



Introducing our new Principal

Ms Ruth Winfield

Our new Principal Ms Ruth Winfield started at Vincentia High School at the start of Term 4. Ms Winfield is thrilled to be the Principal of Vincentia High School and is looking forward to going into the classrooms and hearing from students about what they are learning in class and their aspirations and dreams for improvements they can make on a local, national and international scale. During her assembly address last week Ms Winfield asked the students to reflect on how actively involved they are with their learning, to consider setting short term, medium term and long term goals for themselves both academically and personally.



Ms Winfield was inspired by a Principal at the age of 13 and decided then that she wanted to become a School Principal. Born in the United Kingdom she studied teaching in English and Special Education and Learning Needs before working as a teacher in the UK and in Kuwait. Ms Winfield was recruited by the NSW Department of Education and moved to Australia in 1991, she has worked at schools in Griffith, Wagga Wagga, Port Macquarie, Laurieton, Albury and Culcairn. Ms Winfield was the Relieving Principal at Corowa High School and then Billabong High School in Culcairn NSW before becoming Principal at Vincentia High School.

Ms Winfield encourages all students to participate fully in learning conversations and stay focused on their goals. Forming strong foundations for developing skills for positive relationships and lifelong learning can be achieved through teachers and students working together with a clear focus on learning. By being respectful and taking responsibility students can achieve their personal best and be successful with their education.

Ms Winfield has two daughters living in Sydney and is excited to be living closer to them. In her spare time she enjoys walking her beautiful black Labrador Toulouse and practicing yoga.

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) hosted a morning tea this week to meet Ms Winfield and give her a huge Vinnie High welcome. Ms Winfield asked about their plans for making the school an even better place than it already is and said she looks forward to working with the SRC. It's been a busy week for her visiting staffrooms to meet our staff and popping into classes to talk with the students.

Ms Winfield has appreciated the warm welcome from students, staff and the community. She is excited about working with the school community to focus on learning and continuous improvement.

National Award for Wakakirri performance 403!

Our Wakakirri team are extremely excited to have been awarded the Reconciliation Award for 2019! Their dance told the story about the handing over of 403 hectares of traditional lands back to the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community. They performed in July at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre in the Regional Wakakirri competition and won the prestigious Spirit of Wakakirri award and the Best Indigenous Australian Story Award on the night. Our students are to be congratulated as their performance was truly amazing!

The National Awards were announced on Thursday 17 October 2019. The Reconciliation Story Award, supported by Reconciliation Australia is awarded to a performance that increases respect, reduces prejudice and strengthens relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Vincentia High School also won the Cultural Category Award.

Congratulations to our Wakakirri and Dhawarri Dancers, for this prestigious national recognition, we are extremely proud of you. Thank you to Ms Viv Nolan, Aunty Gai Brown and everyone involved in this magnificent production.



Year 12 Graduation 2019

The class of Year 12 2019 enjoyed an amazing Graduation Assembly in Week 10 last term. Thirteen fantastic years of schooling culminated in a moving and celebratory event where our Vincentia High School community congratulated these students on their achievements. Ms. Gilberts' speech explored the many significant events that happened when this year group were born in 2001.

We enjoyed speeches from Year 12 leaders and the new Year 11 leaders, who reminisced about the antics in the playground and the classroom, and the Year 12 Giddy Up film and the students' 'A Typical School Day' film had the audience in stitches. Mrs. Morris gave a thoughtful address recounting her memorable moments with her school 'babies' and she was overwhelmed when Year 12 joined in singing a rendition of 'Amazing' to her. Mrs. Newton presented the last roll call of Year 12 2019, and wished them a heartfelt farewell at the conclusion of the assembly. All in all, a fitting goodbye and good luck to an amazing group of young people.



Connor Drummed at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo!

Year 9 student Connor Duffy was a drummer for the Royal Australian Navy Cadets at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo staged at ANZ Stadium in Sydney on Saturday 19 October 2019.

Featuring over 1,500 of the world's finest pipers, drummers, dancers, military musicians and performers, this renowned Scottish spectacular was brought to life set against the backdrop of a full-size replica of Edinburgh Castle. It set the record as the largest tattoo ever in its 69-year history.

Connor said; "I felt a little overwhelmed and very excited to be performing on such a large stage to so many people from around the world. We spent 11 weeks training and practicing for this event, it was the first time that Navy Cadets showcased their drumming talents for all the world to see. It was a fabulous opportunity to connect with other military bands from across the globe." Connor met the Director of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the Queens Guards and drummers from the non-military Swiss Band Top Secret.

Over 14 nations from around the world were represented, boasting traditional uniforms and colourful costumes, including the UK, Switzerland, France, India, Tonga, Fiji, Cook Islands, New Zealand and Australia as well as for the first time ever, acts from Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Samoa and Vanuatu.

What an incredibly moving and memorable experience for all involved. Vincentia High School staff members who attended, said that it was absolutely amazing to see.



New Playground at Plantation Point

Council has received funding for upgrades to the Plantation Point Reserve playground. Vincentia Rate Payers Association combined with multiple other community committees would like the wider community to have their say into the amenities and equipment you want see in the playground.

There are 17,000 people living in the Bay and Basin area with tens of thousands of visitors coming to stay all year round. Councils plans for the area state we should only be getting a mid-level playground at Plantation Point, that we are not identified for an iconic playground like the one at Mollymook Beach Reserve or the soon to be built super playground at Boongaree Berry.

Shoalhaven City Council have been successful in applying for \$110,000 to build a small but beautifully designed playground at Plantation Point Reserve. Council have also received funding for a wheelchair accessible ramp to go down to Balfour Beach from the park and for new toilets including an adult change facility. Well done council.

However the two community bodies that represent the local community at council believe this is insufficient funds to provide the size and type of playground the community requires to meet the growing resident population and the large number of tourists who visit all year round.

Please complete Council's survey and let our Council and Councillors know now that you want a large inclusive all abilities playground at Plantation Point now. We do not want our playground built in stages. Let Council know that the budget of \$110,000 is not enough and that we want a playground with a budget of at least \$500K plus. Mollymook cost \$1.5M dollars and Berry's playground is costing in excess of \$4M. These communities deserve great playgrounds and the Bay and Basin does too. The file attached shows what we can have at Plantation Point if we make our voices heard. Say nothing and get nothing!

Complete the survey and have your say at:

Complete our survey here; <http://bit.ly/2Ojn1io>



Celebrating our school spirit!



The values of Vincentia High School are:

Respect, Responsibility & Personal Best

This weeks recipients are:

Eva Mackay, Seth Kingma, Alicia Zammit, Emilie Warren-Bolye, Joel Walters, Ethan Curtis

Rewarded for : Striving to be the 'best versions of themselves and going out of their comfort zones'

Makelle Triffet - Class Leadership

Kirrily Ward- Consistent Effort

Joah Mason- Sustained effort and maturity

Katelyn Hasset- Academic excellence

Oscar Svensson- Citizenship

Dominic Zoratto, Alyssa Kaspars, Tom Brotherton, Clayton Strange, Harmony Dyer, Emma Rowley, Oliver Griffiths, Bronte Wright, Jack Bond

All received for turning up to roll call on time, full school uniform and sitting in the correct spot everyday. Displaying all VHS core values of respect, responsibility and personal best on a daily basis.

Dominic Innes, India Slaughter

Excellence displayed on the HSIE Excursion

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.

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

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and Huskisson Cinema in recognition of our school values.

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WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

25 OCTOBER



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Seeking funds for further education or work options in 2020? Shoalhaven Education Fund Grants are now open

If you are 16 years of age or over and leaving high school this year and plan on going to TAFE or University, undertaking a course at an approved training college, taking up an apprenticeship or traineeship or starting entry level work but are facing financial difficulties consider applying for a Shoalhaven Education Fund grant.

Grants opened 29th July and close 31st December. Application forms and full grant details are available at www.cef.org.au/shoalhaven. Grants are a two-step process, a written on-line application and an interview. Interviews take place the second week in January and successful applicants notified before the end of January.

If TAFE or university is your choice it is not necessary to have received acceptance into your preferred course when applying. Changes to courses can be advised at interview.

Assistance is not based on academic record but 3 criteria applicants must meet

1. Have a financial need and be able to demonstrate that need
2. Have a realistic goal
3. Be committed to your goal

Full details and to lodge an application go to www.cef.org.au/shoalhaven



VINCENTIA CAREERS NEWSLETTER

Please visit the schools CAREERS WEBSITE <https://www.vincentiahighschoolcareers.com/> for fortnightly newsletter and information on:

- Careers Events
- White Card courses
- Working at Heights courses
- Rural Fire Services Training courses
- Year 12 UAC and University Dates and Requirements, including early entry, Schools Recommendation Schemes and Educational Access Schemes
- Community Activities and events
- Current Jobs
- TAFE Opportunities

Subject Selection – EVET opportunities

Any questions or information please contact Mrs McNeil

Vincentia High School

Careers Advisor - Maree.mcneil@det.nsw.edu.au
<https://www.vincentiahighschoolcareers.com/>





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Dear Parent/carer,

NDIS and Vincentia High School have entered into an agreement that will allow families to gain valuable assistance in managing their NDIS packages.

Commencing on Tuesday 27 August 2pm – 4pm in the front office meeting room, an NDIS Local Area Coordinator (LAC) will be available each Tuesday afternoon to meet with families to:

- Help manage existing NDIS packages
- Assist eligible families register for NDIS packages
- Answer queries from families wanting to find out about NDIS packages

To make an appointment please contact Julianna Hoy, NDIS LAC on 4253 6580.

For further information please contact Mrs Sandy Clark, Deputy Principal Learning, Support and Wellbeing on 4441 6766.

Ms Ruth Winfield

Principal

Vincentia High School

Term 4, 2019

Thursday 24/10/2019

- ☞ HSC PDHPE Exams 2019
- ☞ Local Geographical Sites Vincentia/Husky 7T pds 4-6 Ms South Ms Dallas
- ☞ Immunisation Clinic Yr 7
- ☞ Pet Therapy & My Story Matters IRT St Georges Basin Ms Whitehouse
- ☞ Gumbari Terara Farm
- ☞ Gumbari Painting Mural

Friday 25/10/2019

- ☞ HSC Mathematics (Standard2), Mathematics, Maths Extension 2 Exams 2019
- ☞ Water Safety Bay and Basin Leisure Centre/Vincentia Beaches pds 1 - 4 Ms Krause, Mr McGowan
- ☞ Yr 11 Taronga Zoo all day
- ☞ Gumbari - Unicorn Cheese
- ☞ Water Safety Bay and Basin Leisure Centre , Collingwood Beach, pds 5 & 6 Support

Monday 28/10/2019

- ☞ HSC Biology Exam 2019
- ☞ Yr 6 Handover Meetings all day Café

Tuesday 29/10/2019

- ☞ HSC Business Studies, Drama, Metals and Engineering VET Exam 2019
- ☞ Water Safety Bay and Basin Leisure Centre , Collingwood Beach, pds 5 & 6 Support

Wednesday 30/10/2019

- ☞ Health and Wellbeing Southern Fitness Martial Arts, Bomaderry and local Ms Krause, Mr McGowan

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Thursday 31/10/2019

- ☞ HSC Ancient History, Industrial Technology-Electronics, Industrial Tech-Timber Products
- ☞ Pet Therapy & My Story Matters IRT St Georges Basin Ms Whitehouse
- ☞ Gumbari Terara Farm
- ☞ Gumbari Painting Mural

Friday 01/11/2019

- ☞ HSC Construction VET, English Extension 1 Exams 2019
- ☞ Water Safety Bay and Basin Leisure Centre/Vincentia Beaches pds 1-4 Ms Krause, Mr McGowan
- ☞ Gumbari - Unicorn Cheese

Monday 04/11/2019

- ☞ HSC Mathematics Extension1, Geography Exams

Tuesday 05/11/2019

- ☞ HSC Legal Studies, Hospitality VET Exams 2019
- ☞ Water Safety Bay and Basin Leisure Centre - Collingwood Beach pds 3 & 4 Support
- ☞ Water Safety Bay and Basin Leisure Centre - Collingwood Beach pds 3 & 4 Support

Wednesday 06/11/2019

- ☞ HSC Human Services VET Exam 2019
- ☞ Health and Wellbeing Southern Fitness Martial Arts, Bomaderry and local Ms Krause, Mr McGowan

SCHOOL CONTACTS

R Winfield	Principal
S Starkey	Deputy Principal (Years 7 & 10)
S Flanigan	Deputy Principal (Years 8 & 11)
K Newton	Deputy Principal (Rel) (Years 9 & 12) H/T Senior School
S Clark	Deputy Principal Support & Special Programs
T Johnson-Warnecke	School Administration Manager
M McNeil	Careers Advisor/VET
P Greyling	Head Teacher Teacher and Learning
M Swanson	Head Teacher Admin- Teachers
G Hobbs	Head Teacher Wellbeing
G Brindley	Head Teacher Admin- Students
J Holloway Fry	Head Teacher English (Rel)
J Still	Head Teacher Mathematics (Rel)
C Gates	Head Teacher Science
T Langford	Head Teacher CAPA (Rel)
E Salahi	Head Teacher HSIE
A. Newton	Head Teacher TAS
P Raftery	Head Teacher PDHPE
M Amor	Head Teacher Sport
M Goerlach	Head Teacher Support (Rel)
T Mason	Head Teacher Gumbari (Rel)
T Smith	Head Teacher LASP
K Lane	Head Teacher Ganya Garindja
C Burnett	School Counsellor
K Rees	School Counsellor
G Brown	Aboriginal Education Officer Ganya Garindja
C McIntyre	SRC Coordinator