

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students of the Class of 2024,

Re: Celebrating the Class of 2024

It has been a pleasure to guide the Class of 2024 for the past three years. The end of their final year is upon us, and it promises to be an exciting, but busy time. There are several dates for parents and students to be aware of and functions students are required to attend, so please take note of the following formal events and obligations as listed below. We look forward to celebrating with you.

1. **VCE Practice Examinations:** *Wednesday 2nd of October – Tuesday 8th of October.*

During the Term 3 break and into the beginning of Term 4, students will complete a practice examination in each of their Unit 3 and 4 subjects. This is an opportunity for them to practice their examination techniques and to gain feedback on content areas for revision before the formal VCAA examination period. A copy of the examination schedule and the process and procedures for this period was sent to students by Mr. Hill, our VCE Coordinator. A copy of the timetable can be found [here](#). Please note students do not have formal classes on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th October. Formal classes will resume on Wednesday 9th October.

2. **Year 12 Final Week of Classes:** *Wednesday 16th of October – Monday 21st of October.*

Students have selected a series of themed dress up days and lunchtime activities to engage in. A copy of this schedule is attached to the end of this communication. We hope these activities provide a celebratory atmosphere for the Class of 2024. However, it is vital they also remain on task during scheduled classes.

3. **Valedictory Assembly** – *Tuesday 22nd October 8:30am-9:45am with morning tea to follow 9:50-10:20am.*

This assembly is the final formal assembly for the Class of 2024 and a time for the school to acknowledge the student's contribution to Shelford. It will include a series of speakers, a celebration of the Class of 2024 and the presentation of awards, including school colours. Following the assembly, parents and students are invited to enjoy morning tea. A formal online invitation has been sent via Shelly. This is to confirm seating numbers and any dietary requirements for the morning tea. A copy of the invitation and booking link can be accessed [here](#). **Please RSVP by Monday 14 October for catering purposes.**

4. **Students Final Assembly** - *Tuesday 22nd October – Period 4*

Following the conclusion of our formal proceedings, students will have the opportunity to change into their costumes and be given time to decorate the Hall in their chosen theme. They will then present their final student assembly in Period 4. Students have been reminded that appropriate behaviour is required during this time, including the need to have all proposed ideas approved by Ms. Wright. Students will be required to return the Hall to its original condition prior to leaving school on this day. Students who do not abide by the processes and procedures that have been explained to them, or who are not in a state fit for school will require collection by a parent or guardian. **All students must be off site by the end of lunchtime on this day.**

5. **Final VCE examinations.** *Tuesday 29th October – Wednesday 20th November*

An online copy of the examination timetable is available [here](#). We suggest that you print a copy of the timetable and highlight your daughter's examination times. Students should also refer to their VCE Navigator. This outlines all the required materials for their examinations. Tristan Hill, our VCE Coordinator, will send further instructions about processes and procedures during this time. **Please note**, students with a performance examination may find the examination is outside of the timeline I have noted above. In this case they should refer to their individual examination advice slip for the date, time and location of this examination.

6. **Accessing Shelford during the examination period**

Students will have access to the IRC during their examination period. The IRC is available from 8-5pm weekdays. Students must ensure they sign in and out of the IRC. Students can also access SILC from 8-3:15pm. Please note the VCE tutoring program will not continue beyond the 22nd of October.

7. **Presentation Evening – Wednesday 20th November at Robert Blackwood Hall**

In addition to attending on the evening of 20th November, students will be required to attend two rehearsal sessions. The first of these is **Tuesday 19th November at Shelford, and Wednesday 20th November at Robert Blackwood Hall**. The times for these and details for transportation to Robert Blackwood Hall will be communicated as soon as practicable. It is vital that students attend these practices so that places, timings and proceedings can be practiced, refined and checked.

8. **Valedictory Dinner – Tuesday 3rd December at Leonda by the Yarra.**

The final celebration of the Class of 2024 will be their formal Valedictory Dinner. This is an evening for the students, parents and staff to gather, celebrate and say farewell to the Class of 2024. It will include speeches, acknowledgements, a presentation of the Class of 2024 and a Valedictorian address. As well as time to dance, mingle and take photographs. The booking link can be found [here](#). **Please ensure you RSVP by 20th November.**

The conclusion of a student's final year at Shelford provides them with the opportunity to reflect on the time that has passed. It is time for the Shelford community to celebrate them and all they have achieved. It is the responsibility of all students to ensure that their behaviour at these events is in the spirit of celebration and that they embody the values of a Graduating Shelford student.

I look forward to celebrating Year 12 accomplishments with you in the coming months.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Wright

Senior Years Coordinator

Final Week Celebrations

Date	Dress Up Theme	Activity
Wednesday 16 th October	What I wanted to be when I grew up	Childhood Games and shared Party Food <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hide and Seek Large parachute games Pass the Parcel
Thursday 17 th October	Iconic Duos or Groups	Students may select between the two following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance Party – Option 1 Open Studio Painting – Option 2 (Cost of \$15 and booking link here.)
Friday 18 th October	Dress as a Teacher	Students may select between the two following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher V Student–Lip Sync Battle– Option 1 Open Studio Painting – Option 2 (Cost of \$15 and booking link here.)
Monday 21 st October	Uniform Swap	Celebration Lunch in SILC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch provided Music Letter sharing
Tuesday 22 nd October	Formal Academic Uniform (Period 1-2) Uniform Mash up (Period 3 onwards).	Formal Valedictory Assembly & Morning Tea (Period 1 and 2) Student Led Assembly (Period 4) Students are dismissed at lunchtime.