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**Dear Parent/Carer** 

Year 12 have almost reached the end of their formal schooling. Although 2020 has been a very disruptive year for them we are hoping to provide a fitting farewell after 13 years of schooling! As such we are planning a Graduation Ceremony and a Formal.

<u>The Last Day of Formal Lessons will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020</u>. The Department of Education has advised that attendance is required until this date to allow for days missed earlier in the year. **The HSC begins Tuesday 20 October.** 

**The Graduation** will be held at school in the hall on: **Friday 13 November** at 11.30 am. Students must be present at school by 11am. Unfortunately, no parents or carers may attend this event due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, we will live stream the event so anyone with the link may watch. We will create a practise live stream a few days before the graduation, in the evening, so that students can ensure their parents know how to log on and ensure their internet works. All information about this event will be emailed to Year 12 students' DoE email addresses. **Please check your emails for this information at least 10 days before the 13 November**. We will also make the video available free of charge, to download afterwards. We will also have a photographer to take official photos that we will make available from a website and free to download a week or two after the event.

A light lunch will be provided for the students after the ceremony and the food will all be prepackaged into individual serves as per COVID rules. There is no cost for this event and all photos and the video will be free. The school is covering all costs to allow Year 12 to have a pleasant graduation. The event will conclude by 2.45pm.

**The Formal** will be held on **Monday 16 November** at Oatlands House, 42 Bettington Rd Oatlands, from 5.30pm – 10.30pm. The **cost is \$105 per person**. **This needs to be paid to the Office by Friday 16 October 2020.** The formal may not occur if minimum numbers are not paid by this date.

**Signing out of school** will occur from **Monday 9 November – Thursday 12 November** from 9.30am – 1.30pm. During this time all students are expected to return all text books, library books and computers and we request any outstanding fees. Prior to attendance at the Graduation and Formal we request that all students finalise their signing out procedures.

We wish Year 12 a very successful exam preparation period, advise them to use the holidays and the first week back next term for revision and hope that all is well for the HSC exams.

Kind regards

Ms Belinda Giudice Principal