

Vista Murrieta High School opened its doors in 2003. In the simplest of terms, a building of brick and mortar stood before a small staff of fewer than one hundred individuals. The questions that we all asked ourselves was how can we make this school amazing; how can we make every student count; how can we make this institution more than “just a school,” but a community for everyone, a place where students and staff feel they are part of something bigger than themselves, a place to be proud of where they can show their passion and cheer each other on in the most spirited of ways.

The answer to these questions is rooted in our philosophy and school motto of CLASS: Character, Leadership, Attitude, Scholarship and Service. CLASS, which was introduced by our founding principal, is a culture and a way of life for students, staff, and community members. It is our firm belief we are not merely building scholars, but citizens of the world that will thrive in all settings. CLASS has become a touchstone for our community, something to believe in, and the measure by which we hold ourselves accountable. It gives our students the confidence to know they are doing the right thing and the freedom to embrace and contribute to our school spirit. From a welcome rally in a packed gymnasium in the Spring of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year, to the moment freshmen walk through a spirited tunnel of encouraging upper-classmen on the first day of school, our overwhelming school spirit becomes permeated into their being. These activities give Broncos an injection of what it means to “Do things with CLASS, the Bronco Way” for the next four years and beyond.

Our campus is alive with student-leaders and activities. With over 70 student-led clubs and co-curricular organizations and 22 high-performing athletic teams, our students impact their community through strong leadership, positive mindsets, and impassioned service. Students have often tripled their efforts from previous years with successful blood drives, food drives and community outreach. Broncos aim to make lives better. With an attitude of positivity, their efforts to lead, act, and serve in this manner have helped make Vista Murrieta the most spirited school in the nation.

Our school culture has become one that exceeds the expectations of what it takes to be a Bronco. We continually strive to advance our energetic climate to make our staff, our community, and most importantly our students more connected to what it means to be “OKB—Our Kind of Bronco.” When Friday night lights shine down on our stadium, it’s not just bleachers filled with spectators, it’s a community banded together to instill spirit and life into every individual we meet. Broncos don’t just sport blue and gold and cheer loudly; they live The Bronco Way. Whether it’s in the classroom, on the field, or in the community, the Bronco spirit is contagious. Vista Murrieta High School: it’s not just a high school, but a way of life.