

VINCENTIA HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS 2021 PRESIDENT REPORT

Dear Staff, Students, Parents and Carers

On behalf of the Vincentia High School P&C Committee, I would like to congratulate everyone who worked through the Covid 19 Stay-At-Home orders from NSW Health again this year. It was a huge task to continue with teaching and learning from home whilst constantly checking in on the wellbeing of students, staff, and members of our school community during these difficult times.

The P&C Committee members for 2021 are:

Michelle Haynes Armstrong - President

Sarah Bransgrove - Vice President

Michelle Graham - Secretary

Sara Chamberlain - Treasurer

Jodie Newman- Canteen Treasurer

Mary Nelson - Canteen Coordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our P&C members, staff and SRC for attending our zoom and on site meetings each term, and am proud at what we, as a new committee have achieved so far this year. Meetings have included up to date news regarding school operations from Senior Executive staff, discussions on a variety of topics including the allocation of funds to faculty wish lists, the National Anthem sung in Dhurga, Senior Girls Indigenous shirt design, uniform updates, murals for the canteen area and from our Support Squad, the Indigenous returned soldier Memorial Garden. Our talented TAS Team were responsible for creating the soldier statue that is placed in the garden near the front office. Our P&C committee members were also asked to be panellists for staff position vacant interviews throughout the year.

Vincentia High School directly benefits from the P&C operated canteen and a big thank you goes out to Anna our canteen manager, and her staff who work tirelessly providing fresh, healthy, delicious meals to our students and staff each day. We are very excited to have an online order system operating from Term 4! This year the canteen has provided the P&C with funds to the total of \$60,000 which has been donated to the school for the following projects:

HSC Care Packs & Mugs for all Year 12 students, Year 12 Formal Tickets subsidised, the Year 12 Yearbook, Eagles Nest prizes, transportable and permanent bike racks, gift vouchers for the Vincentia High Presentation Ceremony and the future purchase of an indigenous shade over the school grass area behind the canteen. We have \$40,000 put aside for a wheelchair accessible mini bus for our Support Unit that was agreed on last year, and we look forward to seeing this come to fruition in 2022. All other requests from school faculties were handed to Principal Mrs Ruth Winfield for review of school funds.

Unfortunately, with the timetable change and covid restrictions, the canteen had significantly less funds than in past years. Our canteen staff do an incredible job providing affordable meals for our staff and students, and enjoy catering for all in-house school events, which allows them to increase their profit.

The canteen hosted work placement students from our hospitality faculty during the year. This assisted the students to gain skills in a food-based work environment due to covid restrictions where they were unable to attend off site work experience premises.

A warm welcome to our new Student Representative Council, the P&C committee is looking forward to supporting and working with you in 2022. We are pleased to have a representative at each of our meetings; this gives us an insight from the students' perspective. Thank you to Karen Cunningham, Vincentia High School's Community Liaison Officer, for keeping our school website up to date, and for all the positive good news stories posted on our school Facebook page, and in the Newsletter.

Successful education of our children is a team effort, with staff, parents, carers and students working together to improve, discuss, and have open communication on topics relating to the education of students and school matters. I invite all teachers, staff, parents and carers of Vincentia High to become members of our P&C Committee. A large representative group makes the P&C more effective, and decisions being made discussed at length, contributes to the ongoing success of both the P&C and Vincentia High School. We meet on the Monday of Week 4 each term at 6pm either at school, or via Zoom. You can visit the school website where we have the P&C page to view previous meeting minutes, agenda, news, canteen menu and contact emails for the committee. I am looking forward to seeing new members join this important, rewarding, volunteer committee in 2022!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy end to 2021,

Mrs Michelle Haynes Armstrong
President
P&C Committee
October 2021