

# VLC NEWS

## A word from our Head of Campus

What a great start to the term our students have had. After a long summer break it can be challenging for students to rediscover their groove and get back into the swing of things on campus. The students of VLC need to be commended for the positivity and calmness they have shown as they get their heads back into learning. We are moving quickly through the term and students have already handed in assessments. As we move in to the second half of our term, I urge you to talk to your student and encourage them to seek support if they need it, to commit to being on campus on time and to be Present, Productive and Positive while in class.



Vasi Danbury

## Important Information

SENIOR &  
 JUNIOR  
 STUDY  
 HUB  
 EVERY  
 THURSDAY

Teachers will allocate students if they are falling behind and students are expected to attend.

## A word from our Dean of Students

Welcome back to our returning students and those who are new to our school. It has been a pleasure getting to know them in these first few weeks and watching them relax as they settle in and realise that we really do offer a space for them to continue their education in an environment that suits their needs. Now is a timely reminder to ensure that our students are attending every lesson, on time. Being PRESENT is the key step to engaging with our programs and ensuring they are receiving the explicit instruction needed to pass their upcoming assessment tasks. Our students have been very PRODUCTIVE in these first few weeks, let's continue this in a POSTIVE manner and achieve success for all of our Term 1 students.



Lym Brownlee

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## *A word from our GO*

We are excited to introduce our Micro-Credential Award Program, which helps students earn recognition for mastering essential 21st-century work skills such as:

- Creativity
- Collaboration and Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Community Engagement
- and Self-Efficacy

These digital micro-credentials can be linked directly to a resume, shared on social media, or downloaded to a wallet on a phone for easy access. While staff are always on the lookout for worthy recipients of these awards, parents and carers are also encouraged to let us know if your student is involved in community activities, such as sports, the arts or volunteering, that we are able to acknowledge with an award.

For more information, or to tell us about our student's good deeds in the community, feel free to contact Guidance Officer Dale McLeod ([dmcle21@eq.edu.au](mailto:dmcle21@eq.edu.au) or 55538300).

Thank you for your continued support!



*Dale McLeod*

## *A word from our Head of Department*

Welcome to the new term, although we are halfway through already! How quickly time goes.

Due dates are here and with it comes heightened emotions and stress. If you need help getting your assessments done and handed in, you must let us know – whether that's your teachers or myself. We have ways we can help you if you have a medical certificate to cover you for due dates.

We all want to see you succeed, so help us help you by keeping us in the loop!



*Jasmine Dick*



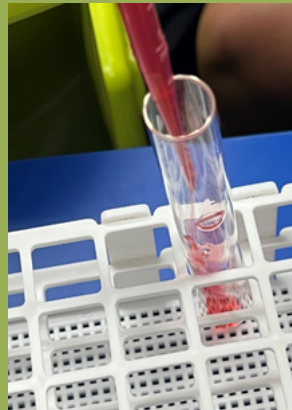
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## Awesome news here.....

This week in Science in Practice we have been investigating DNA and Genetics. As part of this we have extracted the DNA from strawberries. The process involved breaking open the cells and separating the DNA. First, the strawberries were mashed to break open cell walls. Then, a lysis solution containing detergent and salt was added to dissolve cell membranes and release DNA into the solution. The detergent breaks down lipid membranes, while the salt helps DNA strands clump together. Finally, cold alcohol (such as isopropanol) was carefully layered over the mixture, causing the DNA to precipitate out of the solution, making it visible as white, stringy strands. The students were then able to remove this from the mixture.



Tony Lappe



## Free advice from our students.....

It is always difficult to start at a new school. It can be nerve wracking, especially when you see that VLC does not like a "normal" school. Students who have been with us for a while have provided advice for new students at VLC. Who knows, it might just be useful to you to heed the advice of those who have "been there and done that" and are on the cusp of graduating year 12!

*"My advice for a new student would be that it is important to go to each lesson and put effort into your work" - Alicia*

*"Who cares who likes you and who doesn't, if they don't they're probably miserable" - Hayley*

*"Listen more, Talk less" - Angelina*

*"To attend every class, be on time and make new friends" - Ava*

*"Don't be stupid" - Jayden*

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## *Celebrating our students.....*

In English, there are multiple tools that you can use to capture your audience. One technique is personification. This is when you attribute human characteristics to something non-human. Below are some excellent examples from our year 10 students who have captured the concept perfectly. The creativity of our students is on display throughout our campus and it always inspires us knowing we have such talented students at VLC!

**I am the colour dark red. I taste like juicy grapes and cherries. I sound like an old and fancy romantic love story. I move like a flowy dark red dress walking in the wind. I want desire, I want romance, I want to be mysterious, I want to be passionate. I fear nothing. I am gorgeous and have no reason to fear. I have the power to make anything look passionate and powerful. Everyone loves me, everyone wants me and wants to be me. But I have deeper meaning to me than most people can see..... I am Dark Red**





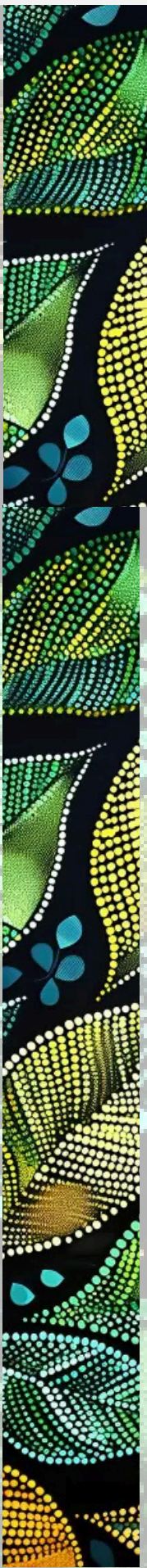
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## *Celebrating our students.....*

The 2025 art class is a lovely group of students who are so incredibly full of talent! They have been very busy over the last couple of weeks doing lots of drawing experiments and learning many different types of drawing media, in preparation for their major drawing. They have experimented with creating tone with lead pencil, blending with oil pastels and having fun using watercolour pencils. They have created some incredible artwork, and I can't wait to see what they create for their major drawings, watch this space!



*Sam Rothero*



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## *Important information for parents and students of VLC*



Our student kitchen is currently being renovated. During construction and installation, access to the kitchen will be limited for safety reasons. We encourage all students to bring bottled water or a water bottle to school. From week 7 access to the kitchen will be limited. As a result we will be encouraging students to bring refillable water bottles.