# Vincentia High School

# Year 12 Graduation & Award Presentation Ceremony

6th December, 2021



"What lies behind us, and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us"

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Master of CeremoniesMiss Renee GilbertDeputy Principal

Acknowledgement of Country Caine Stewart

Australian National Anthem – Dhurga Language Edition



## **Welcome to Country**







### Australians yilaga-nj ngayawanj midandhal ba maruga-nj

Australians rejoice - we we one and alive - we Australians we all rejoice, we are one and we are alive.

### bagan mina-nj maruga-ri

land hold - we live - in order to We hold the land in order to live

#### munggura-njin barra barra-dha

home - our sea - by our home is by the sea.

#### nawa, dhawara, djinggi-waraga

the sun, the moon, the many stars The sun, the moon, the many stars,

#### muruda-njin djaadjawan-dha

footprints - our sand - in our footprints in the sand.

### bundja-nj bugiya maruga-ri nhaway

remember – we yesterday live – in order to today We remember yesterday in order to live today

## yilaga-nj ngayawanj midandhal

rejoice – we we one we rejoice, we are one.

### bundja-nj bugiya maruga-ri nhaway

remember – we yesterday live – in order to today We remember yesterday in order to live today

### yilaga-nj ngayawanj midandhal.

rejoice – we we one. we rejoice, we are one.

This translation of the Australian National Anthem, into the traditional language of the Yuin People, was brought into being by G. Brown and J. Hill March 2021



Principal's Address Mrs Ruth Winfield

**Teachers Farewell** Mr Tom Mason, Ms Georgina Tekis and Ms Nicole

Higgins

School Leadership' Reply Alyssa Head and Oliver Griffiths

2022 School Captain's

Address Eva Mackay and Ryan Marr

Musical Item 1 'Joker and the Thief' by Wolfmother

Performed by Year 12 Music Class 2021

Year 12 Advisor's Address Mr Tom Mason, Ms Georgina Tekis and Ms

Nicole Higgins

and Bronte Wright

Year 12 Reply Harmony Dyer and Clayton Strange

Then and Now Year 12 Photos

**Year 12 Special Achievement** 

**Awards** 

**Year 12 Sport Awards** 

**Picture Honour Society** Harmony Dyer, Alyssa Head, Euan Kielly

Awards

Year 12 Aboriginal Student Graduation Awards

Year 12 Year Advisor

**Awards** 

The University of Wollongong Shoalhaven Campus Medal for

Academic Excellence Dux of 2020 Lily Wheeler

Musical Item 2 'For Good' From the musical Wicked

Performed by Harmony Dyer

Final Roll Call -

Graduation Certificate
Year 12 Awards and
Honour Society Awards

Ms Ruth Winfield, Mr Tom Mason, Ms Georgina

Tekis and Ms Nicole Higgins

Close Miss Renee Gilbert

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**VINCENTIA HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION** 

FIONA PHILLIPS, FEDERAL MEMBER FOR GILMORE

THE REUBEN F SCARF FOUNDATION

**HUSKISSON RSL SUB BRANCH** 

**AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE, HMAS CRESWELL** 

SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL

SHELLEY HANCOCK, SPEAKER OF THE NSW LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

WRECK BAY ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**NANGA MAI AWARD** 

**BENDIGO BANK SANCTUARY POINT** 

**AMPOL** 

**UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG SHOALHAVEN CAMPUS** 

**KAREN LANE PERPETUAL AWARD** 

SHOALHAVEN COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS

# 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.

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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

#### SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

## FIONA PHILLIPS MP, FEDERAL MEMBER FOR GILMORE 2021 CHAMPION AWARD

The Fiona Phillips Federal Member for Gilmore 2021 Champion Award is awarded to Tiana Deeth and is in recognition of her outstanding effort and resilience. This award takes into account both academic and non-academic achievements and acknowledges a student who never gives up, pushing through to complete her senior studies.

#### **REUBEN F SCARF AWARD**

Awarded to Eleace Davidson. The Reuben F Scarf Award recognises that young people who are persistent and dedicated, are the ones who ultimately reach their goals. This year the award is presented to Eleace in recognition of her demonstrated determination, perseverance and commitment to achieve success.

#### SRC SCHOOL SERVICE AWARD

Awarded to Abby Jackson for her perseverance, motivation and courage when fulfilling her responsibilities as a school representative council leader. Abby is a natural leader and role model who always aims to bring out the best in people. She always fosters a clear vision, seeking to improve the educational setting of Vincentia High for both staff and students.

#### **HUSKISSON RSL SUB-BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Awarded to Harmony Dyer. The RSL's motto is "One RSL—working together, delivering locally." and this award goes to a student who has worked collegially with all members of the community for the betterment of our school. This year the Huskisson RSL Sub-Branch Scholarship award goes to Harmony in recognition of the outstanding levels of citizenship and the engagement she has shown during her time at Vincentia High School.

#### **EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS AWARD**

This award is presented to Harmony Dyer, a student who has been an inspirational ambassador for the performing arts during her time at Vincentia High School. Harmony's skill, professionalism and musical maturity is only matched by the commitment and the hard work that she puts into everything that she does. Harmony's contribution to the arts at Vincentia High School will be sorely missed and we congratulate her on being awarded the Excellence in the Arts Award.

## SHELLEY HANCOCK MLA, SPEAKER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING

Awarded to Oliver Griffiths in recognition of outstanding public speaking skills and being a passionate advocate for student voice.

#### **EXCELLENCE IN DEBATING**

Awarded to Oliver Griffiths in recognition of outstanding public speaking skills and an ability to develop sustained, supported arguments.

#### **SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

#### BENDIGO BANK COMMUNITY CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Awarded to Oliver Griffiths for his continued dedication to honouring our school values and assisting and improving the well-being of others.

#### WRITER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Awarded to Euan Kielly in recognition of outstanding Literacy Achievements.

#### **MATHEMATICS AWARD**

Awarded to Clayton Strange for excellence at the highest level of Mathematics.

#### INDIGENOUS CULTURAL CONTRIBUITON AWARD

Awarded to Leilani Dewis for an Indigenous student who promotes their culture within school and the community.

## EXCELLENCE IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING, SCHOOL BASED TRAINEE OF THE YEAR

Awarded to Kade King for excellence in Vocational Education and Training for his commitment and dedication to his School Based Traineeship.

## NANGA MAI AWARD FOR NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICE/TRAINEE OF THE YEAR

Awarded to Kade King in recognition of an Aboriginal student who has maintained outstanding commitment, effort and application in completing his School Based Traineeship, which includes high application to workplace training and VET course, alongside their HSC.

#### AMPOL BEST ALL ROUNDER AWARD

Awarded to Alyssa Head in recognition for being a genuine 'all-rounder' - someone who excels in their studies, possesses leadership qualities, a good attitude and is keen to serve their community.

#### **TECHNOLOGY AWARD - DESIGN**

Awarded to Alyssa Head for excellent practical design skills in Design and Technology and Textiles and Design.

#### **UOW ILLAWARRA PRINCIPAL'S RECOMMENDATION SCHOLARHSIP AWARD**

Is awarded to Bronte Wright in recognition of her commitment to her studies and demonstration of her strengths across UOW's Key Indications of Success.

#### LONG TAN TEAMWORK AND LEADERSHIP AWARD

Awarded to Isabella Halls. This award recognises students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within both the school and broader local community. At the same time, they recognise those who display strong values, such as doing one's best, respect for others and 'mateship' characteristics that are integral to Australian society.

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#### **SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

#### **AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE FUTURE INNOVATORS AWARD**

Awarded to Lily Blackman. This award recognises students who demonstrate the great depth of young Australian's commitment to innovation and motivation in taking on science, technology, engineering and mathematic challenges.

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION AWARDS

#### **ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD SUPPORT**

Awarded to Chanelle Lamb for her not only her resilience but her diligent efforts made throughout every area of study. Her growth and maturity over these last 12 months are to be highly commended.

#### SUPPORT UNIT INDIGENOUS ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Awarded to Hayden Roberts for the Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best he has demonstrated in the learning of, and sharing of, cultural knowledge and pride with his fellow peers and teachers.

#### **ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD GUMBARI**

Awarded to Jayden Bennett for working positively within the Gumbari Unit consistently working towards our school values, respect, responsibility and personal best.

#### **SPORTS AWARDS**

#### VINCENTIA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS EXCELLENCE AWARD

Awarded to Isabella Halls for outstanding achievement in Netball and a variety of different sports at Vincentia High School.

#### **VINCENTIA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS CONSISTENCY AWARD**

Awarded to Corey Jarvis for consistently participating and applying himself to the best of his ability in a variety of different sports at Vincentia High School.

#### KAREN LANE PERPETUAL AWARD FOR NETBALL

Awarded to Abby-Lee Edwards for her outstanding commitment, contribution and achievements in Netball culminating in selection in the CHS South Coast Netball Team and to the greater netball community.

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#### **HONOUR SOCIETY AWARDS**

The Honour Society is a measured award system that seeks to recognise the academic and extra curricula achievements of our students throughout their entire schooling career at Vincentia High School.

The following students are receiving their Picture Award earning between 200-250 points. Awarded to Harmony Dyer, Alyssa Head and Euan Kielly and Bronte Wright.

#### SHOALHAVEN INDIGENOUS GRADUATION AWARDS

These awards celebrate Indigenous Students across the Shoalhaven Community of Schools graduating their HSC and schooling years.

These awards are traditionally given at an event supported by our Aboriginal Communities. Due to COVID 19 restrictions this event could not be held in 2021. Vincentia High School is proud to acknowledge the following students on behalf of the Shoalhaven Aboriginal Communities.

Leilani Dewis, Benjamin Ebzery, Kade King, Max Kolbakas, Chanelle Lamb, Laicy Menzies, Julia Reimann, Hayden Roberts and Taj Russell.

#### **YEAR 12 YEAR ADVISOR AWARDS**

The 2021 Year 12 Year Advisor Awards go to Tiana Deeth and Clayton Strange.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG SHOALHAVEN CAMPUS MEDAL FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Is awarded to Lily Wheeler for academic excellence in the 2020 HSC. Lily is a formidable student whose pursuit of excellence is celebrated by this award. In 2020 Lily's commitment to her studies was rewarded by ranging 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in all of her subjects, outstanding HSC results and the honour of being the 2020 Vincentia High School DUX.

#### PRESENTATION OF GRADUATION CERTIFICATE AND YEAR 12 AWARDS

Amellia Bariss Honour Society Pin Award

Bryn Benjamin 1st in VET Engineering, Honour Society Silver Award

Jayden Bennett Graduate

Lily Blackman 2<sup>nd</sup> in History Extension, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Biology, Honour Society

Bronze Award

Chona Boroc Honour Society Bronze Award

Piper Boyd Honour Society Bronze Award

Chelsey Burnett Honour Society Silver Award

Sam Caine Honour Society Bronze Award

Tashi Cannon 1st in Community & Family Studies, 2nd in PDHPE, 2nd in

Visual Arts, Honour Society Pin Award

Toby Carroll Honour Society Bronze Award

Lydia Collins Honour Society Pin Award

Jake Currey Honour Society Bronze Award

Eleace Davidson 1<sup>st</sup> in Aboriginal Studies, 1st in English Standard, 2<sup>nd</sup> in

Mathematics Standard, Honour Society Pin Award

Tiana Deeth 1<sup>st</sup> in Biology, 1<sup>st</sup> in Earth & Environmental, 2<sup>nd</sup> in

Mathematics Advanced, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Mathematics Extension 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Modern History, Honour Society Bronze Award

Leilani Dewis 1<sup>st</sup> in Business Studies, 1<sup>st</sup> in Visual Arts, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Aboriginal

Studies, Honour Society Gold Award

Tawan Dimmock Honour Society Bronze Award

Harmony Dyer 1<sup>st</sup> in English Extension 2, 1<sup>st</sup> in Music, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Legal

Studies

Benjamin Ebzery Honour Society Pin Award

Abby-Lee Edwards 2<sup>nd</sup> in Textiles & Design, Honour Society Pin Award

Brandon Ewers 1<sup>st</sup> in Chemistry, 1<sup>st</sup> Industrial Technology, 2<sup>nd</sup> in

Economics, Honour Society Gold Award

#### TARRICH KARRICH KARRIC

#### PRESENTATION OF GRADUATION CERTIFICATE AND YEAR 12 AWARDS

Courtney Farrugia Honour Society Bronze Award

Dayne Fraser Honour Society Bronze Award

Raquel Gabby Honour Society Silver Award

Milly Garrett Honour Society Pin Award

Henry Gray 1<sup>st</sup> in Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Engineering

Studies, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Music, Honour Society Pennant Award

Oliver Griffiths 1<sup>st</sup> in Economics, 1<sup>st</sup> in History Extension, 1<sup>st</sup> in Legal

Studies, 1st in Modern History, 2nd in English Extension 2,

Honour Society Pennant Award

Blake Guillaume 2<sup>nd</sup> in Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation, Honour Society

**Bronze Award** 

Isabella Halls 2<sup>nd</sup> in Community & Family Studies, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Food

Technology, 2<sup>nd</sup> in VET Hospitality, Honour Society Patch

Award

Ryan Harper Honour Society Silver Award

Alyssa Head 1st in Design & Technology, 1st in Food Technology, 1st in

Textiles & Design, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Society & Culture

Abby Jackson Honour Society Gold Award

Corey Jarvis Honour Society Gold Award

Alyssa Kaspars Honour Society Gold Award

Jordeena Katsantonis 1<sup>st</sup> in English Studies, 1<sup>st</sup> in Mathematics Numeracy,

Honour Society Bronze Award

Euan Kielly 1<sup>st</sup> in Society & Culture, 2<sup>nd</sup> in English Advanced, 2<sup>nd</sup> in

**English Extension 1** 

Kade King Honour Society Bronze Award

Max Kolbakas Honour Society Bronze Award

Chanelle Lamb Graduate

Jessica Langman 1st in Ancient History, Honour Society Pin Award

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#### PRESENTATION OF GRADUATION CERTIFICATE AND YEAR 12 AWARDS

Chloe Lattanzio Honour Society Gold Award

Jacob Livett 1st in VET Construction, Honour Society Bronze Award

Charlie Luckman Honour Society Silver Award

Tazmin Mansell 1st in Mathematics Standard 2, Honour Society Gold

**Award** 

Corinne Marsh 2<sup>nd</sup> in Business Studies, Honour Society Bronze Award

Oliva Martin Honour Society Bronze Award

Ella Mason Honour Society Gold Award

Reilly Matthews Honour Society Bronze Award

Kira McGarrell 2<sup>nd</sup> in English Studies, Honour Society Bronze Award

Madeleine McLeod Honour Society Bronze Award

Laicy Menzies Honour Society Silver Award

Joshua Norton Honour Society Bronze Award

Amy Oesterheld Honour Society Bronze Award

Morgan Pickering Honour Society Silver Award

Julia Reimann 1st in Visual Design, Honour Society Patch Award

Hayden Roberts Graduate

Taj Russell 2<sup>nd</sup> in Visual Design, Honour Society Bronze Award

James Ryan 2<sup>nd</sup> in Industrial Technology, 2<sup>nd</sup> in VET Engineering,

Honour Society Gold Award

Olivia Sapienza 2<sup>nd</sup> in Ancient History, Honour Society Silver Award

Aaidan Schusser Honour Society Bronze Award

Ryan Silk 2<sup>nd</sup> in VET Construction, Honour Society Silver Award

Fiona Slattery Honour Society Silver Award

Liam Springall Honour Society Bronze Award

#### PRESENTATION OF GRADUATION CERTIFICATE AND YEAR 12 AWARDS

Clayton Strange 1<sup>st</sup> in Engineering Studies, 1<sup>st</sup> in Mathematics Advanced,

1<sup>st</sup> in Mathematics Extension 1, 1<sup>st</sup> in Mathematics

Extension 2, Honour Society Gold Award

Tarkyn Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> in Chemistry, 2<sup>nd</sup> in English Standard, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Earth &

Environmental

Sage Triffett Honour Society Pin Award

Victor Valdes Honour Society Bronze Award

Madison Watt Honour Society Patch Award

Bianca Williams Honour Society Bronze Award

Bronte Wright 1st in English Advanced, 1st in English Extension 1, 1st in

PDHPE, 1st in VET Hospitality, 2nd in Design &

Technology.

"The class of 2021 would like to thank you for sharing this day with us and for supporting us through our high school years."

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