

Vanguard News

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EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ROCKLEY MONTGOMERY

Welcome to the first edition of the Vanguard Military School newsletter for 2015.



Welcome back to all our second year recruits and their families, our hard working staff, as well as a big welcome to all our new recruits and their families. The Vanguard family is growing.

It is with enormous expectation that we now move into our second year of operation. After the fantastic achievements of last year, Vanguard is this year looking to repeat and even improve on various aspects of our 2014 performance. This is a big ask and will not be achieved without a huge dose of hard work from all concerned, but just like last year we have supreme confidence in making 2015 as good if not better than 2014. Many of our new recruits have already shown they have what it takes to make their Vanguard Military School educational experience a huge success.

Vanguard has kicked off the year just as fast and possibly even more efficiently than last year, quickly getting into stride for a successful first term. Our new recruits have settled in very well, no doubt a result of a little more experience on the part of the staff, but also our returning recruits must be given a lot of credit for their contribution of leading the way for the new recruits, not to mention the positive role-modelling they provide.

For many of our new recruits it could not have been easy coming to terms with the military ethos of Vanguard, with all the hard work expected from every recruit at school every day, the long trips to and from school for some, the expected high standard of discipline when in uniform, the consistent focus and high expectation for all, but now that they have completed a successful first term, they can take a break, relax and feel the pride of their first term success.

The 25% growth in the school's roll has been very pleasing, one of the advantages being the full school parades looking rather spectacular with the extra numbers.

I wish the staff and all our recruits the best for the coming term break, one that is well deserved.

HUGE SUCCESS IN 2014

NICK HYDE, CEO

Welcome back to all existing parents and students and a big Vanguard welcome to all new parents and students.

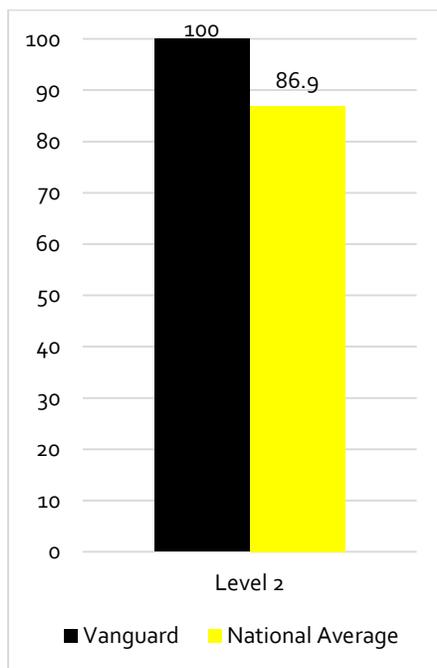
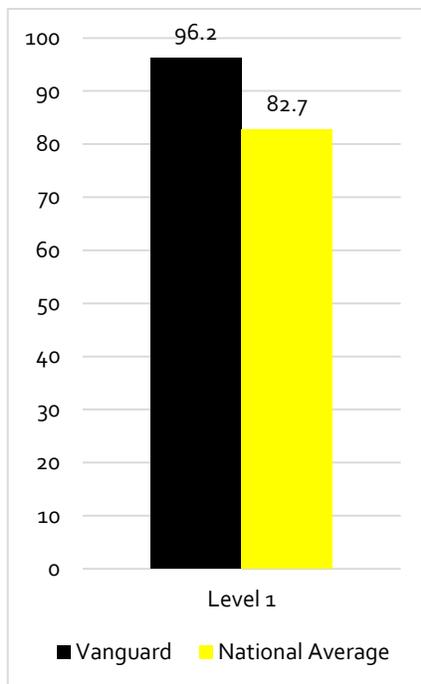
With our first year complete and Term 1 coming to a close, now is a good time to look back on the achievements for Vanguard. With a huge effort from an outstanding staff and the buy in and motivation from the students to achieve, Vanguard posted the following NCEA results.

Level 1 96.6% Success – this ranks us 11th in schools in Auckland.

Level 2 100% Success – this ranks us 1st equal.

| TOP AUCKLAND SCHOOLS | | |
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| Rank | School Name | % |
| 1 | Te Kura Maori o Nga Tapuwae | 100 |
| 2 | Sancta Maria College | 99.2 |
| 3 | Sacred Heart College | 98.5 |
| 4 | Baradene College | 98.2 |
| 5 | St Kentigern College | 97.9 |
| 6 | Diocesan School for Girls | 97.8 |
| 7 | Carmel College | 97.3 |
| 8 | St Cuthbert's College | 96.9 |
| 9 | Henderson High School | 96.7 |
| 10 | St Mary's College | 96.6 |
| 11 | Vanguard Military School | 96.2 |

CURRENT OVERALL RESULTS



These are truly outstanding results that we will endeavour to deliver year after year.

For 2015 the school roll has grown from 108 to 144. This year we have Level 3 students and I look forward to the day when our first graduate from Vanguard leaves us to enter University. Students are already

finding a career path with the New Zealand Defence Force with Sarah Booth and Dylan Wood entering service last year, currently we have Eldene Ruki, Sarah Samuelu and Ethan Griffin in basic training and in 2015 Kristin Sutherland, Nivial Shortt, Mason Peteli and Montana Taogaga have already passed their NZDF entrance exams.

Our Level 1 students have now found their feet and adjusted to life at Vanguard. It takes us a while to get them trained in the style that we use but they are now all well under way with their academics with many assessments being sat in this last week before the term break.

The Level 2 students completed a very successful camp up at the Matakana Military Club and have gained several credits from their work up there. An article on the camp will feature in the next edition.

Our Level 3 students have completed a block computing course and done exceptionally well in their Maths assessment. All in all a very positive start has been made by all which were reflected in their reports at the end of Term 1.

Lastly ANZAC Day is a very large part of our school year. This year marks 100 years since the Gallipoli campaign began and I would encourage you all to come down to the Browns Bay service to watch and admire your child with pride as they represent you, themselves and our school in such a respectful manner.

GRADUATION 2014

NICK HYDE, CEO

Held at the school on the morning of Friday, 12 December, the Graduation Ceremony was a celebration of success of our students.

There were many special guests including Members of Parliament Mr David Seymour and Ms Paula Bennett, the advocate of Maori language education and the Kohanga Reo movement Dame Iritana Te Rangi Tawhiwhirangi, the past president of the ACT party, representatives from the Ministry of Education, members from the school's Advisory Board, the New Zealand Defence Force, local companies and industries and a large number of family and friends.

A highlight of the morning was the family atmosphere, supported by speeches, videos and the school haka. Enthusiastic applause greeted the award recipients and in particular the students who received special awards.

The Principal, Mr Rockley Montgomery congratulated all the prizewinners and acknowledged the many and varied successes during the year. He commented on the positive characteristics of our students, the values they hold and the community minded way in which they support each other and the school.

Congratulations to the students who received the following special awards:

PHYSICAL TRAINING CUP
sponsored by Under Armour

Ben Salmon-Johnston

CHALLENGE CUP

Hulme Section IC William Reber

SECTION TROPHY

Elliott Section

LEADERSHIP AWARD sponsored
by CANON

Jerome Puni

PRIDE OF VANGUARD sponsored
by Precision Real Estate

Mason Peteli

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 10 April | End of Term 1 Progress Reports |
| 23 April | Term 2 Commences |
| 25 April | ANZAC Day Parade |
| 28 April | Parent-Teacher Interviews |
| 5 May | Parent-Teacher Interviews |
| 7 May | Year 11 Science Field Trip |

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MEDIA WATCH

Our school features frequently in a number of media articles. In case you missed them, check them out below:

Go and take a look at a video montage of the end-of-year 2014 graduation ceremony produced by Dylan Peteli, a family member of one of our students.

Here is the link to the youtube clip
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_6OGM13UzA

Look out for the press release by Vanguard Military School on our huge NCEA success. See:
www.scoop.co.nz/stories/ED1502/S00065/huge-ncea-success-at-vanguard.htm

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