



Vincentia High School

2018

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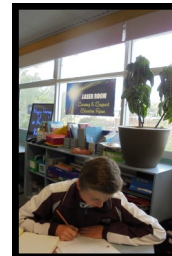


2018 School Captains & Vice Captains

Jackson Andre, Lauren Allen, Cooper Solberg & Terri Milani

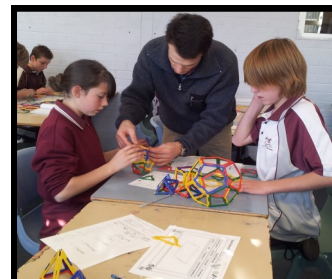
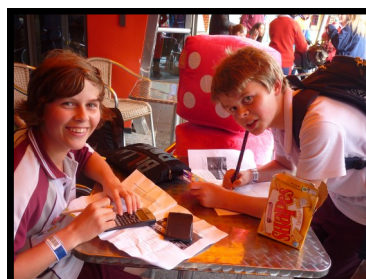
ENGLISH

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



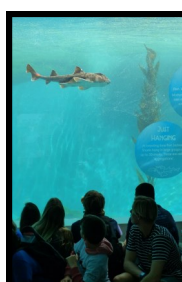
MATHEMATICS

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 Senior 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 Taronga Zoo, Dolphin Watch Cruises and The War Memorial, and 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 Money Matters and Mysteries and Disasters.



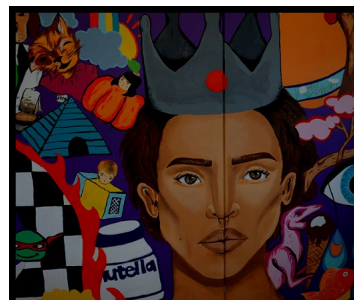
LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH - LOTE

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 and Indonesian arts courses.



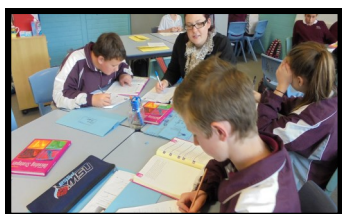
CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS - CAPA

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 and guitar. All students are invited to join extension programs including bands and dance club. Elective courses are offered in stages 5 and 6 in Visual Arts, Visual Design, Photography, Ceramics, Music, Dance and Drama. 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 three Learning and Support teachers and nine Student Learning Support Officers welcome and support students from Years 7 to 12 in tutorial support, assessment tasks, reading and numeracy programs and during exam periods.



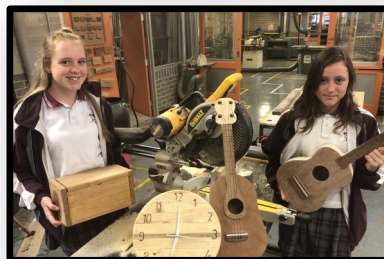
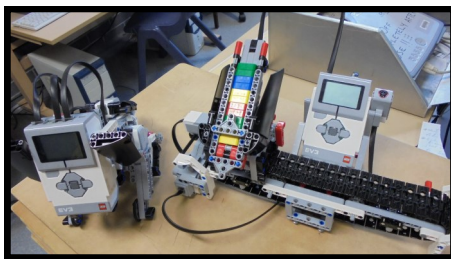
GUMBARI

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, bush regeneration, survival camps, travel training and the running of Business Enterprise Programs - Kow Kooni, Lawn Mowing and Fresh Juice. We have a Mum's 'n' Bub's program to support young mothers to continue with their education.



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, plastics, electronics, computers, textiles, agriculture 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, laser cutter and embroidery machine and several 3D Printers. Our motto is, "You can make it in TAS."



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 One & Two 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, soccer, baseball, basketball, AFL and individual sports such as golf, tennis and lawn bowls at local, state and national levels.



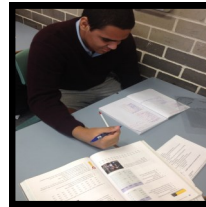
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION—PDHPE

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 and individual and group physical fitness activities. Health areas include positive lifestyle choices and the dangers of poor choices such as drugs or violence.



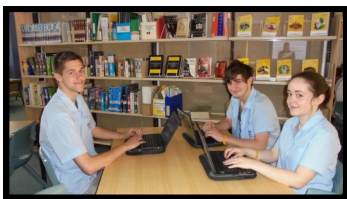
GANYA GARINDJA

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 Dance 'n Didge, Indigenous Ranger Cadetship Program, Norta Norta and the Dhurga Language program.



LIBRARY

The library will continue to grow its special collections and evolve, offering courses and developing discussion circles around deep and meaningful questions. In2Uni will continue as a great opportunity to be exposed to the University of Wollongong and learn to challenge yourself and to achieve success. The Homework Centre is open to all students on Wednesdays 2.30pm-4.30pm. 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 many more. All welcome.



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 four provides an excellent opportunity for the students to bond and develop their leadership and team working skills. The student leadership team is 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 three days per week and offers students in Years 10-12 the opportunity to experience and develop skills in hospitality, customer service and business management.

Agricultural Show Teams: provide students from Years 7-12 the opportunity to develop animal husbandry skills and learn the process of the Show Program and what it takes to bring animals up to 'Show' quality.



Indigenous Ranger Cadetship Program: allows indigenous students in Years 9 & 10 to participate and obtain Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management.

Information Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics (iSTEM): Stage 5 & 6 students are offered to enrol in BOSTES endorsed courses which aim to contextualise curriculum content using problem based learning activities. iSTEM courses are delivered through mathematics, science and technical and applied science (TAS).



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

Debating: Students in Years 7 to 11 can participate in a outstanding debating program. Mentoring within the school and in 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 on a regular basis in the School Front Office Meeting Room. All welcome.



Mr Ken Bates
Principal

**Vincentia High School
is proud to be connected
to our local community
and the many organisations
within it.**



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