



**Penola**  
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Dear Families,

As we approach the end of year 12 formal classes and the beginning of graduation celebrations, we ask that you please read the following reminders to ensure a successful and safe time for all.

### **Appreciation Week**

**Monday, 16 October:**

#### **Periods 1 and 2 College Farewell Assembly**

- The College community will celebrate the Year 12 students at a whole school assembly. Full College uniform (summer or winter) is required including blazers and students are to be well groomed including clean shaven.
- Parents and Guardians are very welcome to attend the Assembly. In order to assist us with seating arrangements and catering, can you please telephone the College reception on 9301 2777 to confirm your attendance. The assembly will commence at 9.00 am.

**Morning Tea:** Penola School Council will host a farewell morning tea for all Year 12 students during recess.

**Periods 3 and 4:** Final practice for Graduation Mass and ceremony. Students will be dismissed at lunchtime.

This will be the final day of scheduled classes for Year 12 students. All students are welcome to access the College during their revision period for private study and to meet with their teachers prior to examinations. VCE VM students may be required on site after this date to complete any remaining tasks. Students may wear casual clothes to school during the revision period. All students are required to carry their Penola Catholic College student ID cards and sign in and out at Reception during the exam and VCE VM study period.

**Tuesday, 17 October:**

#### **Dress Up Morning 8am to 10am**

- Students who wish to participate may "dress up" in appropriate costume and arrive at the College at 8.00am. A breakfast of both savoury and sweet selections will be provided in the ASH.
- This is to be an enjoyable morning where there will be a year 12 parade, some 'fun' water based activities' on the oval, awards for costumes as well as a shared breakfast. All activities are to be kept within College expectations.
- Students are to enter via the front gate (Gibson Street) and make their way to the Foyer of the ASH immediately for breakfast. All year 12 students will have their bags checked upon arrival; only empty water pistols are permitted.
- Students will not be permitted to enter other parts of the College grounds or buildings unless under the direction of the College staff. It is expected that students will conclude their activities and leave the school by 10.00am.

**On their way to and from school, students are not to interfere with members of the public and/or other school students. Public areas, such as railway stations, shopping centres, schools etc are out of bounds before and after the morning activities at school. Students may bring empty water pistols for a supervised water fight. No other items (water balloons, silly string, eggs, etc) are to be brought on site. Staff reserve the right to check student bags as they enter the College.**



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**Students will incur serious consequences should this directive be ignored. Students are expected to arrive at the College in a 'clean' state of dress for the breakfast provided. No masks or offensive costumes are to be worn. Activities will take place after the breakfast.**

**Graduation Mass and Ceremony Evening of Tuesday, 17 October:**

- Graduation Mass and Ceremony for Year 12 students and their parents or guardians will be held at Our Lady Guardian of Plants, Chaldean Catholic Church, 93-99 Somerset Road, Campbellfield.
- Families of our Year 12s are invited to attend, but please be advised that it is a long night which young children can find too long and exhausting.
- All students are to wear their correct uniform. **A strict application to all aspects of the uniform code will apply.** Students are expected to be well groomed for this important celebration including clean shaven.
- Students who are in breach of College uniform and personal grooming expectations will not be presented during the Graduation Ceremony.
- The mass will commence at 7.00pm however the arrival time for students will be **6.15pm** for students to be dressed in their academic gown.
- A professional photographer will be present on the night and photos will be available to download free of charge after the event.
- As the graduation mass and ceremony is a formal occasion that takes place in a church, students and their families are urged to display respectful behaviour.

The College values its senior students and will make every effort to ensure that they receive a fitting farewell to mark the conclusion of their secondary school studies. It is important that students enter into these celebrations with the right spirit so that all can enjoy this special time.

There remains the possibility that some students will lose focus on their studies as the year draws to a close. There may be the temptation to engage in inappropriate behaviour that could spoil this important time for everyone. Participation in the end of year celebratory activities is dependent upon each student maintaining appropriate and suitable conduct and attending all classes. It must be noted that the College will not tolerate any inappropriate behaviour and students need to be aware that the consequences will be severe and may result in loss of celebration privileges.

We look forward to the end of the year finishing on a positive note for the College and particularly for our Year 12 students. Should you have any questions please contact the College and ask to speak with any of the signatories named below.

Yours sincerely,

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