



HENRY KENDALL HIGH SCHOOL

Principal – Andrew Backhouse

Dear Parents/Caregivers

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 2019*. To make it as fulfilling and safe as possible, the school would ask you to take special note of the following arrangements.

Wednesday 4 September 2019 – References: Those who would like a school reference will need to print an application from the google classroom and return it to Ms Perkins by Wednesday 4th August, 2019.

Wednesday 25 September 2019 – Celebration Day: There will be a barbeque breakfast from 8.00am for students who then 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, Donna James, 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 approximately 11.00am, students will be farewelled informally by staff and will leave school.

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 25 September** unless other arrangements have been made with Ms Klein.

Thursday 26 September 2019 – 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.

Yearbook: The Year 12 Yearbook committee has been working hard with Mrs Keft to produce an excellent keepsake for you. The cost is \$25 and they will be issued at the Year 12 formal or the sign out day. Final payment is due the day of the first HSC exam.

Tuesday 19 November 2019 – 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. **Strictly only 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 8, Term 3. Final date for payment is **Friday 18 October 2019**. The formal is by invitation only.

Table seating requests will be accepted by Ms Perkins upon presentation of receipt.

A professional photographer is being booked for the evening and information on how to access photos will be provided prior to the conclusion of Term 3.

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

Venue: Crowne Plaza, Terrigal
Date: Tuesday 19 November 2019
Time: 5.30pm for drinks and canapés – 6.30pm seating for dinner
Price: \$25.00 per person to attend the pre-dinner drinks and canapés
OR
\$110.00 per person including pre-dinner drinks and canapés and a three course dinner, drinks, tea/coffee
Dress: Formal

Please notify Ms Perkins as soon as possible of any special dietary requirements.

Tuesday 17 December 2019 – Celebration BBQ: Students are invited to attend a barbeque in the G Block Courtyard at 11.10am 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

Donna James
Deputy Principal

Tegan Perkins
Year Adviser

Year 12 final stages flowchart

