs. This has allowed them to gain access to excellent university courses and successful careers in scientific fields.



# HUMAN SOCIETY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT - HSIE

HSIE is a dynamic faculty dedicated to providing enhanced learning experiences covering all aspects of Geography and History. Excursions to HMAS Creswell with a bay cruise to learn the local area involvement in the World Wars, the study of Collingwood Beach and historical artefacts from Macquarie University provide unique experiences to learn. As students move through their school years they will study a wider variety of subjects including Commerce and elective History.



## DEFENCE SCHOOL MENTOR PROGRAM

Vincentia High School receives funding through the Defence School Mentor Program to employ a Defence School Mentor (DSM). The role of a DSM is to provide specific support and information to Defence students and their families, particularly when transitioning into a new school and during parental absence due to military service.



## LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH - LOTE

Learning another language fosters students' ability to think and reflect about the workings of language and to develop mental flexibility and problem-solving strategies. It also increases opportunities and abilities to develop interpersonal skills and cultural awareness. The LOTE Faculty implements quality teaching and learning programs that enrich, extend and engage all students to complete the Stage 4 Dhurga course.





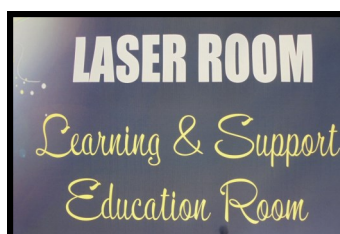
## CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS - CAPA

Our well established CAPA department provides introductory courses in Visual Arts and Music to all Stage 4 students. Students in Visual Arts study a broad range of styles and gain practical experience with a variety of art making materials. In addition, students have the opportunity to take part in many art competitions and exhibitions. Music students gain knowledge of a range of styles as well as practical experience with keyboard, guitar and many other instruments. All students are invited to join extension programs including bands and art club. Elective courses are offered in Stages 5 and 6 in Visual Arts, Visual Design, Photography, Ceramics, Music, Music Production. Creative & Performing Arts students have many performance opportunities at VHS including our annual end of year finale 'Showcase' and exhibition.



## LEARNING and SUPPORT PROGRAM - LaSP

LaSP is run from our Learning and Support Education Room (LASER) in A11. The friendly staff of Learning and Support teachers and Student Learning Support Officers (SLSO) welcome and support students from Years 7 to 12 in tutorial support, individual learning programs, assessment tasks, reading and numeracy programs, and during exam periods.



## GUMBARI

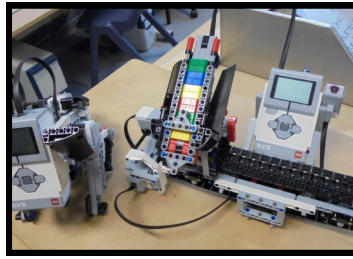
The Gumbari Facility continues to provide individual, modified and alternate programs. These programs are designed to address academic, vocational and social skills based on the interests and abilities of our students identified as being disengaged from mainstream schooling. Some of our alternate programs include: First Aid, White Card training, Grounds Maintenance programs at Shoalhaven Heads Golf Club, Beach Enviro Crew, Travel Training and the running of business enterprise programs - lawn mowing and fresh juice sales.



# TECHNICAL APPLIED SCIENCE - TAS

Over the course of Year 7 and 8, students will rotate through the many subject areas found in the TAS Faculty. They will take part in exciting lessons in cooking, woodwork, metalwork, electronics, computers, textiles and more. Our aim is for our students to experience as much "hands on" learning as possible integrating a range of technology. The faculty has recently purchased cutting edge CAD software, a CNC plasma cutter, CNC router, lego robotics, embroidery machines and several 3D Printers, allowing us to deliver STEM based content.

Our motto is: "You can make it in TAS."



# SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING - SEL

Students will be provided with the opportunity to enhance their social and emotional development through a specialised Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) program. SEL is the process through which children acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. SEL programs are one of the most successful interventions to promote the positive development of students. Research findings from hundreds of controlled studies indicate that SEL programming improves students' academic achievement and positive social behaviour while reducing their conduct problems and emotional distress.

# SUPPORT UNIT

Students with a diverse range of learning needs are supported by the collaborative efforts of parents/carers, community, Department of Education staff and outside agencies who work together to facilitate individualised planning and implementation of a vast range of academic, vocational, recreational and social programs. Students have the opportunity to undertake a special program of study following the Life Skills syllabus or alternatively access a combination of mainstream and support classes. Year 12 students have been successful in gaining their HSC.





# SPORT

Our students are encouraged to participate in sport on a weekly basis in a variety of ball, court and field sports. The school athletics, swimming and cross-country carnivals are held in Term 1 & 2 of each year. Students also have the opportunity to extend themselves in sports such as dance, mountain biking and triathlon. Vincentia has been proudly represented in both team sports such as touch football, soccer, netball, basketball and individual sports such as golf and tennis at local, state and national levels.



## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION—PDHPE

PDHPE contributes significantly to the cognitive, social, emotional, physical and spiritual development of students. We represent a broad view of physical activity and the many possible contexts in which individuals can build activity into their lifestyle. It incorporates a wide range of lifelong physical activities including recreational, leisure and adventure pursuits, competitive and non-competitive games, dance, plus individual and group physical fitness activities. Health areas include positive lifestyle choices and the dangers of poor choices such as drugs or violence.





# GANYA GARINDJA

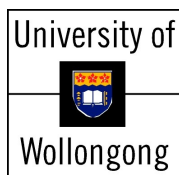
Aboriginal Education is an important part of Vincentia High School. Our Indigenous students enjoy a wide range of cultural programs and activities. The Ganya Garindja (Shelter for Youth) room is our Aboriginal learning hub where students receive assistance from qualified tutors and teachers. Ganya Garindja also houses our Indigenous programs including Dhawarri Dance, and the Dhurga Language program.



## LIBRARY

The library supports teaching and learning at the school and is a busy and dynamic learning space throughout the day. It is open to students before school, recess and lunch for individual research and borrowing. The library has an extensive collection of youth fiction sorted into themes: suspense, mystery, action, crime and dystopian future; love, laugh and cry; fantasy, supernatural, science fiction and horror, and is regularly updated with new release titles.

Every week the Homework Centre is open to all students on Wednesdays 2.30pm- 4.30pm, where staff are in attendance to assist students with assignments and study. All welcome, please come along.



## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL - SRC

The Student Representative Council is a body of elected student representatives from each year group who meet weekly to have structured discussions on various school issues put forward by themselves or fellow students. Each year the SRC raises awareness and introduces various initiatives for the students which develops a sense of community within our school. The annual camp held in Term 4 provides an excellent opportunity for the students to bond and develop their leadership and team working skills. SRC students are given many opportunities to represent the school and meet with notable members of our community. These opportunities are invaluable to develop students' confidence in speaking publicly.



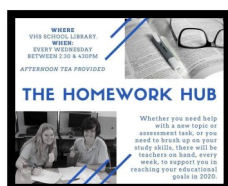
# Additional Programs

Vincentia High School offers a wide range of additional programs and activities to engage all students. These programs aim to develop and increase employability skills, build confidence and empower young people as 21st century learners for life beyond school.



**In-School Café:** Operates each Wednesday and offers Year 10-12 students the opportunity to experience and develop skills in hospitality, customer service and business management.

**Senior Study Centre:** The Senior Study Centre (SSC) is a dedicated and holistic learning space which focuses on supporting, inspiring and mentoring our Higher School Certificate students. The SSC aims to enrich and enhance student success in achievement through efforts of developing effective study habits, assisting students in prioritising and working towards achieving their personal learning goals, and monitoring student academic progress.



**Homework Hub:** Students can attend the Homework Hub every Wednesday from 2.30-4.30pm in the library. Teachers are available to support students with study skills, homework and assessment tasks.

**Wellbeing Hub:** A designated safe place for students to seek assistance and referral to available school and community services. The Wellbeing Hub is a purpose built centre on the school grounds which allows for increased access to service providers and a broader range of services available to our school community.



**Vocational Programs:** Students in Years 10, 11 & 12 can elect to participate in Vocational Education & Training (VET) at school or Vocational Education and Training via TAFE NSW (TVET). We also offer a School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship (SBAT) which allows students to undertake paid work and vocational study as part of their HSC pathway.

**Debating:** Students in Years 7 to 11 can participate in an outstanding debating program. Mentoring within the school and our community fosters confidence for public speaking. Our debating team has experienced success at regional level in the Premier's Debating Challenge.



The Parents and Citizens' Association donate a significant sum of money each year to support the staff and students at Vincentia High School. They meet once a term in the school front office meeting room.

Please visit our School Website and Facebook page for up to date information on activities and events within our school.



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Principal

**Vincentia High School  
is proud to be connected  
to our local community  
and the many organisations  
who support us.**



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