

19 August 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

### **Year 10 Ball 2025**

The Year 10 Ball is a long-standing tradition at the College. With training already well underway, it's been very affirming that this event is highly valued by our students and staff.

As a compulsory event, there is an expectation that all Year 10 students will participate in both the practices and the evening itself. We recognise that some students may find either or both components challenging for various reasons, and we encourage them to speak with their Head of House so we can provide the best possible support.

A reminder that PE uniform is not required or permitted for practice. The ball will take place on **Friday 12 September 2025** in the Mercy Centennial Stadium. To ensure that we can maintain a safe environment in relation to the capacity of the stadium, each student will be given two viewing tickets for family members to come and watch the formal dances and one ticket for the student to gain entry. These tickets will be required to be shown for entry to the event.

The format of the night will be as follows:

- 6:30pm – 7:00pm – Arrival
- 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Presentation of formal dances
- 8:00pm – 8:30pm – Light Supper and informal gathering of students and parents
- 8:30pm – 10:00pm – Student only social\*

Students, if they so choose, are permitted to leave the event with parents after the formal presentation during the light supper. **Students who stay for the social time must remain until they are collected by a parent/guardian at 10:00pm. No students will be permitted to leave during this time.**

To ensure the safety of our students, students are to be collected from the gate in Skene St at 10:00pm by their parent/guardian. They will not be permitted to walk home from the event or leave with other parents.

### **Students are asked to dress as follows:**

Keeping in mind that this is a school event where students are presenting themselves to the greater College community for a short period of time, **there is no expectation of families to go to great expense for this evening.** The dress requirements are also needed to allow for students to fully engage in the dances and be able to move freely.

We reserve the right to refuse entry to students who do not meet the dress requirements as stipulated below:

**Dresses:** are to be below the knee and at least 3cm off the ground. They must not be strapless, expose the midriff, lower back, or upper thighs. They are not to have cut outs.

**Suits:** a business shirt, tie and trousers are the minimum requirement. Jeans are not permitted. A suit jacket is not required.

**Shoes:** runners/sneakers and flat canvas shoes are not allowed. Stiletto heels cannot be worn as they damage the surface of the Stadium.

Students are expected to adhere to all College Policies; in particular, students are reminded that they are not to consume alcohol or drugs prior to attending, or at the Ball.

Finally, we must clarify the College's position on 'After Parties'. The College takes no responsibility for the organisation, running or transport to and from any 'After Party'. The College strongly advises against the organisation and hosting of these events. The dangers and the lack of community tolerance for these types of events has been widely publicised in the local media in the past few years.

We look forward to working with the students in preparing them for the Ball and to a very enjoyable evening. Thank you for your ongoing support.

If you have any further questions about the ball, please direct them to the relevant Head of House.



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