



HENRY KENDALL HIGH SCHOOL

Principal – Andrew Backhouse

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Year 12

The final stage of Year 12 has arrived and the school looks forward to celebrating the success of such a fine group as the *Class of 2016*. To make it as fulfilling and safe as possible, the school would ask you to take special note of the following arrangements.

Friday 16 September 2016 – References: Those who would like a school reference will need to collect an application from the front office and return it to the front office by Friday 16 September.

Tuesday 20 September 2016 – Normal Lessons: 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 21 September 2016 – Celebration Day: Students may organise and attend celebrations in the morning until recess. These activities must be confined to the oval only, and must not involve any other students. Staff who would normally teach Year 12 during Periods 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. Any activity in the community that contravenes community expectations and standards and is in any way linked with the school will also not be tolerated. Year 11 exams will continue and Year 12 must respect the learning of the entire school. Year 12 students should not be in any other part of the school.

Students with ideas for celebration activities need to see their Deputy Principal, Natalie Wearne, for her input into the appropriate nature of events. 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 Year 12 Graduation 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. At break, staff and Year 12 are invited to a barbeque in the senior area. At the conclusion of the barbeque, students will be farewelled informally by staff and allowed to leave school at approximately 12 noon.

Library Books and School Fees: School fees will need to be paid as soon as possible. Library books will need to be returned by **Wednesday 21 September** unless other arrangements have been made with Mrs Taylor.

Thursday 22 September 2016 – Graduation Assembly: Our official school farewell and Graduation Assembly will take place in the MPC at 9.30am. 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 may leave at the completion of this assembly. All students who attend to 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.

Thursday 13 October 2016 – Yearbook: The Year 12 Yearbook committee has been working hard with Mrs Draper to produce an excellent keepsake for you. The cost is \$25 and they will be issued at the Year 12 formal. Final payment is due today- the day of the first HSC exam.

Monday 7 November 2016 - Sign Out Day: Final clearance will be during period 3 and 4, in the library only.

It is requested that you return all textbooks etc on the day of your HSC exam, eg English textbook on the day of the HSC examination.

Monday 21 November 2016 – Year 12 Formal: This will be the last time that the Year 12 cohort will be together as a group and it is a wonderful way for students, parents/caregivers and teachers to farewell each other.

Each Year 12 student is allowed a maximum of four tickets including themselves. Parents and partners of students are invited to attend the formal. Parents may choose to attend the pre-dinner drinks only at a reduced price, or may choose to attend the entire formal event. Tickets can be purchased from the front office from Week 9, Term 3. Final date for payment is **Monday 10 October 2016**. The formal is by invitation only.

Table seating requests will be accepted by Mrs Draper upon presentation of receipt.

A professional photographer has been booked for the evening and information of how to access photos will be given on the night.

The Year 12 Formal is an **alcohol free** celebration.

Venue:	Ettalong Beach (Diggers) Club
Date:	Monday 21 November 2016
Time:	6.00pm for drinks and canapés – 6.30pm seating for dinner
Price:	\$15.00 per person to attend the pre-dinner drinks and canapés OR \$75.00 per person including pre-dinner drinks and canapés and a two course dinner, drinks, tea/coffee
Dress:	Formal

Please notify Mrs Draper as soon as possible of any special dietary requirements.

Friday 16 December 2016 – Celebration BBQ: Students are invited to attend a barbeque in the G Block Courtyard at 11.00am to celebrate the release of HSC and ATAR results. We look forward to individually and collectively celebrating the past years of school life and future goals of all students. 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.

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.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Backhouse
Principal



Natalie Wearne
Deputy Principal



Jade Draper
Year Adviser

13 September 2016