Dear Year 12 Parents/Carers,

As we enter the final weeks of Year 12 I am taking this opportunity to write to you outlining a number of important events occurring this term.

Firstly, final Year 12 reports will be distributed to the students on Monday 9th September. Each student will be interviewed by a teacher adviser and encouraged to develop a plan of action leading up to the HSC examinations in October.

Three events have been planned to celebrate the achievements and contributions of the class of 2013. On Monday 16th September students of Year 12 will perform a farewell concert for their teachers. This concert will give students the opportunity to entertain and thank the teachers who have supported them throughout the last six years. Unfortunately, due to limited seats, this performance will be for students and teachers only.

In the last week of term Year 12 will have a picnic day on Wednesday 18th September at Drummoyne Pool. You will receive a permission note for this event shortly. The last day of classes for Year 12 will be Monday 16th September. However students performing at the Spring Proms concert will need to attend their allocated rehearsals on Tuesday 17th September.

On Thursday 19th of September we will all celebrate and farewell Year 12 with our Graduation Ceremony in St. Georges Hall. The ceremony will start at 12pm with a light afternoon tea to follow. We look forward to your company. Please note that due to space limitations each student will be restricted to 2 guests for the graduation ceremony.

We all want the end of Year 12 celebrations to be something that students, parents and staff will fondly remember. This is why we have added the concert and picnic to the planned list of events. It is also important that students understand that any inappropriate behaviour will have serious consequences for them as well as risk ruining the celebrations for others.

This is highlighted by the following quote from the DEC, Deputy Director-General, Schools.

"Students should be reminded that antisocial activities are not appropriate at any time nor in any place and that they should not expect to be exempted from the law on the basis of their status as students.

I seek your assistance in ensuring that Year 12 students clearly understand their responsibilities when engaging in end of year activities and that any such activities should be designed to bring credit to themselves, their colleagues and their school, and provide an opportunity for the school community to wish them well."

On a personal note, I am very proud of this Year 12 and their achievements. In my eight years as Principal I have enjoyed getting to know them. They have set a wonderful standard for those who follow. I look forward to their farewell events and sharing their HSC successes in December.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Gray
Principal
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