



## Information Update – School Visit to Vanguard Military School

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### Vanguard Military School - 854

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**Contact Name:** Rockley Montgomery  
 (At institution)

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 Rosedale  
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### Key People

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**Principal** Rockley Montgomery  
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**Ministry Officials:** Tanya Harvey  
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 Director of Education Tāmaki Makaurau  
 North and West Auckland

### Profile Information

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Authority	State
School Type	Secondary (Year 9-15)
School Gender	Co-Ed
Education Medium	English
Equity Index Rating	494
Electorate	East Coast Bay
Te Mahau   Region	Tāmaki Herenga Tāngata



## Current Roll

Ethnic Group	Number	Percentage (%)
Māori	47	29.7%
Pacific	25	15.8%
Asian	12	7.6%
MELAA/Other ethnicity	3	1.9%
European/Pākehā	101	63.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>100%</b>

- Vanguard is looking to extend the roll to include year 9 and 10 students.

## Background Information

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1. Vanguard Military School is a designated special character senior high school in Albany on Auckland's North Shore.
2. In mid-September 2013 it was announced that Vanguard Military School would be established and start operating as one of New Zealand's first Partnership Schools. Vanguard Military School was opened at the start of Term 1, 2014.
3. Vanguard Military School delivers the New Zealand curriculum to Year 11-13 students using a very highly structured approach to teaching, learning and discipline with the specific aim of students gaining NCEA and University Entrance qualifications.
4. As of 2019, Vanguard Military School was reclassified as a Designated Character School.
5. Vanguard Military School has one student intake per year with new students starting their schooling in mid to late January. Enrolments open in March each year and must be submitted through the enrolment section of their website. The school has no zoning, so anyone can apply.
6. In 2016, Vanguard opened its Charitable Trust which is run by four independent members and is separate from the school and the school's advisory board.
7. Vanguard Military School has developed strong community connections and participates in ANZAC Parades, poppy collections, and other community activities.

## Education Review Office

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8. The November 2023 ERO Review Report highlighted the below -
  - The school can draw from the following strengths to evaluate how well it sustains and improves programmes of learning that promote equitable and excellent outcomes for all learners:
    - a special character that sets expected standards and promotes confidence through accomplishment and challenge to motivate, engage and improve.
    - a culture that promotes self-belief, a sense of belonging and overall pride
    - effective pastoral care and strong family/whānau involvement and support

- strong leadership and an educational model supported by established processes, procedures, and protocols.
- quality staff to facilitate sustained and improved learner outcomes.
- Moving forward, the school will prioritise:
  - leadership to support progress in academic, attendance and behavioural outcomes for all learners to succeed.
  - professional development that aligns with the special character and learner outcomes to improve teacher capability.
  - effective use of school data to improve learner outcomes and promote greater equity especially for students at risk of not achieving.

## Kāhui Ako | Communities of Learning

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9. The school does not belong to a Kāhui Ako.

## Attendance Data for the School

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10. Regular attendance for attendance for Term 4, 2023 was 56.7%. This is higher than the national average of 53.2%.

## School Donations Scheme

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11. The school opted-in to the School Donations Scheme for 2023 and has opted-in for 2024. The school received \$26,957.19 (excl. GST) in lieu of donations in 2024, and \$22,039.16 (excl. GST) in 2023 based on the July roll return.

## Property

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12. The school entered into a lease for its current premises when it operated as a partnership school. The lease has since been taken over by the Ministry and has rights of renewal through to 2031. The overall property condition is average. There is no green space.
13. The school principal has been approached by Massey University who are looking to lease some property at its Albany Campus. The school is interested in this as a potential future property option.
14. We are in touch with Massey University about its intentions for some of these facilities and are considering how they might support network and infrastructure challenges in the local school network.

## Other known risks or issues

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15. Vanguard Military School is looking to move to a new site:
- Their current school building can only accommodate an absolute maximum of 192 students. This means that they can only accept just over 192 when enrolling students for the following year. In October 2023, they closed enrolment with 110 new applicants accepted, and the whole school roll of 194.

- The school started Term 1 this year, with 92 new students attending and 81 returning students. This gives the school a total school roll of 173 students for the start of 2024.
- The school can only have one intake of students per year, and their multiple exit point system means that when students have achieved their pre-established pathway plan, they can leave the school and are assisted by the school with their next step. Be that university, apprenticeships, general employment or getting into the forces.
- They have expressed the need for a new site so that the school can enrol as many students as possible to meet the growing demand.

## Annex 1: Run Sheet

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Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Time	
8:45am	Vanguard School Morning Parade
8:55m	Parade finishes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students form up in the hanger (hall)</li><li>• -Staff Form up in the hanger</li></ul>
9:00am	Minister Arrives (They have been asked to please be on time) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• -Minister will walk into the Hanger with Rockley (Principal)</li><li>• A designated Teacher will welcome the Minister firstly in Māori then English.</li></ul>
9:05am	Small Parade and Military Demonstration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Followed by the School Pledge and School Haka.</li></ul>
9:15am	Opportunity for the Minister to respond to the welcome and talk to the students
9:20am	Students are dismissed to class
9:25am	Opportunity for Minister to discussion his announcement with media

There will be locations available for the Minister and Media to use.

The Minister has visited the school many times for graduations so is aware of the layout.