



VANGUARD MILITARY SCHOOL EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY



As we come to the end of Term Three, I would like to thank you all for your personal effort and resilience demonstrated over this term.

Term Three started very well and we all believed that the tough part of the year was behind us and we could move on, but this was unfortunately not to be and the

school, along with you all, had to lock-down again. However, yet again, the Vanguard recruits, their staff and their parents/care-givers stepped up, and even though we were not at all happy with the situation, we all just got on with making the best of it. As a result of the hard work and effort put in by all during the lock-downs, most of our recruits are still well on track to passing the year. So again, a big thank you to our recruits for your determination and effort and all our families for supporting and motivating them to dig deep and do what is needed to get the job done.

It is also necessary to commend the Vanguard staff, for their perseverance and tenacity this year, when it comes to sticking to task. Unlike many, Vanguard has not used the Covid-19 debacle as an excuse to write-off this year's

goals, but together with the recruits and their families, the team simply worked harder. As many know, "it is not the hand you are dealt that counts, it is rather how you play that hand that defines you". The Vanguard approach to this year has been and still is, no excuse and no giving up.

We are all looking forward to a well-deserved break, and expect to return rested and revitalised for the final push to the finish line in Term Four. Thank you again to our staff for another great term. Your dedication to our recruits and all your hard work is highly appreciated by all.

Congratulations to DP Montgomery and his Hinton Section for setting a new all-time Vanguard attendance record. Hinton recruits were able to attend



school for fifteen days in a row, without a single recruit being absent or late. The record they broke was previously held jointly by Staff Opperman's Trigg Section and DP Hedley's Ward Section.



It is with great pleasure that we welcome Staff Gale to the school. Staff Gale joined the admin team just before the lockdown and in her short time with us has become an integral part of the Staff Team. We thank her for her contribution to date and hope she has a long and enjoyable stay at the school.

under some very difficult situations, so, enjoy the well-earned break, look after yourselves over the next two weeks and come back to school in Term Four ready to finish the year really well.

To our parents/whanau/caregivers, thank you for your ongoing support of your children and this school. Be safe and look after yourselves.

FROM THE ADMIN DESK

ABSENCES

A reminder for Term 4 that a parent/caregiver must call in an absence before 0830 to avoid students receiving a CT for Non-Contact.

A student is more than welcome to also call in their absence in the first instance but a parent/caregiver must verify this by call or email by the allocated time.

If the school has to contact a parent/caregiver to investigate an absence, the student will also be issued a CT. A timely reminder also that all medical appointments where a student will be late to school or must leave early need to be pre-approved by that student's Deputy Principal prior to the day they require leave.

UNIFORM

As we approach a new year with new recruits, we encourage anyone requiring new uniform for Term 4 to get their orders in as

soon as possible so we can ensure we have the correct stock on hand.

UPCOMING EVENTS

25 Sept	End of Term 3 Progress Reports
12 Oct	Term 4 Commences
13 Oct	Orientation Evening 7pm
26 th Oct	Labour Day
3 rd -5 th Nov	Derived Grade Exams
16 th Nov	NZQA External Exams Commence
9 Dec	Graduation

PARENTAL PERSPECTIVES

We'd love to hear your feedback on what it's like to have your child attend Vanguard.

If you would like to contribute to the next edition, please contact us at: admin@vanguard.school.nz



To the Vanguard recruits, you have worked very hard this year

INTERSECTION LEADERBOARD



Section	Points
Hinton	577
Laurent	486
Trigg	464
Ward	457
Ngarimu	439
Upham	424
Trent	395
Apiata	392
Hulme	365
Elliot	359
Judson	293

STUDENT FEEDBACK

We asked a few of our students how they coped during Lock Downs in 2020 and how they felt that this has impacted their years learning and how they felt supported by their wider School Community.

Orion Turner, Year 11 NGARIMU

At the very beginning, I wasn't very keen nor excited about the idea of learning from home as I enjoyed being at school so much. But as we eased into it, all the support from my teachers helped change my mindset towards online learning. They did this by reminding us daily of their support and help if it were needed. This resulted in me finding online learning easier and much more calming than when I first started. My eagerness to get back to school and into classrooms allowed me to cope with the workload as I didn't mind what had to be done, I was just ecstatic to be back. I don't believe this has thrown me off course.

I would confidently say Vanguard has supported me in ways unlike any other school/school teachers would have. Our teachers go out of their way all with the same goal in mind, which is to help us succeed. I don't believe any other school would come close to even being equal with supporting their students the way Vanguard does, and for that I'm grateful.

Oscar McKenzie-Linnell, Year 13 LAURENT (HEAD BOY)

At the start of the first lockdown, online learning was definitely challenging, as it was something that a lot of us had not experienced before, however, after around a week of trial and error, and a lot of support from our fellow recruits and Staff members, online learning became as normal as face to face classroom learning.

During the second lockdown, online learning was second nature and quickly became the norm, with

very minimal disruption to our learning. Returning to school was different, as we had a new set of rules that had to be learnt in order to protect the health and safety of one another, but we quickly picked them up and returned to our newly altered school schedule without much disruption. The Staff also made sure that we knew that we had their full support, and that everyone will achieve their NCEA level if they continue to work hard.

The support that the recruits and I received from the school was nothing short of phenomenal. Staff members were constantly checking up on their students, making sure they knew what their current tasks were and if they understood what needed to be done. If a recruit was struggling, a Staff member would set aside some of their own personal time to set up a quick online meeting outside of school hours so they could help the recruit and get them back on track. Staff members are constantly checking up on recruits, making sure their school and home life are running smoothly, and not letting anyone slip between the cracks.

The overall support from the Staff has been remarkable, with many recruits already passing the year before the end of term 3. If that doesn't speak volumes about the commitment of our recruits and Staff members, then I do not know what does.

Danessa Lemalu, Year 12 WARD

My first few days I felt excited to embrace my new schooling life and was eager to get back on track. This quickly phased out as I started

to struggle with self-discipline, motivation and time management.

Eventually the realisation of having to do school work at home 24/7, staring at my classmates through an electronic device, lacking social interactions and face to face guidance from my teachers was having a negative impact on my learning.

Online learning does not compare to real life classroom experiences. I wouldn't change the transition back to school life for anything. Having freedom to walk to school with my classmates and interact with my teachers is something I value and appreciate. I was sceptical about how I would pass this year but with the new structured plan in place and a purpose, I was determined that the pandemic would not affect my NCEA grades. Frequent contact with my teachers helps me stay on track. Vanguard helped me with the wrap around support I needed to get through the pandemic with confidence and determination.

The Vanguard Staff and Teachers are always very genuine in helping each and every individual student to succeed through their actions of empathy, guidance and understanding. Through their efforts, they taught me to be resilient, responsible and more independent. I will forever be thankful for my Vanguard Whanau.

RECRUIT PHOTOS

Staff Calverley's PE Class



I'm sorry I didn't catch all their names but I did catch one name Paris Hatcher - so please pass on my compliments and if possible acknowledge Paris and her bus buddies for being great representatives of your School.

All the best for bright futures for each of them.

-SHERYL

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Compliments to your Recruits:

Hi there, I was on the 415pm #120 bus today which was very full. The bus driver asked for the schools to make seats available. Without hesitation your students stood and welcomed others into their seats.

I wanted to say that these students are great ambassadors of your school and uniform.

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