

# Prairiewood High School



1 December 2021

## End of Year 12 Information

Hi to all Yr 12s,

Please read the following information carefully. It has information about signing out as a student of Prairiewood High School, attending School Formal and also your Graduation Ceremony.

**Signing Out of School** will occur from **Thursday 9 December – Tuesday 14 December** from 9.30am – 1.30pm. During this time all students are expected to return all textbooks, library books and computers.

We look forward to celebrating with you at both School Formal and your Graduation Ceremony. If you have any questions after reading the information below, please don't hesitate to contact one of us.

**Ms Bond and Ms Taylor**

*Year 12 Year Advisers*

## Year 12 Graduation

**Date:** Wednesday 8 December **Time:** 11.30 – 2.45pm **Venue:** School Hall

Congratulations on completing your HSC examinations. We look forward to celebrating this achievement with you at your Graduation next week. The school is covering all costs associated with the event and will be providing a light lunch for students to enjoy with their friends.

Please arrive at 10.45am to pick up the gowns from the hall entry near PE. Your gowns have already been allocated based on your height. You will need to return your gown to the same place after the assembly and before you have lunch. The event will conclude at 2:45pm.

The Year 12 Graduation will be held in the school hall and ONLY Year 12 students from PHS and some staff may attend. We apologise that no parents are able to attend due to COVID restrictions. A live stream will be available on our website on the day from 11am. [The video will available via this link and also on the front page of the school website on the day.](#) We will also make the video available free of charge, to download afterwards. A photographer will be present at the ceremony to take official photos that we will make available from a website and free to download a week or two after the event.

**If any students are feeling unwell or has ANY respiratory or COVID-19 symptoms they MUST NOT attend the graduation.**

Hand sanitizer will be provided and we ask students to use it upon entering and exiting the hall. 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. Please keep in mind COVID safety advice around maintaining distancing and not sharing food or drinks. Please bring your own pen or sharpie if you are planning to sign anything. We encourage you not to share these.

We encourage students to socially distance and not hug each other or shake hands at all before, during or after graduation. Staff will be reminded to stay 1.5 m from each other. Students will be seated in alphabetical order and we ask that you assist by remaining in these seats throughout the graduation, unless called up to the stage. When you are called up to the stage you will be asked to line up 1.5m apart, please help the teachers by doing this when you are asked to do so.

When receiving your certificates, please do not shake hands, elbow bump or touch the person presenting your certificate. Candid photos will be taken when you receive your certificate but do not stop to pose with the presenter. Your formal graduation photo will be taken when you come down from the stage, under the balloon arch. There will also be time for you to take some personal photos, after the graduation ceremony, under this arch. However, please limit these photos to small groups only. We have been asked to do this to remain COVID safe.

We hope that all our endeavours to create a wonderful day for Year 12 come to fruition and we thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

## Year 12 School Formal

**Date:** Monday 6 December **Time:** 6pm – 10.30pm **Venue:** Novella on the Park, Abbotsbury

Please read this letter carefully so you know what you need to do on the evening in order to be COVID safe.

**If any students are feeling unwell or has ANY respiratory or COVID-19 symptoms they MUST NOT attend the school formal.**

Only PHS students and staff who have already paid may attend the formal. All attendees must be double vaccinated, and your certificate will need to be shown on arrival.

If you are having any before or after gatherings remember to check what the Public Health Order rules are for home gatherings and please abide by these rules. There are NO exemptions for these events.

The event will begin at 6pm with mocktails in the courtyard. We encourage you to make the most of this time outdoors to take small group photos. Dinner will be served shortly after 6:30pm and graduates are invited to remain in their seats for the duration of the meal service as well as the Prefect Body Awards Ceremony.

As you move around the venue, we ask you to keep in mind COVID safety and keep your distance whenever possible.

Please follow all instructions given to you about entering and exiting the venue and using hand sanitiser.

Please use the sanitiser frequently and wash hands well when using the toilet and before eating.

If you will be signing anything, please bring your own pen and/or sharpie and we encourage you not to share these.

The evening will finish at 10:30pm as all attendees must have departed the venue by 11pm. Once students depart the venue, they will be unable to return.

Thank you for your cooperation.