



*VANGUARD MILITARY SCHOOL EFFORT BRINGS REWARD*

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY



At the midpoint of the 2023 year, I would like to thank all our recruits and staff for their hard work and our community/parents/whanau and caregivers who have again supported us fully in our endeavour to optimize the learning experience for their children. This time of year, is always the most difficult to navigate, as the end

goal is in many cases still a long way off and it is difficult to maintain focus for these extended periods of time. It is now that the support and encouragement our recruits receive is most important.

The school's academic programme has progressed according to plan, with most recruits tracking along perfectly. For those who have not been able to perform at their best so far this year, it is not too late to put in the effort that will ensure your success this year.

Our staff, recruits and their parents/whanau/caregivers, must be thanked for the amazingly good attendance rate this term. Attendance in term two and three traditionally tend to be lower, due to the winter ails making many too sick to attend school. Our re-

cruits were sitting at 94.2% attendance at the end of the ninth week, but unfortunately the last week of the term hit us hard, dropping us down to 91.8%. This is still a fantastic result for us and we are very pleased and proud of all of you for gaining this achievement.

Term Two sport has been good with some good results for our teams. Thank you to the staff and supporters for the support given to our teams. It is always good to remember the Vanguard focus is more about how our teams have played the game, the impeccable display of sportsmanship that has made us all so proud to be part of Vanguard Military School, rather than whether we have won or lost the game.

Well done Vanguard sports teams the coaches and managers and the supporters.

To the Vanguard Staff, thank you for another great term, your dedication to our recruits and all your hard work is highly appreciated by all. Enjoy the well-deserved break.

To all our recruits, thank you for your effort this term, have a good rest and we will see you back ready to go next term. Please be safe during the term break.

To our parents/whanau/caregivers, thank you again for your ongoing support of your children and this school.

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

14 JUL	Matariki Holiday
17 JUL	Start of Term 3
25 JUL	Orientation Evening
5 AUG	Car Wash School Fund-raiser
28 AUG	Class/Team Photos
22 SEPT	Vanguard Challenge Cup
22 SEPT	End of Term 3

## FROM THE ADMIN DESK

### TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, the Government have permanently reduced public transport fares by half. This will be reflected in your ongoing travel payments. Recruits will still receive the correct amounts to be able to buy concessions for travel to and from school for the month.

### PT HIRE

PT Hire is to be utilized as an emergency system for reasons outside a recruit's 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 2. 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.

### 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 in the week of injury or sickness 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 [admin@vanguard.school.nz](mailto:admin@vanguard.school.nz). We cannot take calls during the lunch rush regarding exemptions from PT.

## INTERSECTION LEADERBOARD

Section	Points
HINTON	407
WARD	404
TRENT	394
ELLIOTT	394
TRIGG	368
LAURENT	356
JUDSON	316
HULME	312
NGARIMU	293
BASSETT	248
APIATA	238

WELL DONE!



## SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

In Term 2, our Head Boy and Year 13 recruit **Dylan Burrows** got to experience the wonder that is...

### Spirit of Adventure

Here is his story:

"Before going on the trip, on a boat that I had only heard about once, I found myself a bit of a mix between excited and nervous. Excited about spending ten days out on the ocean, but nervous because I will be thrown out of my comfort zone. After a car ride down to Princes Wharf, I found myself in front of this huge ship with the people that I will be spending the next ten days with. At 3 pm we said our goodbyes to the people that had brought us here and started talking to each other. I remember a lot of people asking each other where they were from. I had also heard so many different answers, a few were from Christchurch, a couple from Southland, and some were from Auckland. After we had made new friends, we went down to get the bunk numbers. There

were three bunks going up. I had found myself on the bottom bunk. After we had all introduced ourselves to our bunkmates, we all got set into our groups. The ship had been split up into four quadrants, port A and B, starboard side A and B. This was like our sections where at the end of the day we would get together and discuss what we had done each day. Every morning we had a briefing right after eating our breakfast. This is where we would plan our day out, alongside getting our directions for the day. Straight after this, we would all split off and do one of four things, clean the top deck, prepare the food for dinner, clean the sleeping quarters or help the cook. After lunch we would set sail as we were slowly making our way to Great Barrier Island. On the way to the island, we had to cross over the Hauraki Gulf and past Port Jackson where we were not protected by the heavy waves. The boat was nearly tipping over and a lot of us

became seasick. After getting to Great Barrier, we all went for a walk to a waterfall. We spent 3 days in Bays before we slowly made our way back to Auckland. I had a great time and would definitely go again. I hope the next person that gets to go



enjoys it just as much as I did. I haven't gone into every detail because there is no way to explain fully what you do and how much fun you have. If you get the chance to go, you should definitely do it."

## COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

**From Gary: (member of the public)**

"I would like to take this opportunity in congratulating the school's staff for the exceptional behaviour that was observed while parked at the Constellation bus station by one of the school's male students who this week at 1530 hrs stood back and waited for everyone else to board the bus ahead of him.

This act of behaviour proves Vanguards Military School is instilling exceptional standards of courtesy to students.

Thank you to the staff for teaching such brilliant standards of courtesy".



# CONTACT DETAILS

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## ANZAC DAY

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