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Debutante Ball, Notice 1 12th May 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Preparation for the Deb Ball is now well underway and we want to commence a regular newsletter to keep you informed of the details and considerations leading up to the ball and on the evening itself. We have had confirmation from Melrose Receptions that they will be able to host our ball once again. There has been an increase in price per ticket which is reflected below.

We will send a newsletter home on a regular basis but if you have any questions please feel free to call. I have categorised these below to help everyone have a clear understanding.

Date and Venue

Thursday 7th September at the Melrose Reception Centre

Costs for the Debutantes and their partners are as follows

Girls will be charged \$290. This cost includes

- a. Dance instruction
- b. Ticket
- c. A 20cm x 23cm photo of each couple and a 15cm x 15cm group photo.
- d. Limousine hire
- e. Flowers
- f. DVD

Boys will be charged \$380. This cost includes

- a. Dance instruction
- b. Suit hire
- c. Ticket
- d. A 20cm x 23cm photo of each couple and a 15cm x 15cm group photo.
- e. Limousine hire
- f. Flowers
- g. DVD

Tickets

Tickets for adult guests will cost \$75.00 each which includes a three-course meal and soft drinks. Children under 12 are \$40, and infants are free. Alcohol will not be available on the night.

Debs and Partners do not need to buy a ticket as it is included in their Deb Fee and they sit at a separate table. Please indicate on the attached form, approximately how many tickets you would like so we can be planning. Could you please complete the form and return to school by Tuesday May 23rd.

Dietary Requirements/Food Allergies

In the coming weeks we will send a form home to families to put the names of their guests attending so we can make seating name badges for everyone. At that time could you please indicate any special dietary requirements or food allergies next to their names so the venue can be prepared.

Participant/Partners

The number of participants this year is approximately 30 students, however at this stage there are more boys than girls so we are looking at how this will work. Whilst some debutantes have requested partners, the committee doesn't see it as critical at this stage and we will discuss this as a group over the coming weeks. This will also be looked at during our practice sessions we will monitor each student's progress and their suitability and as we move through week 5/6.

Clothing

Girls are expected to wear a long pure white dress and flat white shoes.

No strapless dresses or stiletto heels please.

Gloves will be supplied by the school.

In previous years the boys have hired formal suits from Essendon Bridal and Formal Hire, 266 Keilor Road Essendon North. The boys will visit to be measured for their suits and we will arrange pick up in the week prior to the Deb. Boys will be supplied with black pants, jacket, white shirt, vest and a tie. Each boy will need a pair of black shoes to be worn on the evening. Please ensure your son has a change of clothes on the night so the suits can be collected. School will arrange for the suits to be returned to Essendon Bridal and Formal Hire on Friday September 8th. Any suit that is not able to be collected by staff on the night, can be returned to Bullengarook before 11.00am on Friday September 8th. Any suits not returned via the school will need to be returned by the family by Friday September 8th and any extra cost incurred, will be the responsibility of the family

Flowers

Girls will wear a wrist posy and boys a button hole.

Gifts

Gifts between partners are optional and entirely up to the individual students

Rehearsals

Rehearsals will be at Bullengarook on a day and time yet to be determined and will begin in late term 2/early term 3.

Our dance instructors are Kim Smith and will be assisted by classroom teachers during the rehearsal sessions.

Photos

A professional photographer will be taking photos during the course of the evening. Families are welcome to have as many other photos taken on the night which may include family photos etc. There is no obligation to purchase photos, but it will be an extra expense.

Student drop off on September 7th.

Students need to be at the Sunbury Campus at 3.15pm on the day. Please do not be earlier than 3.15pm as the buses leaving the Sunbury campus need the driveway to be clear of traffic.

Limousines

As the students need to be at the reception centre two hours before the guests it is planned for them to travel from the Sunbury Campus in limousines. They are all extremely excited at the prospect of travelling by limousine for this once in a lifetime experience. Students would travel home from the ball with their parents.

Payment

Families can pay the participation cost in full or part payments, with the final payments for the Debutants and Partners being due on Friday August 20th. If you wish to arrange a payment schedule, please contact Sam in the office at Bullengarook

Full payment of guest's tickets must also be paid by Friday August 6th.

Schedule for the evening

Below is a draft timetable for the evening.

3.15pm	Debutantes and Partners arrive at Sunbury Campus and meet in the staffroom. We will be taking photos and checking that everyone has everything they need.
4.00pm	Debutantes and Partners leave for Melrose Reception Centre.
4.30pm	Students arrive at the Melrose Reception Centre for final rehearsal and photos
6.30pm	Guests arrive and are seated
8.00pm	Debutantes and their partners are presented
11.00pm	Evening finishes and students go home with their families.

Special Arrangements

A high standard of behaviour is expected of students on the night.

As the students are presented, a short introduction will be read out for each student. This introduction will be compiled in conjunction with the students and their families.

More details will be sent home as they become available.

Thanks and regards,

Brendan Nolan

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Family name _____

Approximate number of tickets required _____

Signature _____

Phone _____