

18 October 2021

YEAR 12 2021 – TERM 4 TIMELINE OF EVENTS

Dear Parents/Carers,

Below is a list of important dates to assist in your planning. In planning events we are continually responding to the challenges of COVID-19.

Event	Date and Time of Event	Date to Return Forms
Normal Lessons Resume Term 4 Week 3	Monday 18 October to Thursday 21 October 2021	
Staff Learning - Pupil Free Day	Friday 22 October 2021	
Normal Lessons Resume Term 4 Week 4	Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October 2021	
Rehearsal - Graduation Ceremony	Thursday 28 October 2021 12.30pm - 2.00pm <i>(Will depend on Current Public Health Orders)</i>	
STUVAC	Monday 1 November to Monday 8 November 2021 <i>Students study remotely from home</i>	
HSC Examinations	Tuesday 9 November to Friday 3 December 2021	
Submission of Family Photograph	Email Family Photograph to jbonello3@parra.catholic.edu.au	19 November 2021
Graduation Mass	Tuesday 7 December 2021 10am - 11.30am <i>(Nirimba Hall - students to be at Nirimba 8am)</i>	
Graduation Ceremony & Farewell	Tuesday 7 December 2021 12.30pm - 2pm - <i>(Nirimba Hall)</i>	
Year 12 Formal	Wednesday 8 December 2021 6:00pm – 10:30pm <i>(arrival from 6pm)</i> Comm Bank Stadium, Parramatta	19 November 2021 <i>Formal Information/ Agreement/ Payment form attached</i>
High Achievers Assembly Additional Information/ Destination Survey	17 February 2022 12.30pm - 2.00pm <i>(Nirimba Hall)</i>	19 November 2021 <i>HSC Achievers & Destination Survey form attached</i>

YEAR 12 ~ 2021 ~ INFORMATION FOR TERM 4

As we enter the final two weeks of Year 12 classes we would like to take the opportunity to remind all families of a few important matters.

Attendance at School

It is important that students attend school every day until Friday 29 October 2021. They need to be present in their classes each day and study seriously each night for at least 3 hours. If your son/daughter is absent you are asked to contact the College to explain the reasons for his/her absence. Students will be expected to attend their lessons only and are able to travel home once they have finished. They will all need to report into the school office if they arrive anytime after homeroom. There will be a Pupil Free day on Friday 22nd October and they are not expected at school. All current Public Health Orders will be followed at school and these will be updated regularly.

Uniform

Students are required to wear the correct uniform for the remainder of their time at St John Paul II Catholic College. Students are reminded that the Year 12 College Jersey can be worn to school everyday for the two weeks. There will be themed days provided for the students which will be sent to them via their google classroom. Under the current guidelines masks need to be worn at all times.

Rehearsal Graduation Mass and Ceremony – Thursday 28 October (Covid Safe plan)

Year 12 will have periods 1 to 4 as normal. They will have a Graduation Mass and Ceremony practice during Learning Enrichment. This will all depend on a covid-19 safe plan and current Public Health Orders.

Graduation Mass - Tuesday 7 December

The Year 12 Graduation Mass will commence at 10.00am in the Nirimba College Hall. Students need to arrive at Nirimba by 8:00am. Your son/daughter will be wearing their full winter school uniform as per the college planner (including ties and blazers) as a sign of respect to their family and their school. The length of the girl's uniform needs to be knee length or below the knee.

It is anticipated that parents/carers will be able to attend this Mass. However, this may change due to Covid -19 regulations and information regarding attendance will be continually updated. Seats will need to be **pre-booked and a QR code sign-in process to be followed** as space will/may be limited. A Google Form/Booking sheet for seats at the Mass will be emailed to students/parents/carers with instructions and due dates.

Graduation Ceremony - Tuesday 7 December

This event will commence at 12.30pm in the Nirimba Campus Hall. There will be a break between both ceremonies and light refreshments will be served to the parents/carers and students.

The Graduation Ceremony will include:

- an opening liturgy;
- the presentation of all students to the audience.
- the awarding of prizes for first in course.
- the presentation of the major award winners.
- addresses from the Director of Learning Stage Six, Student Learning Advisor, Student Leaders and the Principal.
- a video/slideshow presentation focusing on our Year 12 students may also be presented.
- a special blessing of all students.

Once again, due to space and catering constraints, the Graduation Mass and Ceremony is a pre-booked seated event only for the immediate parents/carers of the Year 12 students. **Guests are limited to 2 persons per student.** However, this may change due to Covid -19 regulations and information regarding attendance will be continually updated. The Graduation Mass and Ceremony google form/booking sheet will be emailed to students. Please ensure this is filled in and returned by Friday 19 November.

Students are to wear their full winter school uniform (including ties and blazers) at the Graduation Mass and Ceremony. Students will not be permitted on stage if they fail to comply with the uniform and grooming requirements. As such parents/carers attending are asked to dress in a formal manner that returns the respect shown by the students. We also ask that families refrain from calling out or whistling during the Graduation Ceremony as this detracts from the respectful and formal nature of the ceremony. The hall is air conditioned to assist with the uniform expectations.

Family Photographs for Graduation Ceremony

Part of the Graduation Ceremony involves acknowledging your contribution to your child's education. To assist us in doing this we are asking parents/carers to send us a digital photo in jpeg format of 'your family' including your Year 12 son/daughter. If you can do this it would be great! Digital photos can be sent to the following email address: jbonello3@parra.catholic.edu.au. Our closing date for photos is Friday 19 November 2021.

Year 12 Formal ~ Wednesday 8 December

Comm Bank Stadium, Parramatta, 11-13 O'Connell St, Parramatta, Cumberland Lounge & Cumberland North Room - 6.00pm to 10.30pm

Plans for this special event are progressing well and we would like to provide you with details of the event:

Comm Bank Stadium is a stunning venue that will provide a fitting farewell for the Year 12 students from St John Paul II Catholic College. The cost of \$135 per head includes a three-course alternate menu, unlimited soft drinks, disc jockey, table decorations, security guards, room hire and setup.

This is a NON-ALCOHOL event. No alcohol will be served during the night, nor is any person in attendance permitted to bring alcohol to the venue. Should this occur we would have no alternative but to require the offender to leave. Similarly, any person arriving at the venue intoxicated will not be permitted to enter the function.

- Smoking is not permitted in the function centre or on the grounds.
- For the safety of students and their guests we have engaged security guards for the evening. Students and their guests (if permitted) will be required to remain in the premises once they have arrived and will not be permitted to roam the grounds of the function centre.
- Please stress to your son/daughter that normal school rules regarding courtesy and behaviour apply.
- The College does not support "after parties" and would like to remind students of their responsibilities to their family and friends in terms of safety and behaviour. Parents/Carers are advised that when such events do occur they are in no way connected to the College and/or the staff of the College. The College will not accept any responsibility related to such events.

Outside Guests: Current Covid-19 regulations will restrict the invitation of outside guests.

As the Year 12 Formal is traditionally seen as an end of school celebration, it is required that all outstanding matters, particularly school fees and school equipment (library books etc.) are attended to before the date of the formal. **If you are experiencing any financial hardships, please contact the College's Business Manager, Kel Haynes, as soon as possible to discuss the matter to avoid any upset for your son/daughter.**

The formal is an approved school function and is a non-compulsory event that is a privilege. The College reserves the right to exclude any students from attending if they decide to misbehave or not comply with the College's rules in the lead up to the formal. Such a decision will not be made lightly and is irreversible.

In order to continue with the planning, it would be appreciated if you could complete the attached **"Year 12 Formal Information and Agreement Details and Payment"** and return it to the Nirimba office by Friday 19 November 2021. Payment for this event needs to be completed by Friday 19 November 2021 using the Qkr online payment App. However, parents/carers should not pay for this event if school fees are outstanding and no arrangements have been made with the Business Manager. If you require any further information regarding the formal, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Burke or Miss Cairns.

Return of Books

Students obviously need access to library books and other school books during their examinations. We would ask that these be returned immediately after the relevant examination has been completed.

Year 12 Reports

The official copy of the Semester 2 Report will be presented at the Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday 7 December 2021.

HSC Examinations

The written examinations commence on Tuesday 9 November 2021 and conclude on Friday 3 December 2021. Each student can access a copy of the timetable from studentonline.nesa.nsw.edu.au, using their Student Number and HSC PIN, which they have been allocated from NESA. It is absolutely essential that students arrive in sufficient time for the examinations. For the first examination all students must be at the College Hall by 9.20am. Students must wear full summer school uniform.

The NESA regulations specify that mobile phones and smart watches cannot be taken into the examination room. For security reasons students should therefore not bring mobile phones to school. The College cannot accept responsibility for mobile phones.

The college library and other classrooms are also available for students to use during the HSC examination period on days and times they may not have a scheduled exam.

HSC Illness/Misadventure Appeals

If you become ill or suffer an accident that affects your exam performance, you should submit an illness/misadventure application form (available at the exam centre) through the principal or delegate and notify the Presiding Officer when entering the exam or as soon as possible.

It is important that you attend the exams where possible even if you believe your performance in the examination will be affected. If you cannot attend an examination because of illness or misadventure, notify your school immediately. You should never risk harm in order to attend an exam or attend an examination against medical advice.

You must obtain documentary evidence generally on the day of the examination to support your illness/misadventure application. If you did not sit the examination this evidence must indicate why you were unable to attend and to complete an Examination Illness/Misadventure Appeal form, which is obtainable from the Presiding Officer.

This does not cover situations where students arrive late to the examination due to foreseeable situations such as traffic delays. No extra time is allowed in such circumstances.

The latest date for submission of Illness/Misadventure applications is Monday 6 December.

HSC Assessment Rank

NESA will release HSC Assessment Ranks after the last HSC written examination on Friday 3rd December via studentonline.nesa.nsw.edu.au. Students access their rank using the individual student login.

HSC Results

This year the official results will be available from NESA by telephone, SMS and studentonline.nesa.nsw.edu.au from 24 January 2022. A google form will be sent to students to share their results with the college on this day. Mr Peter Regan, Ms Carolyn Cairns and Ms Lisa Burke will be available via email on this day.

2022 HSC High Achievers College Assembly

We seek your assistance in continuing to further develop the St John Paul II Catholic College spirit and tradition.

As the Year 12 students are about to complete their studies we wish to prepare for the 2021 HSC High Achievers' College Assembly which will be held on Thursday, 17 February 2022 in the Nirimba Hall commencing at 12.30pm. An invitation will be sent to the students and their parents/carers once the HSC results are known on 24 January this year. This assembly will recognise the achievements of the students who receive a combination of Bands 5 and 6 or E4 in Extension subjects in the 2021 Higher School Certificate.

In addition the assembly provides the opportunity for the current students to be inspired to achieve excellent results. Past returning students have always enjoyed their visit and the time to mingle with their peer group and teachers who they were able to thank and reminisce about their years spent here at St John Paul II Catholic College and more especially, those months of support given prior to the HSC.

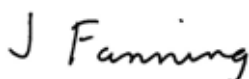
In anticipation of the student's high achievement, we seek your permission to obtain details for your son/daughter to be contacted on 24 January. We also wish to use our student file photographs as part of our advertising. This additional information and our current records will also assist us during the HSC examinations if there is contact needed for your son/daughter. (*See attached form*).

2021 HSC Destination Survey

The completion of this survey will assist the students to be given information about their career paths. The survey information will be used by Mrs Fitzsimons, College Student Pathways Coordinator, and the school executive staff. (*See attached form*).

Please complete the two attached forms and return them to the College office by Friday, 19 November 2021. If you require any further information, please contact Ms Burke or Ms Cairns at the College.

Yours sincerely,



Jim Fanning
Principal



Peter Regan
Assistant Principal