



Alpaca Show Team

There have been a few stories about the alpaca program and future of the show team at Vincentia High School that require clarification. I would like to thank the Worthy family for their generous, sustained and dedicated commitment to the alpaca show team and the students of Vincentia High School and hope they will continue to support the Agricultural Show Team for all breeds into the future at Vincentia High School. Six months ago an audit of the agricultural plot was undertaken by the head of agricultural plots in the Department of Education and it was decided we have too many animals on the plot for sustainability and good animal husbandry. A plan was developed with the Science faculty, who are responsible for the Agricultural plot, which included reducing the number of animals at any one time and implementing a cyclic rotation of animals on and off the farm in accordance with the units of work studied in agriculture and primary industries. As a result, parties who had been agisting their animals at the school farm were asked to remove them by the end of the school year 2018.

It was agreed that the alpacas, of which there were many would be reduced to just the school owned animals, four in total of which two are currently pregnant. It was also agreed that the alpacas belonging to other parties and kind supporters of the alpaca show team were able to bring their show alpacas back onto school grounds two weeks prior to the three major shows being the Canberra Royal, Sydney Royal and National Alpaca shows. In recent discussions the alpacas were refused entry onto school grounds outside of the agreed timeslots, at which point some members of the family that owns the other alpacas decided not to support the alpaca program at Vincentia High School any further. We are currently looking to expand the program to include more species and as many students as would like to be involved. I must point out the main purpose of the agricultural plot is for the education through curriculum of agriculture and related courses such as primary industries and biology, any clubs or teams formed as a result of the agriculture plot are subsidiary to its prime purpose.

Ken Bates

Principal

Working with Alpacas creates opportunities for our students

Directors of the Australian Alpaca Association, Steve O'Keefe and Ian Frith visited Vincentia High on Monday 17 December 2018 to present Mr Ken Bates with a certificate to acknowledge the valuable contribution that our school has made to the industry.

We have 15 Students in our Alpaca Show Team, they are led and guided by the wonderful Gary, Glad and Marion Worthy. Our team entered many shows throughout the year travelling great distances to compete against some of the best in Australia and overseas.

Our students are highly regarded on the show circuit by the members of the association. They are often being asked to walk Alpacas for other teams. The students also clean out the pens and do the feeding as a paid position, this helps to support them with the costs associated with the entering and travelling to the Shows.

Agriculture has a lot of potential for employment and our students learn good husbandry skills working at the shows. There is an incredible market for Alpaca fleece in China, Georgia Matheson-Gee participated in the shipment that the association did to China earlier in the year. Year 12 graduate, Madeleine Cooper will study Animal Science at Charles Sturt University next year and her love for working with animals came from the fantastic opportunities that were offered to her during her years at Vincentia High School.

Mr Frith said, "The association have been involved with Vincentia High School for about 6 years and we look forward to working together in their future. It is good to have young BJ Hawkins and Georgina Jones as members of our youth committee".



Introducing our new Deputy Principal

Ms Sharon Starkey

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new Deputy Principal, Ms Sharon Starkey. Ms Starkey is very familiar with the local area as she went to school at Sanctuary Point Public School and Shoalhaven High School. "It is very exciting to be moving back to my home town, I have my parents and brother living here, which is great for my primary school aged children." Said Ms Starkey, "I did my teaching degree at Wollongong University, specialising in PD.H.PE".

Ms Starkey comes to us from Mount Annan High and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in teaching, sport curriculum and professional learning to Vincentia High. As deputy for years 7 and 10, Ms Starkey will be supporting student welfare and support teachers with student discipline. "I like to go out and meet the students and work on prevention strategies with them, working on their sense of worth and confidence. I will be teaching Sport Lifestyle and Recreation for Year 11 in 2019." Ms Starkey will also be working on professional learning with staff.

Prior to joining us Ms Starkey worked at the following:

- Mt Annan High as Head Teacher PD.H.PE and Relieving Deputy for 2 years
- State Office for the Premiers Sporting Challenge (PSC) working on school sport policies, the promotion of the PSC and leading the development of the new State Sport Website for 4 years
- PD.H.PE curriculum advisor in the State Office, leading the professional learning of PD.H.PE and delivering workshops for staff across the NSW for 5 years
- Dulwich High School as a PD.H.PE teacher for 3 years
- Spent 4 years teaching in 2 large high schools in New Zealand and had the opportunity to play a lot of sport and attend many outdoor education camps.
- Campbelltown for 5 years.

Ms Starkey loves playing sport and played Rugby Union, Oz tag and touch footy. Ms Starkey is looking forward to meeting the staff and students at Vincentia High and learning about all the wonderful programs on offer.



The Executive team welcomes everyone back to school and looks forward to celebrating our school values of Respect, Responsibility & Personal Best through 2019!

Outstanding Higher School Certificate results

We are incredibly proud of our HSC students and their outstanding results. Congratulations to our Class of 2018; your hard work has paid off and your future is looking bright! Mrs Hobbs is an extremely proud 'school mum' and said, "They were a very supportive cohort, knew where they wanted to get and worked hard to get there."

The eight students who made the Distinguished Achievers List are very excited about their results and gave credit to the constant emotional support they received from their class mates and teachers. The students commented that it was very rewarding to see their marks and that all their hard work paid off. They are very excited to be moving on and starting university. The following students received a Band 6 for these subjects and are very happy with their ATAR:

Lauren Allen - Design & Technology – ATAR 85.20 - UOW - Bachelor of Maths & Science to become an astronaut!

Jackson Andre' - Advanced English; Society and Culture – ATAR 90.90 - Sydney – Bachelor of Architecture.

Elisha Byrnes - Ext English 1

Madeleine Cooper - Hospitality - Food & Bev – ATAR 76.4 - Charles Sturt Wagga – Bachelor Animal Science.

Tathra Difinubun - Ext English 1 and Ext English 2 – ATAR 80.05 – Taking a gap year.

Chloe Mayberry - Ext English 1 – ATAR 85.40 - Canberra University – Nursing.

Terri Milani - Design and Technology – ATAR 83.35 – UOW

Ellie Wright-Pederson - Design and Technology; Advanced English; Ancient History; Geography – ATAR 95.10 - UTS – Bachelor Design & Visual Communications or may study in Denmark.

Mr Ken Bates (Principal) said, "It was a collegial group held together by the work of their year advisor and school mum, Mrs Gabrielle Hobbs. They had a friendly, competitive spirit and encouraged each other to do better."

We are incredibly proud of our students and wish them all the best for their future.

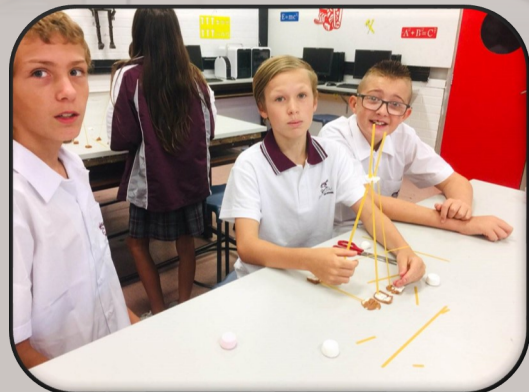
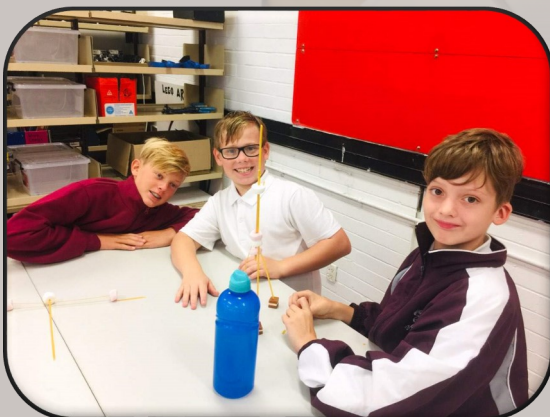
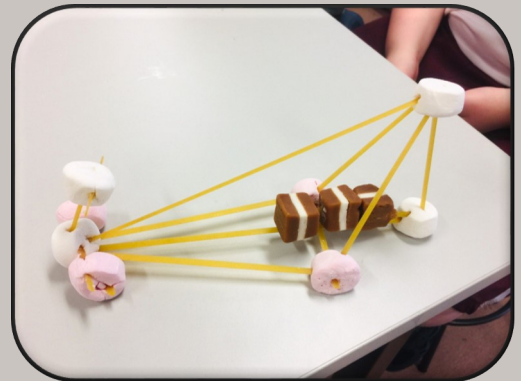
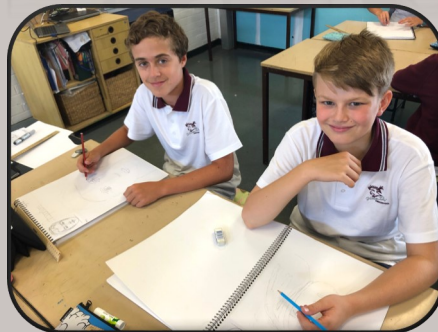


Welcome to the VHS family Year 7!

We have 231 Year 7 students spread across 9 classes for the 2019 school year!

We would like to congratulate all of Year 7 for the mature way in which they have started their journey through High School. As the group has come together, they have shown the type of respect, humour and enthusiasm that we could only hope for.

Ms Corr and Mr Brindley are excited about the school camp which is scheduled for the 4th-6th of March. Get excited, keep an eye out for the note and get ready for the camping experience of a life time!



PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF MOBILE PHONES

BACKGROUND

Vincentia High School acknowledges that students may need to be in possession of a mobile phone for reasons of safety in travelling to and from school.

AIM

To ensure the continuity of an effective learning environment uninterrupted by the distraction of mobile phones (or other electronic devices) and to eliminate the threat, or likelihood of any threat, to the safety or wellbeing of any person.

OBJECTIVES

1. To ensure all staff, students, parents/caregivers are familiar with the policy and procedures.
2. To ensure that quality teaching and learning in the classroom is not hampered by irresponsible behaviour.
3. To eliminate inappropriate use of mobile phones so that they could be used to bully, intimidate or otherwise harass others through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the phone.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Procedures distributed to all staff and explained at a staff meeting. Future staff meetings used to reinforce the procedures.
2. Parents/Caregivers informed of procedures by email, website and social media.
3. Deputy Principals conduct year meetings to explain and distribute copies of procedures.
4. **If** a student wishes to bring a mobile phone, (i.e. for contact with parents whilst travelling to and from school) then the phone must be switched off from the time the student enters onto school grounds until the student leaves the school grounds at the conclusion of the school day. During this time, it is recommended that the phone be kept in a discreet place within the student's school bag and that it should not be removed during the entire school day. This applies to all school activities whether at camp, on excursion, attending sport, carnivals or other such events.
5. If a student is found with a mobile phone, or device in their hand or on display at **ANY** time during the day, *then on first instance*
 - (a) the teacher will give a note to the student to take the item to the Deputy Principal.
 - (b) receipt of the item will be recorded on a record by the Deputy Principal and a return to class note provided to the student.
 - (c) the student will be required to collect the item at the end of the school day

If this should occur a second time, the student shall receive a lunch detention.

A third infringement will lead to an after school detention supervised by the Deputy Principal.

Repeated failure to observe this school requirement will lead to the confiscation of the device to be collected by a parent of the student and consideration of school suspension for persistent misbehavior for failing to observe school rules.

6. The usual communication between teachers and parents regarding illness, property, messages, emergencies or school issues remains via the front office.
7. The school can accept no responsibility for the security or care of mobile phones, or other electronic devices that are brought to school. These items are brought to school at the owner's risk.

South Coast Sport Team Trials

If you are interested in trialling for a South Coast team in the follow sports, please see Miss Amor in the PE staffroom A20 to get your nomination forms ASAP.

Volleyball Open Boys/Girls
Baseball Open Boys
Tennis 15s/Opens Boys/Girls
Touch Football 15s only Boys/Girls
Rugby Union Open Boys/Girls
Cricket Open Boys
Netball Open Girls
Basketball Open Boys/Girls
Soccer Open Boys/Girls
Golf all welcome
Rugby League 15s/Opens Boys
Hockey Open Boys/Girls
Lawn Bowls all welcome
AFL Open Boys

Best Start Year 7 Assessment

Our school will participate in Best Start Year 7, an online literacy and numeracy assessment available to secondary schools at the start of Term 1, 2019

Best Start Year 7, undertaken within the first five weeks of the school year, assesses key literacy and additional support in developing their literacy and numeracy skills

The purpose of the Best Start Year 7 assessment is to provide feedback to teachers to help identify student needs

Best Start Year 7 is just one of a range of assessments the school uses to assess students.

ALOE BLACC

Feb
26
2019

Doors open
from 5pm



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vendors*

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\$47- \$94

A ONE NIGHT ONLY APPEARANCE & Q&A SESSION

Limited VIP Meet & Greet Tickets available.

International recording, singer songwriter, Grammy Award nominated artist **ALOE BLACC is coming to Vincentia High School!**

Here to support our fundraising event for the school's Antipodean Cambodia expedition, don't miss your chance to see this great performer.

Tickets available from VHS Facebook Events or aloe-blacc.eventbrite.com.au



Celebrating our school spirit!



The values of Vincentia High School are

Respect, Responsibility & Personal Best

This weeks recipients are:

Lachlan O'Neill

Finn Lohmaier

Brayden Saunders

Olivia Lee

Shianne McAuley

Isabelle Burnett

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.

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<http://daylightsportswear.com/vincentia>

We accept credit card payment through Paypal

Please pick up your purchase from the school uniform shop and be mindful of the hours below for pickup. **We are going bag free, so please bring your own bag.**

If you order after 10.30am Thursday the order will not be ready for pick up until 9.30am Tuesday

We do not offer home delivery at this stage

Shop hours to pick up order:

TUESDAY:

7:45am - 10:30am

WEDNESDAY:

7:45am - 10:30am

THURSDAY:

7:45am - 10:30am

You can choose different sizes when you come in to pick up, if the one in your order does not fit.

Please bring a copy of your Paypal receipt as proof of payment.

Return of any school team sport uniforms & blazers

This is a shout out for the return of any school team sport uniforms or blazers that you may have accidentally left at home! Each year we have a few items that don't make it back to school, and we need them for next year's teams!

It would be greatly appreciated if you could please have a look at home and return any to the sport staff room. Thank you.

Next Parents & Citizens meeting

The next P&C Meeting is on Monday 18 February 2019 at 6pm.
All welcome.

New Detention Policy

Dear Parents and Caregivers

After much consideration and consultation we will be commencing with a new discipline procedure at school to assist students in correcting their behaviour. When a student breaches our school discipline code in class or is persistently misbehaving, their teacher may place them on detention at recess or lunch that day or the next day available. It is the responsibility of the student to attend that detention and be counselled by the teacher in regards to expectations within that particular learning environment. If the student attends the detention as expected, there should be no further consequence.

However, if the student forgets to attend or chooses not to;

They will be issued with a second detention. It should be clear that this second detention does not replace the first but is additional. The student must now attend both teacher detentions. If they do there are no further consequences.

If they choose not to attend or forget to attend they will now be issued with a Head Teacher detention in addition to the two teacher detentions. This has an accumulative effect where extra detentions are added each time students do not attend their detention, they do not supersede or replace the existing detentions. If the student attends the Head Teacher detention they will be counselled by the Head Teacher on their actions that have led to this detention and will still be required to complete the two Teacher detentions.

If a student fails to attend the Head Teacher detention they will be issued with a second Head Teacher detention that is added to the previously issued detentions. At this point, the total number of detentions the student must attend is four, two teacher and two Head Teacher.

If a student refuses to attend any of the Head Teacher detentions they will be placed on a Deputy Principal detention which will occur after school from 2.30pm until 3.20pm on either a Tuesday or a Thursday. This Deputy Principal's afterschool detention does not replace the other detentions but instead is added to them.

If a student fails to attend a Deputy Principal detention they will be issued with a second Deputy Principal's afterschool detention and a formal caution of suspension for continued disobedience.

If, after being issued with two Deputy Principal's detentions, a student fails to attend they may be suspended. Upon return from suspension as a part of their successful resolution of the suspension they will be required to attend all detentions they had failed to attend.

Serious breaches of our school discipline code may result in Head Teacher or Deputy Principal's detentions being issued directly. Parents will be informed that their child has been placed on a Deputy Principal's afterschool detention at least the day prior to the Tuesday or Thursday detention. No 'After School Detentions' will be issued on the same day. After school detentions will commence Tuesday 13 November 2018.

We rely on parental support in the disciplinary actions we need to take to ensure your child's school is a safe, inclusive and happy place of learning and that the students who attend Vincentia High School can learn without the distraction of poor behaviour from other students. We constantly require students to be respectful, take responsibility for their actions and always strive to achieve their personal best.

If you would like to discuss this further I am happy to speak about it at the P&C meeting, or you may make an appointment by calling 4441 6766.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ken Bates

Principal

November 5, 2018

Term 1, 2019

Thursday 7/2/2019

- ☞ Vincentia High School Swimming Carnival all day
Nowra Swimming Pool Ms Amor

Thursday 14/02/2019

- ☞ HSC Callbacks Seymour Centre Everest Theatre
Chippendale all day Ms Nolan

Tuesday 26/02/2019

- ☞ Aloe Blacc Concert in multipurpose hall doors
open at 5.00pm

Wednesday 27/02/2019

- ☞ NSW All Schools Triathlon Championships
Penrith Mrs Boyce

Thursday 28/02/2019

- ☞ NSW All Schools Triathlon Championships
Penrith Mrs Boyce

Friday 01/03/2019

- ☞ NSW All Schools Triathlon Championships
Penrith Mrs Boyce

Monday 04/03/2019

- ☞ Year 7 Camp

Tuesday 05/03/2019

- ☞ Year 7 Camp

Wednesday 06/03/2019

- ☞ Year 7 Camp

SCHOOL CONTACTS

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| K Bates | Principal |
| 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 |
| S. Starkey | Deputy Principal (Years 7 & 10) |
| T Johnson Warnecke | School Administration Manager |
| M McNeil | Careers Advisor/VET |
| P Greyling | Head Teacher WellBeing |
| M Swanson | Head Teacher Admin Teachers |
| G Brindley | Head Teacher Admin (Students) |
| J Holloway Fry | Head Teacher English (Rel) |
| J Still | Head Teacher Mathematics (Rel) |
| T Borg | Head Teacher Science |
| L Ryder | Head Teacher CAPA |
| 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) |
| J Scott | Head Teacher Gumbari |
| T Smith | Head Teacher LaSP |
| K Lane | Head Teacher Ganya Garindja |
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