



MARIST COLLEGE NORTH SHORE

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Re. Arrangements for Graduation of Year 12 2020 Students

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of this letter outlines for you the organisation of Graduation by the College, the expectations of student participation and behaviour. It is compulsory for all students to attend school every day, all day, up until Thursday 24 September. The final weeks after Trial HSC exams are where we see huge growth in students' achievement and utilising the help of teachers is critical during this time.

The details and expectations of your son's final week of school are outlined below.

Thursday 17 September

- Year 12 Graduation photo
- Students are to be in FULL WINTER uniform
- Students are to meet the College's uniform requirements or risk missing the photo. Families should ensure that haircuts are at the appropriate length and all boys are cleanly shaven. Shoes should be polished and blazers clean and neatly pressed. Please be mindful when organising haircuts etc for this day, that any unacceptable haircuts or grooming may result in not attending Graduation events.

Friday 18 September

- Normal school day
- Year 12 Graduation practice during period 5

Monday 21 September

- Students are to be in FULL WINTER uniform and adhere to the College uniform policy. Students must look impeccably groomed as they did for the Year 12 photo.
- Students are to arrive at normal school time and attend tutor group.
- House Graduation Liturgies 9:30am - 10:15am.
- Awards Assembly approx 10:35am - 10:50am.
- Students conclude at 11am with a guard of honour.
- Students are not required to bring their school bag on this day.

Tuesday 22 September - Thursday 24 September - HSC Intensive Care

- Normal school days.
- Students will be in normal classes.
- Students will engage in HSC intensive preparation in each of their subjects.
- Students will complete their time at the College at the conclusion of period 3 on Thursday 24 September.

Outline of Graduation Day:

Event	Venue	Time	Details
Arrival	Tutor group	8:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students arrive in full school uniform
House Graduation Liturgy	6 different locations	9:30am - 10:15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students celebrate their Graduation with a House liturgy with their peers
Awards Assembly	Hall	10:30am - 10:45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year Assembly where students are presented with their awards
Final procession	Yard	11:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conclusion of the day for Year 12

The College does not support or encourage *'after parties.'* In the event that boys are involved in these, they are reminded to protect their safety and the good name of the College.

Other points to note:

Graduation Day is a very happy day for our students and their families, and at Marist we have done everything we can to make this a memorable day filled with meaning and a reflection of the values of our school. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions that have been placed on us, parents and siblings are not able to be part of the celebrations this year. To compensate for this, we are professionally videoing each House Graduation Liturgy and the Awards Assembly, so you can forever have the memento of your son's graduation.

It is important to remember that there is no such thing as *'muck-up day'* at Marist College North Shore. Any student involved in behaviour that results in vandalism to the school, harm to himself or others, this includes the bringing of and/or consumption of any drug, including but not limited to alcohol, will have to arrange to sit his exams at another school and will receive no graduation certificate or school reference.

This time of year is much anticipated and an exciting week for our young men. We thank you in advance for your support in ensuring a successful end to your son's formal schooling.

Finally, we ask all parents and students to sign the agreement below, which outlines the behaviour expected of each Year 12 student during this time. This is consistent with the behaviour policy of the College.

Yours sincerely,



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Year 12 End of Year Behaviour Agreement

I _____ (Student) of Tutor group _____

agree to the following and I _____ (Parent/Guardian) understand

the following and agree to take full responsibility for my son's actions.

1. I will not engage in any activity that undermines the reputation of the College
2. I will not engage in any behaviour that involves harm to any property at the College
3. I will not bring alcohol or any other drug onto the College premises
4. I will not consume alcohol or any other drug on the College premises or before attending any school event, including the Graduation House Liturgy and Awards Assembly
5. I will not disrupt the learning of any student/teacher at the College
6. I will not post inappropriate images or messages of myself in school uniform or identify the school in anyway on social media, this includes pictures showing students drinking

I understand that if my son engages in any of the above, I / he will have to arrange to sit his HSC exams at another school and will receive no graduation certificate or school reference.

I understand that my son may be subject to a bag search if there is any suspicion of alcohol or any illegal substance on his person on school premises (consistent with Sydney Catholic Schools Policy).

I understand that my son's participation in graduation proceedings may be limited if any of the above occurs.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return to the College & hand to your House Coordinator by Friday 4 September 2020