4 September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Year 12

We are very excited to share in these final weeks of school with our graduating class for 2019 and their families.

This letter is to outline the activities and arrangements for Year 12 in their last school week, as well as indicate the standards of behaviour required.

Attendance at Graduation Mass and Graduation Assembly is an expectation for ALL students.

Uniform and Grooming Expectations for Graduation Mass & Assembly

The Graduation Mass and the Graduation Assembly are two very formal and respectful events. As such, it is critical that Year 12 meet the highest standard of our uniform and grooming expectations:

- Full school uniform, including their school blazer
- Correct black leather lace-up school approved shoes and school socks
- No makeup or jewellery (excluding a watch and small gold or silver stud earrings)
- Hairstyles need to be neat and tidy and comply with the school guidelines
- Boy’s hair must be above the collar and they must be clean-shaven

Students will also be in full school uniform for all practices and out-of-class activities run during school time.

Please reinforce that students of James Sheahan Catholic High School are not to participate in any form of “muck up” activities. Students found to be participating in such events may find they have to sit their HSC elsewhere or their participation in Graduation Ball is called into question.

We are looking forward to sharing these final weeks with Year 12 2019. We hope the final weeks are happy and each student makes the most of the time they have left with their year group and school community. We appreciate your support in reiterating these expectations to ensure all students are safe and they enjoy a positive end to their schooling life.

Yours sincerely

Kieron Hogan
Year 12 Coordinator

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Year 12 Coordinator
ORGANISATION FOR FINAL WEEK

- **Monday 23 September - Tuesday 24 September 2019**
  Students will be in class for the entirety of these two days.

- **Wednesday 25 September 2019**
  
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- **Thursday 26 September 2019**
  
  | Periods 1 - 2 | Tenpin Bowling            |
  | Periods 3 - 4 | Grad Mass full practice   |
  | Period 5      | Wellbeing Activity        |
  | Period 6      | Year 11 v Year 12 Ultimate Frisbee. |

Before final bell, students will gather in quad for war cry.

**5.30pm**
Students are to be back at the Mercy Hall ready for the commencement of the Graduation Mass at 6.00pm.

Following the Mass there will be supper available in the Performing Arts Centre. All family and friends of the graduates are warmly invited to attend both the Mass and this supper.

- **Friday 27 September 2019**
  
  **7.30am - 8.30am**
  BBQ Breakfast for Year 12 students under Mercy Hall adjacent to G12 which will be prepared by staff for the students. School uniform is not required

At the conclusion of this breakfast, students should go home and prepare themselves for their Year 12 Graduation Assembly. Students should wear full school uniform to this assembly. This includes the school blazer.

**10.30am**
Students arrive at Mercy Hall and meet Ms Hogan and Mrs Begg under Mercy Hall’s verandah (oval side).

**11.00am**
Year 12 Graduation Assembly begins. At this assembly the presentation of academic and special awards will take place. Year 12s will receive a portfolio in which will be their school reports. All Year 12s must attend this assembly. Parents/Carers are warmly invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the Assembly

**Please note the Graduation Assembly will take approximately 2 hours**
GRADUATION BALL

Monday 21 October 2019

Graduation Ball tickets will be available to be purchased from the school office. The Graduation Ball is on Saturday 23 November 2019. There will be four tickets allocated to each family. The cost of these tickets is $90.00 each. Families should advise Maria Kennedy via email (m.kennedy@bth.catholic.edu.au) as soon as possible if they wish to sit with a particular family, or if they would like extra tickets should any become available.

Friday 15 November 2019

Tickets for the Graduation Ball should be paid for and picked up from the school office by this date. Any tickets that are not paid for or collected by this date will be sold to families who have requested extra tickets. There will be no exceptions to this rule unless previously organised with Maria Kennedy in the school office.

Saturday 23 November 2019

Graduation Ball

Students should begin to gather in Cook Park from approximately 5.00pm
The group photo will be taken promptly at 5:30pm at the rotunda.

If students wish to have a professional photo taken by Camera House, they will need to book a time with them and arrive accordingly. Students will receive a separate note from Camera House giving more details about this process.

Students will then be transported by bus to the Function Centre at 5:45pm.

Students will be presented at 6.30pm sharp

Please note: Cook Park is part of Orange City Council’s alcohol free zone and drinking in the park is expressly forbidden. Again, the school would like to request that parents/carers actively discourage students from consuming alcohol prior to their presentation at the Function Centre in order to maintain the formality of the occasion.