

## ***Latest communication***

Dear parents and guardians

I just wanted to let you know that Mrs Clancy, Ms McCullah and I have just spoken to Year 12 about our plans for the Graduation assembly and Valedictory dinner. There has been a lot of work behind the scenes trying to make the best decision for the girls, and we felt that now the trials are over, it was time to finalise our plans. Our priorities are keeping the girls safe up to the HSC exams, keeping the school open for the HSC exams and giving the girls the best possible sendoff we can. We have decided on the following:

**Graduation assembly – Thursday 24 September:** This will be an event for Year 12 and staff only. The assembly will be streamed for our overseas Year 12 girls and all families. It will be a combined farewell/chapel service/prize giving assembly and be followed by high tea on the lawn (catered for by *Katering*, who are fabulous). We have made the decision for prize giving to be included in this event as we anticipate Term 4 Speech Night is highly unlikely to take place in the current format this year.

**Valedictory dinner – Friday 13 November (dependent on NSW Health guidelines at the time):** This will be a school, outdoor, seated dinner for parents and Year 12 (hopefully also teachers if guidelines allow). It will be catered for by *Katering*. This is only two days after the final HSC examination, so it will be exciting to have the Year 12s together for the final time. We will confirm the arrangements closer to the time.

We feel holding the events on these dates and in this manner enables the girls to have happy, memorable celebrations and also abides with all NSW Health regulations.

Mrs Clancy will send further details for both events. At this stage we just wanted to let you know what we have settled on.

As we said to the girls earlier, their job now is to mitigate their risk of catching COVID (avoid parties, please) not only for their own safety, but to ensure they keep the school safe too for the HSC exams.

All being well, we look forward to seeing you all on Friday 13 November (lucky for us).

Julie Townsend