



22 August 2019

Dear Year 12 Parents and Carers

**Re: Key Dates and Events, Responsibilities and Expectations for our Year 12 Students as we celebrate their graduation from College**

This letter is to inform all families of our Year 12 students of the upcoming events and responsibilities linked to the end of their education at St Mary's Catholic College, Gateshead.

After completion of their Trial Higher School Certificate examinations last week, we now look forward to them working as hard as possible, in the final weeks of preparation for their HSC examinations, which commence on Thursday 17 October, and finish on Monday 11 November, 2019.

The Key Dates and Events are:

***Wednesday 25 September 2019 – AM – GRADUATION MASS PRACTICE***

Venue and Time: RKC, St Mary's Catholic College, Gateshead – commencing 9am to 12.30pm.

Key Information: All students are required to attend a **compulsory half-day** for practice.

Dress Code: Non-school uniform.

***Wednesday 25 September 2019 – PM – GRADUATION MASS***

Venue and Time: St Paul's Catholic Church – gather at 5.15pm for 6.00pm start. Concludes 7.15pm.

Key Information: Compulsory attendance.

Dress Code: Formal School Uniform.

***Thursday 26 September 2019 – AWARDS CEREMONY AND FINAL ASSEMBLY***

Venue and Time: RKC, St Mary's Catholic College, Gateshead – commencing 9.15am for 9.30am start.

Details: Awards Ceremony: 9.30am

Morning Tea: 11.00am

Final Assembly: 11.30am

Clap Out: 12.30pm

Key Information: **Compulsory attendance.**

Parents/Carers/Family and invited guests encouraged to attend.

Dress Code: Formal School Uniform.

***Friday 15 November 2019 – GRADUATION FORMAL***

Venue and Time: Starlight Room, Wests New Lambton, commencing 6.30pm.

Key Information: Official invitations will be released shortly with final costing. Students are invited to bring parent/carer (x2), or in the case of atypical family situations (x4). Students are also allowed access to an additional ticket if they request it. This ticket could be for a friend or family member.

Cut-off for final numbers to the Graduation Formal will be Friday 18 October, 2019.

Dress Code: **Formal attire.**

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**Tuesday 17 December 2019 – HSC RESULTS RELEASED**

Venue and Time: HSC Results released at 6.00am.  
ATAR released 9.00am.

Key Information: HSC results will be delivered to students via email and text message. You will also be able to access your results by logging in to your “Students Online” account.

**Wednesday 18 December 2019 – HSC RESULTS COMPLIMENTARY BBQ BREAKFAST AT ST MARY’S CATHOLIC COLLEGE**

Venue and Time: St Mary’s Café. 9am for 9.30am service.

Key Information: All students are invited to St Mary’s to debrief, to access guidance and advice related to post-school options, and to reconnect after results are released.

Dress Code: Non-school uniform.

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The students comprising Year 12 (2019), our first Year 12 class, have been a gift to our community – a gift to rejoice in, a gift to be thankful for and a gift to be celebrated. Together, let us celebrate in a manner which honours who they are and what they have achieved.

Please feel free to contact the College if you have any questions or concerns relating to the Graduation timelines, events and associated requirements.

Yours sincerely



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