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## Vincentia High School students spruce up park in Sanctuary Point.

Sanctuary Point is set to be given a face lift in an effort to reduce graffiti, as students from Vincentia High School work in partnership with Shoalhaven City Council to design and create an artwork mural for Francis Ryan Reserve at Sanctuary Point.

A Safer By Design Safety Audit recommended that local students create an artwork to cover the amenities block at the reserve.

The Audits recommendations are based on the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Principles. The principles suggest that public art is an effective tool for deterring crime such as graffiti and vandalism.

This successfully proven program is already visible locally and creative public art can be seen on many power boxes throughout the CBD as well as the fence on the Princes Highway, north of the bridge.

The Vincentia High Students have been supported by Council's Youth Development Officer, Donna Corbyn, Warren Jones, a local youth worker and Josh Wiffen who is a professional artist working with the Access Community Groups Youth Connections Program.

Josh is a well known artist and has worked with council's in neighbouring LGAs, including Shellharbour and Wollongong to deliver successful community art projects such as this. The students spent time with Donna, Warren and Josh workshopping ideas for the art work design and have been busy ever since creating and applying the artwork on site, to the amenities block.

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