

Remembrance Day

This Remembrance Day, students from Vincentia High School attended three local Remembrance Day services.

Jenna Goodman spoke about the inspiration behind the poem *In Flanders Fields* at the Sussex Inlet RSL Sub-Branch service whilst Campbell Blair and Jeremy Head read the Prologue at the Huskisson RSL Sub-Branch service. Students also laid a wreath.

Oliver Griffiths was a guest speaker to the inaugural Coastal Waters Service. Oliver spoke about two Australian soldiers who served in WW2 - Victoria Cross recipient Private Bruce Kingsbury and Corporal Leslie Allen. Both of these men displayed exceptional acts of bravery whilst fighting in New Guinea.

We are very proud of our students for participating in these services, a tradition which our school endeavours to continue.

Lest We Forget



Congratulations Year 10, Your Cafes Were Fantastic!

Vincentia High School was buzzing last week with our Year 10 Students creating their Cafe's for Australian Business Week (ABW). ABW enterprise education programs help students to prepare for life beyond the classroom by providing the invaluable opportunity for them to 'experience' being an adult in the world of Australian business. With ABW Business Simulations, students take on the responsibility of running a virtual business where they make a range of important decisions and manage the results. It's the perfect way to engage young minds and build confidence.

Congratulations Year 10, your effort and dedication not to mention competitiveness was truly remarkable. Thank you to the judges and all staff involved in making ABW such a success. The ABW results will be announced at the Year 10 assembly in the hall on Monday 11 December.



Celebrating 'Links to learning' with Year 9 and the YWCA

On Tuesday the 28th November, participating year 9 students in the YWCA 'Links to Learning' and 'GO Girls' Programs attended a presentation and celebration of their success for 2017. The celebration was attended by VHS Principal (relieving) Mr Paul Taylor, Deputy Principal Sandy Clark, YWCA Programs Co-ordinator Amy Hall, Program Facilitator Fiona Lam, Students and Parents. Amy and Fiona presented students with their certificates, with Thomas Downer receiving the award for 'YWCA Most Improved Student for 2017'. All in attendance enjoyed refreshments from our school café and many positive experiences and stories were shared from the student's time participating in these programs, which was awesome to hear.

The 'Links to Learning' and 'GO Girls' programs involved up to 25 students from VHS. The programs duration differed with 'Links to Learning' running for 35 weeks throughout the whole year and 'GO Girls' for 17 weeks in semester two. The purpose of these programs is to connect, participate, learn and plan; helping students to further engage with their education, through focusing on social skills, career knowledge, study skills and project based learning while enhancing self-esteem. These programs offer a number of excursions, opportunities and positive experiences outside of the normal classroom and school setting that young people may not necessarily have had the opportunity to experience, providing them with knowledge and a fresh perspective for their future.

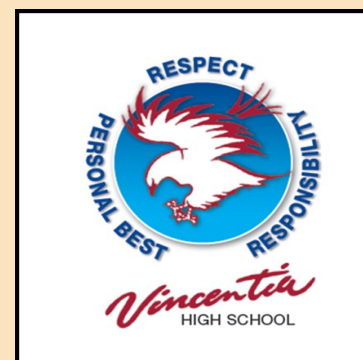
The feedback from students and their parents was extremely positive and it was a pleasure to hear how the students and their parents felt they had grown and benefited from their participation in both of these programs. Vincentia high School would like to thank YWCA for their valued contribution to our students and school community.

Alison Taylor

In school Co-ordinator for Links to Learning Programs



Celebrating our school spirit!



The values of Vincentia High School are

Respect, Responsibility & Personal Best

These values can be shown in many ways within the school community. It is these actions of our students we, as a school, are proud of and wish to acknowledge.

Each week during the Wellbeing period students from any year, will receive a FREE movie ticket to the Huskisson Cinema as recognition of their Vincentia High School spirit.

These student went above and beyond at the Australian Business Week activity.:

Teneisha Ross - 'Pianta Agapi'

Maddison Laws - 'El Fruitio Fresho'

Kaitlyn Chapman- 'El Depresso'

Ruby Young - 'Bay Leaf'

Djoser Fox - 'Antonio's'

Mikayla Hadlow - 'Hidden Secret'

Tickets have been very generously [donated](#) to the school by

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Congratulations to our winners!

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It takes a Community!

On Wednesday 29 November, Liz Folkard, Vincentia High School P&C President and Chris and Tameika Purnell owners of Totally Immersed Water Sports at South Nowra donated a Hobie SUP with paddle to be used as a major fundraiser for the Support students traveling to Japan with Sailability Shoalhaven for the World Titles in 2018. Sandy Clark (Deputy Principal) and Donna Millsom (Sailability Shoalhaven) accompanied the students Thomas, Ryan and Jade to receive the SUP on behalf of the team.

The Hobie Evolution Sup is 10ft 6", 30" Wide, 168 Litre with a Hobie AL stretch paddle. RRP \$1800! Liz presented Chris a cheque for \$1000 towards the cost of the Stand Up Paddleboard. We would like to give a VERY BIG THANK YOU to Totally Immersed Waters Sports and the Vincentia High P&C for this very generous donation. It takes a community to make great things happen!

More information on fundraisers for the team to get to Japan and how this SUP will be used to raise money will be confirmed in the next couple of weeks



\$10,000 & \$5,000 Scholarship for school leavers!

Sanctuary Point & Districts Community Bank Branch are offering two scholarships to help with the cost of tertiary study for Year 12 students living in the 2540 postcode. \$5000 per year for 2 years of Bachelor degree studies is available for 1 student and \$2500 per year for 2 years for TAFE studies for 1 student. Click the link below for more information and the application forms. The Sanctuary Point & Districts Community Bank are committed to building stronger communities through sponsorship and scholarships.

<https://bendigobank.com.au/.../community/sc.../2018-scholarships>

A shout out for school uniforms

If you have school uniforms that your child has outgrown from years 7 to 12 the Support Unit would very happily accept them. They can be left at the front office or sent directly to the Support Unit. These uniforms are used by the entire school when mishaps happen and would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.



Dear Parents and Carers

Vincentia High School will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on **24 July 2017**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

1. **Online payments:** Parent/Carer payments can be made online using the Department of Education's Parent Online Payment (POP) system. A button to access this new online payment system titled '\$ Make a Payment' will be visible on the utility bar on the front page of our school's website at www.vincentia-h.schools.nsw.edu.au. By selecting this link, parents and carers will be taken to a secure Westpac QuickWeb payment page from which they can make online payments.

Please note: As a Westpac-hosted solution cardholder and account details will be held securely helping to protect the school and its customers from fraudulent transactions as well as assisting in meeting the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCIDSS) compliance requirements.

2. **Direct deposits:** As of **30 June 2017**, we will no longer accept direct deposits into our current school bank account as we prepare to close this account and transition to the new one. Any payments made using direct deposit after this date cannot be properly allocated to a student's account in a timely manner. Please ensure you have made any outstanding direct deposits before **30 June 2017**.
3. **EFTPOS payments:** We will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between **19 July 2017 and 24 July 2017**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before **19 July 2017**. From **25 July 2017**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.
4. **Cash and cheque payments:** Between **19 July 2017 and 24 July 2017**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **19 July 2017**. From **25 July 2017**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact the school on **4441 6766**.

Regards

Steve Glenday
Principal

17th March 2017

Bay & Basin

Socialize, skate,
swim, shop
Retail & leisure
discounts
Fare: Gold coin
donation



Summer Bus

Mon 18 Dec 2017 – Fri 5 Jan 2018

CONTINUOUS SHUTTLE ROUTE 9.45am – 2.15pm:

BASIN VIEW SHOPS • ST GEORGES BASIN SHOPS • SANCTUARY POINT SHOPS/LIBRARY &
SKATE PARK • VINCENTIA MARKET PLACE • LEISURE CENTRE • VINCENTIA SHOPPING VILLAGE
• HUSKISSON BEACH/MOONA MOONA • HUSKISSON SHOPS/PICS/SEA POOL



Timetable & Route



| Location | Depart AM | Return PM | Depart AM | Return PM | Depart PM | Return PM |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Basin View Shops | 9:45 | 11:05 | 11:05 | 12:53 | 1:00 | 2:15 |
| St Georges Basin Shops | 9:55 | 10:55 | 11:15 | 12:43 | 1:10 | 2:06 |
| Sanctuary Point Shops | 10:02 | 10:48 | 11:22 | 12:36 | 1:17 | 2:01 |
| Old Errol Bay (Macclibbon PDE) | 10:05 | 10:45 | 11:25 | 12:33 | 1:20 | 1:58 |
| Vincentia Marketplace | 10:08 | 10:42 | 11:28 | 12:30 | 1:23 | 1:55 |
| Bay & Basin Leisure Centre | 10:12 | 10:38 | 11:32 | 12:26 | 1:27 | 1:51 |
| Vincentia Shops | 10:15 | 10:35 | 11:35 | 12:23 | 1:30 | 1:48 |
| Moona Moona Creek | 10:19 | 10:31 | 11:39 | 12:19 | 1:34 | 1:44 |
| Owen St Bus Stop | 10:23 | 10:27 | 11:43 | 12:15 | 1:38 | 1:40 |

*excludes Public Holidays

- Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult
- All bus services are hail & ride if you live on the main route and it is a safe place to stop
- Present a bus stamped flyer to receive discounts if applicable from participating businesses and the Leisure Centre
- Snap a shuttle selfie & email it to council@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au to go in the draw to win a \$100 gift voucher of your choice. The email subject line needs to be Shuttle Selfie



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





**My child won't go to school.
What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

The school leaving age:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5129

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Term 4, 2017

Thursday 30/11/2017

- ☞ Future Fit Wellbeing Yr9
- ☞ Sailability on Shoalhaven River Nowra
- ☞ Taste of High School
- ☞ Welcome to Senior School Celebration Yr 10
- ☞ Yr 6 Information Evening - Uniforms 4.00pm and Book Packs Performance Space

Friday 01/12/2017

- ☞ Gumbari Bushcare/Parkcare Regeneration Group - Shoalhaven Council Reserves
- ☞ Support Radio Program - Bay & Basin Community & Resource Centre/J Cooper
- ☞ Taste of High School

Monday 04/12/2017

- ☞ Links to Learning Program - YWCA Nowra
- ☞ Survivor Walk Yr 10 from Currarong Mrs Morris, Mr Warner

Tuesday 05/12/2017

- ☞ Survivor Walk Yr 10 from Currarong Mrs Morris, Mr Warner
- ☞ Yr 8 Jamberoo Recreation Park all Day Mrs G. Tekis
- ☞ Gumbari Annual School Camp Honeymoon Bay 3 days Mrs J. Scott

Wednesday 06/12/2017

- ☞ Survivor Walk Yr 10 from Currarong Mrs Morris, Mr Warner

Thursday 07/12/2017

- ☞ Presentation Day
- ☞ Sailability on Shoalhaven River Nowra

Friday 08/12/2017

- ☞ Gumbari Bushcare/Parkcare Regeneration Group - Shoalhaven Council Reserves
- ☞ Support Radio Program - Bay & Basin Community & Resource Centre/J Cooper
- ☞ Vincentia Comm Schools Triathlon Yr 6 Transition Day Plantation Point Mrs Boyce

Monday 11/12/2017

- ☞ Links to Learning Program - YWCA Nowra
- ☞ Yr 10 Final Assembly

Tuesday 12/12/2017

- ☞ Yr 7 Wellbeing Day Huskisson Pictures all day Mrs Bech & Ms Rodwell

Wednesday 13/12/2017

- ☞ Jamberoo Yr 9 Jamberoo Park all day Mr Ryan

Thursday 14/12/2017

- ☞ Whole School Colour Run & BBQ/Wellbeing pds 3-6 Mrs Greyling & Mr Ryan
- ☞ Sailability on Shoalhaven River Nowra

Friday 15/12/2017

- ☞ Gumbari Bushcare/Parkcare Regeneration Group - Shoalhaven Council Reserves

SCHOOL CONTACTS

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|-------------------|---|
| P Taylor | Principal (Rel) |
| A Newton | Deputy Principal Stage 4 (7 & 8) Rel |
| P Raftery | Deputy Principal Stage 5 (9 & 10) |
| S Clark | Deputy Principal Support & Special Programs |
| F Loupos | Senior School (11 & 12) |
| J Oxley | School Administration Manager |
| S Fuz | Careers Advisor/VET (Rel) |
| P Greyling | Head Teacher WellBeing |
| M Meehan | Head Teacher Teaching & Learning Literacy/Numeracy |
| K Newton | Head Teacher Teaching & Learning |
| M Swanson | Head Teacher Admin |
| G Keogh | Head Teacher English (Rel) |
| J Povolny | Head Teacher Mathematics (Rel) |
| T Borg | Head Teacher Science |
| L Ryder | Head Teacher CAPA |
| E Salahi | Head Teacher HSIE |
| B Warner | Head Teacher TAS (Rel) |
| J Wright | Head Teacher PDHPE (Rel) |
| B Sauvao | Head Teacher Sport |
| M Goerlach | Head Teacher Support (Rel) |
| J Scott | Head Teacher Gumbari Facility |
| A Glenday | Head Teacher Learning & Support |
| K Lane | Head Teacher Ganya Garindja |
| P McKenzie | School Counsellor |
| A Hall | School Counsellor |
| P Charlton | School Counsellor |

**Merry Christmas
and a Safe and
Happy New Year**

