

VINCENTIA VIBE - THE VOICE OF OUR SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 4 21/02/2019

Aloe Blacc appearance at VHS is next Tuesday!

We are excited to announce that international recording, singer/songwriter, Grammy Award nominated artist Aloe Blacc will be at our school on Tuesday 26 February 2019, for a fundraising event with a Q&A! Vincentia High School are facilitating this Antipodeans fundraiser for our students Expedition to Cambodia 2019.

A group of Year 10 and 11 students from Vincentia High School are holding a fundraiser to support their Antipodeans 'Community building leadership program.' The students will travel to villages in Cambodia and work on the renovation and construction for the benefit of children less fortunate in small communities. In turn our students will call upon qualities of resilience, determination and responsibility.

Tickets by Eventbrite are available through the Vincentia High School Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/events/263863590953684/

or: www.aloe-blacc.eventbrite.com.au

VIP - Meet and Greet: Prior to the event you will have a chance to meet Aloe Blacc and take photos and get 1 item signed. Don't forget to bring your own sharpie. \$90.00. Only 50 available.

General Admission: General Admission Standing, dance floor. First in first served \$45.00

General Admission Seating: Seating at mezzanine back of the hall with top view, bring a pillow for extra comfort. \$60.00. Only 200 available.

Food and drink vendors will be onsite from 5pm for a 6pm start.

Support acts: Maya Jupiter, Vincentia High Dancers and Ensemble.

This tickets are selling fast so grab your tickets now.

STRICTLY NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED AT THIS EVENT





Clontarf Academy at Vincentia High School

Vincentia High School has partnered with The Clontarf Foundation to start an academy at school. The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, and by doing so, equips them to participate meaningfully in society. Clontarf provide full time mentoring and support to young Aboriginal men throughout their high school years and assist them with their transition to further training or employment.

We would like to welcome Jermaine Packer and Harley Grundy as our full time, Clontarf staff mentors who will be based in our school cottage to support the 107 young men currently enrolled at Vincentia High. The mentors will counsel students on a range of behavioural and lifestyle issues while the school caters for their educational needs. Jermaine and Harley are in the early stages of planning some wonderful events and activities for 2019. Physical fitness training will be one activity offered before school on Tuesday and Friday of each week followed by a cooked breakfast, and table tennis games will be available during recess and lunch.

Using a comprehensive approach of supportive relationships, a welcoming environment, and a diverse range of activities, the students develop improved self-esteem and confidence.

The Foundation believes that failure to experience achievement when young, coupled with a position of under-privilege can lead to alienation, anger and more serious consequences. As a prelude to tackling these and other issues, participants are first provided with an opportunity to succeed and in turn raise their self-esteem.

The Foundation's approach has been very successful, not only in attracting young men to school and retaining them but also in having them embrace more disciplined, purposeful and healthy lifestyles, turning them into respectable young men.







Vincentia High School 2019 Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the age champions from last week's swimming carnival. We look forward to recognising their achievements at the next school assembly. **Waki** earned the most points on the day, well done **Waki** students.





13 yrs
Girls **Laylah Connelly**Boys **Lissenden Mackay**









17 yrs
Girls Hollie Miles
Boys Jeremy Head





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Zone Swimming Champion

Huge congratulations to our students who represented at the Shoalhaven Zone swimming carnival on Tuesday 19 February. A fantastic achievement by Hollie Miles, receiving age champion and a new zone record for 200m medley! We had some amazing individual results and finished strong in relays with a special mention to our open senior girls relay 1st place! Our students showed true spirit all day, cheering and supporting all the athletes.





Library Refurbishment!

I'd like to welcome all students back to our School Library after a fabulous refurbishment over the summer break. The Library has undergone a major makeover and is now a modern, welcoming, fresh new space for the whole school to enjoy.

With lovely new carpet and freshly painted walls the library space has truly been transformed. We also have modern new shelving purchased by our wonderful P&C. A big thank you to the P&C Committee for supplying this resource that will benefit all students.

We have also updated our class set of laptops for use in the Library. Our students will certainly appreciate new laptops.

The Library will be utilised by classes doing research and project based learning as well as independent studies by students. All Year 8 classes will spend one lesson a week specifically learning about good research habits and how to find and evaluate information.

Our Year 7 students have all logged into our school network and can access their school accounts. Please remember your password is private and confidential and is not to be shared with anyone.

Year 7 are also having their photos taken and School ID cards will be made for them shortly. These students are the first year to be given swipe cards, enabling them to print from the library printer by swiping their card. It can also be used to borrow library books and textbooks.

We have new books coming in all the time. Please come and see them on display or check in with our Oliver Library system from your Student Portal.

The library is opened for individual students to research, borrow books or complete homework/assignments before school, recess and lunch and for 15 minutes after school.

Please come and visit our fabulous new Library space.

Fiona Blair









Vincentia High School Welcomes Prospective Year 7 Students

Tuesday 12 March 2019 5.30pm - 7pm

Beginning in our School Hall, the night will include:

Principal Address

Student programs and school events

Entry test and class placement information

Meet and greet Year Advisors, teachers and Student Representative Council

Open Q&A session

Tour of faculty areas

For further information, please contact Mrs Sandy Clark on 4441 6766 ext: 115 or email Sandra.m.clark@det.nsw.edu.au

"We prepare students to meet the challenges of a changing world by developing their full potential socially, creatively and academically."

School Captains 2019





G'DAY USA JANUARY 2020 LAST CHANCE TO JOIN!!



Tour Highlights Include:

- Disneyland
- Universal Studios
- Knott's Berry Farm
 - San Diego
 - San Francisco
- Stay with a host sister or brother
- Visit an American High School

"I wish all kids could have the amazing experiences EWT provides. Travel truly is the best gift we can give our kids!"





To find out more information contact: Mrs Kylie Newton

> Visit: www.ewt.com.au Email: info@ewt.com.au

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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.



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













Vincentia High School Web Store



Web store is now open Click to purchase online and pick up in store

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.

Careers and Job Vacancy Website

Careers Advisor Mrs McNeil has set up a special website for everything to do with careers and job vacancies. A link to this site can be found on the Vincentia High School Website under the Supporting our Students > Careers tab. The site will include the careers newsletter and be updated weekly, you can make it your one stop shop for careers news!

The website link is:

http://www.vincentiahighschoolcareers.com/

NAPLAN 2019

NAPLAN will be delivered to Year 7& 9 students from 14 May – 24 May 2019.

For more information see the fact sheet below:

NAPLAN parent fact sheet

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

Friday 22/02/2019

- Yr8 Ecological Field Trip Moona Creek Huskisson all day Mrs Corcoran
- Royal Canberra Haow Alpaca and Halter Epic Park Canberra Mr G. Worthy, Mrs G. Worthy and Ms M. Worthy
- Gumbari Unicorn Cheese Excursion

Saturday 23/02/2019

Royal Canberra Haow Alpaca and Halter Epic Park Canberra Mr G. Worthy, Mrs G. Worthy and Ms M. Worthy

Sunday 24/02/2019

Royal Canberra Haow Alpaca and Halter Epic Park Canberra Mr G. Worthy, Mrs G. Worthy and Ms M. Worthy

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

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

C Burnett School Counsellor

K Rees School Counsellor

G Brown Aboriginal Education

Officer Ganya Garindja

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