



HENRY KENDALL HIGH SCHOOL

Principal – Andrew Backhouse

Dear Parents/Caregivers

17 September 2020

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 2020*. To make it as fulfilling and safe as possible, the school would ask you to take special note of the following arrangements.

Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 September 2020 - Students have been set activities for Monday and Tuesday of their last week. Anyone who cannot follow sensible guidelines 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.

Wednesday 23 September 2020 – Celebration Day: There will be a barbeque breakfast from 8.00am for Year 12 students to celebrate together 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 to 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. 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 23 September** unless other arrangements have been made with Ms Klein.

Thursday 24 September 2020 – Graduation Assembly: Our official school farewell and Graduation Assembly will take place in the MPC at 9.55am. Parents and friends are encouraged to view the ceremony through livestream and/or a recording of the event through the school Facebook page. This will finish at 11.10am and will be followed by morning tea. Students may leave at the completion of this assembly. All students who attend to receive their school report 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.

Monday 16 November 2020 - 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 English HSC examination. Bring any textbooks not returned during this time back on sign out day.

Tuesday 17 November 2020 – 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 and teachers to farewell each other.

In line with the Department's COVID Guidelines, specific requirements are in place for this year's formal;

- Attendance is restricted to Year 12 students and supervising staff only.
- All food will be served in individual portions at seated tables.
- There is a maximum of 10 attendees per table.
- Students are asked not to crowd in groups including when arriving or leaving the event.
- A dancefloor will be provided, and we have ensured there is sufficient room for 1.5 metres physical distancing.
- Singing and chanting is not allowed.

Tickets can be purchased from the front office from Week 9, Term 3. This year the Year 12 Formal is being subsidised by the school, as well as by the P&C. Final date for payment is **Friday 23 October 2020**. The formal is by invitation only.

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

Ms Keft will be our photographer for the evening, and all students will be provided free access to the digital files. A photo booth will also be available for those fun photo's.

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

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| Venue: | Henry Kendall High School MPC |
| Date: | Tuesday 17 November 2020 |
| Time: | 6.00pm for 6.30pm seating for dinner |
| Price: | \$50.00 including and a three course dinner, drinks, tea/coffee |
| Dress: | Formal |

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

Wednesday 16 December 2020 – Celebration Morning Tea: Students are invited to attend a morning tea in A 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. Police have advised that they are placing a particular focus on ensuring COVID community guidelines are adhered to. 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

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Principal

Natalie Wearne
Deputy Principal

Sasha Fitzgerald
Year Adviser

Year 12 final stages flowchart

