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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 10 Ball 2018

The Year 10 Ball has a long tradition at the College. Year 10 students have begun their practice for this event and are in the process of learning many skills. This year the ball will take place on Friday, 14 September in the *Mercy Centennial Stadium* commencing at 7:30pm and finishing at 9.00pm. Tickets will be on sale Monday 30 July from student reception for \$5.00. To purchase a ticket, students are to return the attached reply slip with the correct money to student reception prior to Friday, 7 September.

Parents and family members are welcome and encouraged to attend the evening. It is important to note, however, that due to the large number of students participating this year there will be limited space available for viewing of the group. We therefore ask that only family members attend. Students are to be collected by parents/guardians from inside the Stadium at the conclusion of the evening. Anyone with alternative travel arrangements must notify their child's Head of House in writing before the day of the Ball. Dress is semi-formal. Boys are to wear a good shirt, tie and trousers (jeans are not acceptable) and polishable shoes (no sneakers). Girls are asked to wear an appropriate dress (Strapless dresses are not recommended, trains are not permitted and all dresses should be 3cm off the floor to enable dancing. In regards to the girls shoes – **stiletto heels will not be permitted** in the stadium as they damage the floor. Please note that it is not required or expected that any family go to great expense for this evening.

Normal timetabled classes for Year 10 students will run from morning Pastoral Group until the end of Period 4. Period 5 and 6 classes will be cancelled to support students and their families with preparations for the ball, however, a supervised private study class will be available for any Year 10 student who wishes to remain at school during this time. It is important to note that this time is to be used for attending appointments and preparing at home; as such, leave passes will not be issued prior to 1:00pm on this day. Students who are absent from school all day on the day of the Ball will not be permitted to attend the Ball in the evening.

Students are expected to adhere to all College Policies; in particular, students are reminded that they are not to consume alcohol or drugs prior to attending, or at the Ball. Finally, we must clarify the College's position on 'After Parties'. The College strongly discourages students from attending such a party. The College takes no responsibility for the organisation, running or transport to and from any 'After Party'. The College strongly advises against the organisation and hosting of these events. The dangers and the lack of community tolerance for these types of events has been widely publicised in the local media in the past few years.

We have been most impressed with the manner in which the students have prepared for the Ball and are looking forward to a very enjoyable evening. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Maree Curtis-Geisler
Year 10 Ball Co-ordinator

Mrs Emma Reynoldson
Deputy Principal – Student Wellbeing

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I have read the above letter and discussed the contents with my son/daughter. I will come into the Mercy Centennial Stadium to collect my child at 9:00pm on Friday, 14 September.

Student Name: _____ PG: _____

Parent signature: _____

(Please hand this slip to Student Reception when purchasing your ticket)