



# MARIST COLLEGE NORTH SHORE

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I wrote to you in March, just prior to the closure of the school and the installation of Government restrictions due to COVID-19, regarding the arrangements the College had made for the Year 12 Graduation in September. I now write to outline what the College is planning in light of our current situation with restrictions still in place and likely to remain in place for some time.

The rituals to celebrate the graduation of our Year 12 students are among the most important of the Marist College year and this remains the case; ensuring our students receive a graduation Mass, Assembly and Ball is of the utmost importance to us here at the College.

## Graduation Mass and Assembly - 21 September 2020

The College is hopeful that these two events will be able to run, albeit slightly altered, with parents in attendance. We are awaiting further details from the NSW Government in regards to this and we expect to find out early Term 3. As such, the date of the **21 September** remains unchanged for this event.

| Time              | Task   |
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| 8:40am            | Year 12 assemble in main yard  |
| 9:00am            | Year 12 lined up outside the Church<br><i>Miller Street Entrance to St Mary's Church</i> |
| 9:15 am – 10:30am | Graduation Mass<br><i>St Mary's Church</i>   |
| 10:30am           | Year 12 Morning Tea<br><i>O'Mara Plaza</i>   |
| 11:30am - 1:00pm  | Farewell Assembly<br><i>La Valla Hall</i>  |

## Graduation Ball - 22 September 2020

At this stage with current restrictions around social distancing and the 4sqm rule applying, we are unable to hold this event as it would usually be held in September. We have been working with the venue and they are unable to accommodate over 400 people with restrictions in place.

As such, we have consulted the Student Leadership Team who have in turn consulted the Year 12 cohort and the students have agreed that if we are unable to hold this event in September, it will be held in November after their HSC, we are currently looking at 13 November as a date.

We will confirm the date as soon as the NSW Government makes clear its plans with regards to school events and restrictions in Term 3.

As you can appreciate, we are unable to provide any clearer details and firm plans until the NSW Government advises further on social distancing rules and restrictions. Please be assured that whatever the restrictions in place are, we will find a way for our Year 12 cohort to receive the Graduation formalities and ceremonies they have waited for, for 6 years.

Yours sincerely,

**Brigid Taylor**  
Acting Principal