

John Paul College Policy

COLLEGE BALL

RATIONALE

The school ball is for Year 12 and 13 students to experience a formal adult social occasion with the appropriate formal dress, food, music and dancing and the opportunity for interaction with staff and other students in this setting.

PURPOSE

1. To provide a sense of occasion and enthusiasm for a formal adult social occasion through the expectation that dress and protocol is formal.
2. To help foster school spirit and celebrate school life.
3. To introduce students to the expectations of a formal adult social occasion.
4. To have an enjoyable and exciting evening that will be remembered in future years.

GUIDELINES

Pre-Ball

1. The Board of Trustees is not opposed in principle to pre-ball functions, but accepts no responsibility for them. These events are private functions entirely within the control and jurisdiction of parents.

Ball

1. The Board of Trustees takes full responsibility for students at the School Ball venue finishing at 12.00am.
2. The Ball will be supervised by school staff in conjunction with venue security.
3. There will be no entry for students to the ball venue after 7.30pm and the Ball is to end by 12.00 am. No student is permitted to leave without the express permission of the Year 13 Dean.
4. No alcohol or drugs (including synthetic drugs e.g. legal highs) will be permitted and smoking is prohibited.
5. Any student who 'appears' to be under the influence of alcohol may be breath tested and depending on the result, be sent home. This decision is at the complete discretion of the Year 13 Dean, in consultation with a SLT member.
6. Any students who exhibits unusual or anti-social behaviour may also be sent home.
7. No door passes will be issued.
8. Students will be encouraged not to bring cars to the ball.
9. Transport to and from the ball will be a parental responsibility.
10. The Board will subsidise the cost of the ball tickets for staff attending the Ball.

11. The Ball is a college event and therefore behavioural expectations are the same as those in a school setting. If there is a serious breach of school rules it may result in a standdown or suspension of the student.

After Ball

1. The Board of Trustees accepts no responsibility for after-ball gatherings.
2. Responsibility for students after the Ball rests with the parents or guardians and not with the Board.
3. Gatherings at licenced premises which encourage under-age drinking are expressly discouraged. Parents are reminded in their legal obligations in regard to this.
4. The organisation of any ticketed event where alcohol is provided (which is illegal) as an after-ball function is expressly discouraged.
5. All students are strongly discouraged from making bookings at hotel/motels for after-ball parties.

GENERAL

1. A copy of this policy will be circulated to parents of those John Paul College students attending the ball.
2. The Board of Trustees is mindful of the costs faced by parents today and would urge the students practice moderation in ball expenditure.
3. Dress should be appropriate for a formal occasion. This includes partners of students.
4. Appropriate behaviour will be expected at all times and the school reserves the right to ask anyone behaving inappropriately to leave the function. If such a situation occurs, parents will be informed immediately.
5. For those students currently enrolled at John Paul College the ball is restricted to Year 12 students and above. Those persons invited as partners to John Paul College students must also be Year 12 students and above or have left school.
6. Students at year 12 and 13 who have been enrolled during the year of the ball but who are no longer students, may purchase tickets.
7. The only outside guests permitted to attend the ball are those who are partnered by a student enrolled at John Paul College in the current year.
8. All attendees, including non-John Paul College partners and their parents will sign a contract to abide by JPC rules for the duration of the ball.
9. Senior Management of John Paul College has the discretion to exclude any person from attending the ball.

Ratified by the Board



Signed by B.O.T. Chair

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