



HENRY KENDALL HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Year 12 Students

The final stage of Year 12 has finally arrived and the school looks forward to celebrating the success of such a fine group as the *Class of 2012*. To that end, and to make it as fulfilling and safe as possible, the school would ask you to take special note of the following arrangements.

Monday 17 September: Those students who would like a school reference will need to collect an application from Mr Pratt and return it to the PDHPE staffroom.

Tuesday 18 September 2012: An expectation is that all of Year 12 will be in normal, timetabled lessons until the end of this day. Some students remain at risk of not completing their HSC unless this is fully performed. Indeed, the potential for all students to improve their HSC results in these final weeks cannot be underestimated.

Wednesday 19 September 2012: This is the last day at HKHS and, as such, we have a tradition of sending off our Year 12 students in style. The morning starts with a dress-up breakfast where students from each playground 'hang' dress up in a theme and the Year Adviser and staff organise a breakfast. Here we can share stories, take photos and sign shirts. During Period's 1 and 2, we have a series of activities and games on the oval, organised by Mr Pratt, which culminates in a BBQ, followed by staff applauding the students as they leave the school gate for the last time at around 12 noon. The activities will be confined to the oval only, and must not involve any other students from the school. Staff who would normally teach Year 12 during Period's 1 and 2 will be on general supervision. Any activity that would be seen by the school as vandalism, or that interferes with the normal running of the school and/or safety of themselves or others will not be tolerated. Year 11 exams will continue in the MPC and Year 12 must respect the learning of the entire school. Year 12 students should not be in any other part of the school. Anyone who cannot abide by these parameters, or fails to follow a direct instruction from a member of staff, unfortunately, runs the risk of jeopardising attendance at the official parts of our celebrations. This may include exclusion from the celebration assembly, the School Formal, and /or a requirement to attend the HSC exams at an alternate site. In the past, this has not been necessary at Henry Kendall High School.

Thursday 20 September 2012: Our Official school farewell and graduation assembly will take place in the MPC at 9.30am (arrival by 9.15am). Parents and friends are most welcome and encouraged to attend. This will finish at 11.00am and will be followed by morning tea in the MPC. Students, again, may leave at the completion of this assembly. All students who attend and receive their school report and reference must be in full uniform. This includes plain black school shoes, the senior uniform and proper green school coloured jacket/jumper (if needed). Students out of full uniform will not take part and will receive their package by mail.

Friday 19 October 2012: final date for payment of Formal tickets (see below for details).

Please note: Formal tickets cannot be purchased until ALL outstanding course fees and charges have been paid.

Friday 16 November 2012: Clearance of textbooks will take place in the library during Periods 3 and 4 unless other arrangements have been made with Mrs Taylor. Formal tickets cannot be picked up until all textbooks have been returned. Tickets can be collected from Mr Pratt. The Year 12 Yearbook committee has been working hard to produce an excellent keepsake. They will be available on the clearance day.

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Tuesday 20 November: Year 12 Formal will be held at Mingara at 6.00pm. Tickets will be available from the Front Office and include a two course meal. Each student is allowed a maximum of four people (a partner and two parents). Payment can be made until 19 October.

Wednesday 19 December 2012: Students are invited to attend a barbeque in the senior area at 11.00am to celebrate the release of HSC results. We look forward to individually and collectively celebrating the past years of school life and future goals of all students. ATAR results will be released to students on the following day. Schools do not receive this information. We would love to hear from students about their performance. Students may like to ring or again come to the school to let us know.

Old Uniforms: Any school uniforms in good condition that are no longer required would be greatly appreciated in the clothing pool. Simply donate at the Front Office.

This time of year poses specific risks in terms of personal safety as large numbers of graduating students across the coast can sometimes create a potent mix, especially when alcohol is often involved. I would ask that parents and their sons and daughters discuss issues such as drink-driving, safe partying in general, and the potential for assault when in large gatherings late at night, and civil disorder that police will be targeting around the end of Term 3. These types of issues can cause much grief and disappointment when celebration of an important milestone in a person's life should be the main focus.

We all look forward to celebrating the success of students, staff and families within the proud traditions of Henry Kendall High School.

Yours Sincerely

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