



VANGUARD MILITARY SCHOOL EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

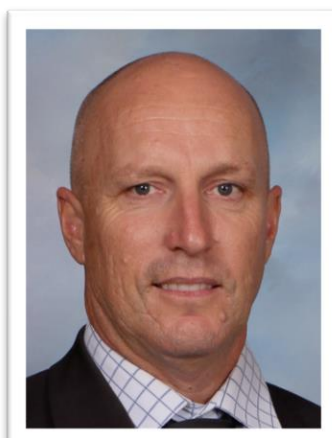
ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY



Term one has been a very good term for the school, our staff and our recruits. We did experience some minor interruptions due to the short Covid-19 lockdowns, but the extra effort by the staff and the recruits nullified any serious set-backs. It has been a long term, particularly for our new recruits who had the extra two

weeks of induction, but a very successful term in all areas that the school focuses on. Our new recruits have settled in very well and our returning recruits have also stepped up a level with another year under their belts. Each year this process seems to be achieved far more quickly and it is very pleasing to be able to pass this on to you the parents/caregivers and thank you for the big part you play in helping us all make this all happen.

I would also like to **welcome back** to the Vanguard family, Staff Mueller, who has re-joined the Vanguard Staff team this year. Welcome back Staff Mueller, we have missed you.



The school had its official ERO school readiness review this term, and thanks to the Board, the staff, the recruits and our parents and caregivers, the review was a resounding success.

**A special thank you** must go to all the Board members, Staff, Recruits and Parents who gave up their precious time to be part of the review and so professionally and effectively represented our school as part of the review. The ERO assessors conveyed how impressed they were with the high

level of consistency with which the recruits answered the questions put to them and commended the staff on the high quality, all-encompassing work they are doing for our recruits and our school community. A particularly touching bit of feedback was that our recruits totally trust in their staff and their school and that they felt that the staff knew them all very well. This would not be typical of most schools. Thank you all for portraying our school as it really is - a very unique educational facility.

On Friday 26 March the school ran its annual "Terminator" event up at the Matakana military obstacle course. The event was as usual well planned and the recruits performed as expected - brilliantly. This event is one of the school's special character highlights of the year and a big thank you must go to all the staff for the planning and running of the event and to the recruits who made the day so memorable for all.

It is with pride that I can congratulate our recruits and their parents for the outstanding attendance stats achieved so far this year. Even with the Covid-19 requirement of staying at home and having a Covid test, if any cold or flu-like symptoms occur, the school has been able to achieve outstanding attendance results. As we all know, if you come to school, you have the best chance of achieving academic success.

## The Vanguard Attendance Stats for Term One:

### Overall Attendance Rates

Year 11	-	94.0%
Year 12	-	94.6%
Year 13	-	90.5%

### Overall Attendance Rate for School - 93.2%

There are no annual national attendance stats for secondary schools since 2016 to be found, but comparing Vanguard to the selected national school attendance stats for Term 2 in 2019 and 2020 we can clearly see the contrast.

### National Average

2019 - 57.7%

2020 - 64.0%

Vanguard Term 1 2021 - 93.2%

Vanguard Justified Absence - 6.0%

Vanguard Unjustified Absence - 0.5%

Vanguard Truancy Absence - 0.1%

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

I would like to thank all the staff and recruits for their hard work this term and wish you all an enjoyable term break; you have all earned it.

See you all at the ANZAC Day celebrations.

# FROM THE ADMIN DESK

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## ABSENCES

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A reminder for Term 2 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 require approval from their Deputy Principal prior to the day they require leave.

## UNIFORM

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Orders for uniform can still be placed at any time during the school holidays via our website. They will however not be processed until the office reopens in Term 2.

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2021

16 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term 1
25 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC DAY
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Start of Term 2
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Teacher Interviews
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Teacher Only Day
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Teacher Interviews
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Orientation Evening for 2022 Enrolments Y11
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Teacher Only Day
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Public Holiday – Queens Birthday
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term 2

## STUDENT FEEDBACK

We asked two of our new recruits for 2021 how they are settling in Vanguard Military School. Here is what they had to say....

*Vanguard is a very welcoming environment with a family like feel. From the very first day I began Vanguard, I felt this. I feel genuinely cared about and welcomed as an individual so I feel as though I have settled into Vanguard extremely well due to this support. As*

*a vanguard recruit, the aspect I enjoy most is the positive attitude, discipline, support and encouragement around the school from the staff and fellow recruits. It really feels like a family. The highlight for me this year has been meeting the staff and other recruits as they have already had such a positive impact on my life. Physically, the Terminator Challenge was also a huge highlight.*

- **Amy Lambert TRENT**  
Year 12

*I have settled quite well into Vanguard considering I moved out of home and away from my home city to attend. This is the only school where I feel that I truly belong. I believe this school was made for me. I enjoy the uniform most. It is an honour to wear it and I do so with extreme pride. The highlight this year for me was the Terminator Challenge. It was the greatest competition we've had so far and I loved it because I love winning.*

- **Teancum Tuialii WARD**  
Year 13

## INTERSECTION LEADERBOARD



Section	Points
Hinton	271
Ngarimu	206
Ward	182
Laurent	186
Trigg	167
Upham	158
Trent	201
Apiata	160
Hulme	155
Elliot	103
Bassett	211
Judson	128







## Congratulations to our 2021 Leaders!

Head Boy – Heath Chamley

Head Girl – Carina Tukula

Deputy Head Boy – Kaati Tonga

Deputy Head Girl – Kate Cooper

## TERMINATOR CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the winners of our Terminator Challenge in Matakana at the end of March.

- 1<sup>st</sup> WARD
- 2<sup>nd</sup> APIATA
- 3<sup>rd</sup> NGARIMU



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