

15 October 2020

Year 12 HSC 2020 Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce our Year 12 HSC 2020 Mass and Awards Ceremony and the organisational details regarding this important milestone in your child's educational journey. As you would be aware, the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) and COVID guidelines from National Education Standards Authority (NESA) are based on the NSW Health COVID Guidelines determine what we are able to do at this time to continue to uphold the highest level of care and safety for your child and the community.

As the Year 12 HSC group is relatively small in size (43) students, this allows us to hold the event with ONE family member to be in attendance to celebrate the event. This then brings the total number to approximately 85 for students and family members.

As a result, we will have our College Executive and Leaders of Learning as the only staff able to attend the official ceremony to ensure the overall numbers are kept to 100 for social/church gatherings. I am hopeful that as students and parents you will understand we are making the best of the situation in proceeding, but also mindful of the COVID restrictions that apply to such events. We are extremely grateful that in delaying this event until the 12 November we have been able to hold the event with a family member present, unlike some schools who celebrated the event in Term 3. Having said that, we will live stream the event so all family members can access this in real time at home.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday 12 November 2020
Venue: Our Lady of the Way Catholic Church, 15 Troy Street, Emu Plains
Time: Students to arrive at 4.30pm for a 5.00pm start and Concluding at approximately 7.00pm
Parking: This will be in Troy and Forbes Streets

Student Dress Expectations:

All students are to be dressed in their school uniform (clean and pressed) including their College Blazer. Shoes should be clean and polished. Uniform should reflect the College expectations and standards including hair and makeup.

Live Streaming:

We have outsourced the video recording and live streaming to the "Streaming Guys". Students will receive an email with the Web Link and password for families intending to view this during the event. The recording will then be posted to the Penola Catholic College website post the event.

Further Information:

The organisation of this event is based on current COVID safety guidelines for events. Should this change, we will update parents and students via Skoolbag and student emails. However, we are hopeful that the event will be able to proceed successfully given the planning at the College in conjunction with Fr Paul Roberts and Our Lady of the Way Parish community. We ask that you **send an email to penola@parra.catholic.edu.au with your child's name and the details of the one family member who will be attending including their contact mobile** number, by Friday 30 October 2020.

We look forward to celebrating with you and hope that you are able to plan a celebration meal as a family following the event.

Your sincerely

Mrs T Cairns
Principal Leader