



2024 Student Executive Masquerade Ball

NOTICE FOR PARENTS

We are delighted to announce that the Student Executive Masquerade Ball will be held on **Saturday, 23 March** at the Quality Lighthouse Hotel, Bunbury. The Ball will run from 6.30pm to 10.30pm (note there will be no entry after 7.00pm).

Guidelines for the Ball are set out at the end of this notice. This is our School Ball and our preference is that only our students attend. We would like to encourage students to attend with a group of friends – it is not necessary to have a partner. Tables of friends can be formed, and students can mix. Sometimes the social pressure to have a partner causes stress and anxiety – students and their parents are assured that such pressure does not come from School, and we would like to actively support all students to attend as singles, groups or as partners. In some cases, Year 12 students may be able to invite outside partners, under certain conditions. Details of how to seek permission for this are on the Outside Partner Application forms. Any outside partners should be of, or close to, Year 12 age.

The cost of tickets will be \$130.00. The theme for our ball is “Masquerade”.

This year tickets may be purchased from the School website, on our [Camps and Excursion page](#). All tickets should be purchased by **Friday, 8 March 2024**. Year 12 Students wishing to bring an outside partner need to fill out the “Outside Partner Application” form before purchasing their tickets. Please note that physical tickets are no longer issued.

The Student Executive Masquerade Ball is the focus of the evening. Arrangements made for pre or post ball activities are a parental responsibility and parents are asked to ensure arrangements are consistent with the ethos of our School. The School recognises that students and parents may arrange pre-ball gatherings to enable photographs to be taken. Whilst this is often a pleasant way to start the evening the School asks that no student has access to any alcohol at such gatherings. Any student or guest arriving at the Ball having consumed alcohol will not be admitted. Parents are encouraged to contact hosts to ensure satisfaction with arrangements. Further information regarding holding a safe event can be found at Paul Dillon’s [website](#). Paul visited the School in 2021 and provides practical and up-to-date information. Thank you for supporting the School in upholding these expectations for the safety and wellbeing of all our students.

We look forward to again enjoying wonderful Student Executive Ball in 2024!

Naomi Smith
Year 12 Co-Ordinator
February 2024



Student Executive Ball Guidelines

The Student Executive Ball is a real highlight of the School's social calendar. It is the result of a great deal of work by the Student Executive. In order that all students and staff enjoy themselves, please note the following requirements:

- Dress is formal to semi-formal. Boys should wear as a minimum standard a tie and jacket and polished shoes.
- Please arrive on time. The Ball starts at 6.30pm. Year 11 students are asked to arrive by 6:15pm. Year 12 students should make their entry between 6:15 and 6:30pm. Students will not be admitted after 7.00pm.
- A welcoming party will meet students and guests at the entrance to the Ball venue. Please greet the welcoming party as you arrive and introduce your partner if applicable.
- Students and guests will remain in the ballroom for the duration of the Ball. Obviously, therefore, all other parts of the Lighthouse Hotel are out of bounds for all those attending the Ball.
- Photographs will be taken in the Foyer as directed by the MC.
- Students or their partners may not drink alcohol at this (or any other School) function, nor attend School functions under the influence of alcohol.
- Possession, supply or use of illegal and harmful drugs while at School or on School associated activities is strongly forbidden and this applies to the Ball.
- It is quite acceptable for students to come to the Ball individually. This option is open to all students in Year 11 and Year 12. The intention is that all Year 11 and Year 12 students are welcome, although some will choose to go with partners.
- In some circumstances Year 12 students may bring outside partners. Outside partners should be of or close to Year 12 age. They must be prepared to accept all behaviour standards expected of students of this School and to behave as though they were students of the School. They should be someone dating or a very close friend - not a blind date, casual acquaintance or friend of a friend. There is a process of application for outside partners. They must have the support of their own School, and have their form signed by a Senior School Official. Non School students must make an appointment to see the Deputy Head (Wellbeing).
- The process includes outside partners signing a declaration that they agree to abide by the School's guidelines. This declaration must be completed and handed to Administration at School by **Friday, 8 March 2024**. It is the responsibility of the BCGS student to ensure their partner is aware of what is expected.
- Parents are asked to arrange transport to and from the Ball to support keeping all students safe. We do not recommend that students or their partners drive. Students will not be able to leave early to avoid the driving curfew. Year 12 students will be permitted to arrive at the Carey Street dress circle in a car of their choice, although this is not a requirement. Year 11 students, and those Year 12s who do not wish to arrive in this manner, are asked to be dropped off in the car park and enter through the Carey Street doors.