

VANGUARD MILITARY SCHOOL EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY** 



Term One has been another successful term for our school, our staff and our recruits. It has again been an interrupted term and undoubtedly a stressful time for many of our Vanguard community. Well done to our new recruits for stepping up so well during these disrupted times. Settling in to the Vanguard routine

isn't always easy. The message is to enjoy the term break and come back to school ready for Term Two.

A big thank you must go to the staff and recruits, who have worked very hard to make up the lost time at the start of the term. It is very pleasing to be able to advise our parent/caregivers that all the lost time has been made up already, so that Term Two can proceed as planned. A big thank you to all our recruits, parents and caregivers for the big part you play in helping us make this all happen.

The Vanguard Military School Terminator, held up at Matakana on Thursday 9 March, was again a fantastic day out for the school. Thank you to Staff Mueller and his team and all the Vanguard staff, for the military precision organisation and running of the

event. The recruits also need a word of praise for their gutsy and never give-up attitude to taking on the challenges of the event. The teamwork, the support and encouragement and the determination every section displayed on the day was extremely satisfying. The feedback from all was also one of being highly impressed with what they witnessed. Well done Vanguard. It is these types of displays that set us apart and demonstrate what this school is achieving with its educational programme.

It has again been fantastic to see the high level of achievement this term, both academically and in the area of school attendance. Well done staff, recruits and parents/caregivers for assisting with these achievements. Those few who were unable to meet the standard this term, I am confident, will pick up the effort in Term Two.

Earlier in the term we received the school's academic results for 2022. The 2022 data has remained in-line with all the previous years' results, making Vanguard's last five years of performance data truly outstanding.

The 2022 NCEA results again reflected academic performance way above the national average.

## Vanguard 2022

Level One 95.0%

Level Two 95.9%

Level Three 92.1%

### **National Average**

Level One 64.0%

Level Two 74.2%

Level Three 67.6%

#### Our Decile

Level One 58.8%

Level two 68.3%

Level Three 60.9%

Well done to all our 2022 recruits.

And, to all our new recruits, this is again our expectation for you. All you need to do is turn up at school every day and try your best and you will be just as successful.

An interesting observation from this data is that:

For a Level One Student, working at the national average, the odds of getting a level three pass is **only 32.1%**, While at Vanguard the **chance is 83.9%**. This equates to 2.6 times more likely.

One of the reasons why Vanguard recruits have been able to consistently achieve these results is because our recruits maintain a very high attendance rate.

Vanguard currently sits on a 95.0% Attendance Rate for Term 1 2023.

Thank you and well done to all those people who have contributed to this amazing success story.



A big welcome to Staff Pritchard, who has joined the Vanguard staff team this year. Staff Pritchard is former NZ Army and in his short time at the school he has demonstrated his enormous value as a teacher in a military school.

With great sadness, we farewell Staff Mehew and wish her well with her new career in the NZ Fire Service and thank her for everything she contributed to Vanguard during her time at the school. She will be missed.

I would like to thank all the staff, recruits and parents/caregivers for their hard work and support this term, and wish you all an enjoyable term break.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the ANZAC Day celebrations on the 25<sup>th</sup> April.



# FROM THE ADMIN DESK

### **ABSENCES**

A reminder for Term 2 that a par-

ent/caregiver must call in an absence before o830 to avoid recruits receiving a CT for Non-Contact. A recruit 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 recruit will also be issued a CT. A timely reminder also that all medical appointments where a recruit will be late to school or must leave early require approval from their Deputy Principal prior to the day they require leave.

### TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

From April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023, the Government have reduced public transport fares by half. This will be reflected in your travel payments until June. Recruits will still receive the correct amounts to be able to buy concessions for travel to and from school.

You may also be aware that student discounted fares ended on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023. All students who



were present on the day of photos have already been issued their new student ID card to be able to renew this discount although an ID card is not always neces-

sary. The renewal process only requires you to have an AT online account and your child's NSN (National Student Number). Once you have input these details into their AT online account, their student discount should be reac-

tivated for another year. If you have questions about this process, please contact Auckland Transport directly to discuss on og-3553553.

## **EXEMPTIONS FROM PT**

Please discuss the process of lanyards with your recruit and their Section Leader. Recruits may only provide a written note from parents/caregivers for a short time before a medical note must be provided. Excusing your child from PT must be done in writing prior to midday either by note or by email on <a href="mailto:admin@van-guard.school.nz">admin@van-guard.school.nz</a>. We cannot take calls during the lunch rush regarding exemptions from PT.



### **PT HIRE**

PT Hire is to be utilized as an emergency system for reasons outside a recruits control. The system was put in place to teach responsibility, pride and care for their uniform. We have many recruits who have hired more than 10 items in Term 1. Please note that once a recruit reaches 20 hires which is usually a rare occurrence, they will receive a CT for every hire thereafter despite topping up their balance further.



# INTERSECTION LEADERBOARD

Section	Points
TRENT	183
WARD	148
HINTON	147
ELLIOTT	145
LAURENT	142
TRIGG	137
NGARIMU	132
APIATA	122
HULME	108
JUDSON	104
BASSETT	80

# **WELL DONE TRENT!!!**



# UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

6 APR	End of Term 1
7 APR	Good Friday
10 APR	Easter Monday
24 APR	Start of Term 2
25 APR	ANZAC DAY
26 APR	School Closed as Day in Lieu for Anzac Day
5 MAY	Teacher Only Day
9 MAY	Parent/Teacher Inter- views
16 MAY	Parent/Teacher Interviews
5 JUN	King's Birthday
12 JUN	School/Class Photos

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ANZAC DAY
SERVICES

25th April

Auckland Museum 0530

**Browns Bay 0815** 

