



BLACKFRIARS
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Dear Year 12 Parents, Caregivers and Students,

Blackfriars Priory School is very pleased to outline the following information regarding the 2018 Year 12 Formal, which will be held at The Donato Reception Centre, The Ballroom, 62 Humphries Terrace, Kilkenny on **Friday 22 June 2018.**

Whilst this event is still some time away, it is important to publish this information to all students, parents and caregivers. The Formal is not a compulsory event for Year 12 students, however, it is strongly encouraged that all students in their graduating year make the effort to attend and share in this memorable night with their peers.

As the title indicates this event is a formal occasion; therefore, we encourage each Blackfriars student to dress in jacket and tie. Some students may choose to hire dinner suits, but it is worth noting that this can add an extra expense to the night. The Formal is a school function and normal school rules apply for all students and their guests. The consumption of alcohol will not be permitted.

Students attending the Formal are encouraged to invite a guest from a Catholic School who is currently in Year 11 or 12. It is polite to give your invited guest advance notice and as a courteous gesture, it would be appropriate to offer to pay for your guest's ticket. Specific details include:

Start/Finish Time:	6.30pm – 10.30pm (note: no exiting once inside the venue)
Cost:	\$160.00 per couple
Format of Night:	Sit down three course dinner and non-alcoholic drinks package
Tables:	Tables of 10 - seating allocations upon request
Photography:	Festival Photographers (available for purchase online)
Supervision/Security:	Blackfriars Leadership Staff, Donato Security Guard

Each student should **indicate his intention to attend** the Formal by completing the attached form with his details, as well as his guest's name and details, and return it to Mrs Varricchio via the Student Office by Friday 25 May 2018. **Full payment to the Student Office - to be paid by Friday 1 June 2018. Please be prompt in this matter.** Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school.

On behalf of the Formal Committee, we hope to see you there for what will be a wonderful evening.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Brett Knowles
Assistant Deputy Principal, Wellbeing

Sebastian Deluca
Head Prefect 2018



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IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

Letter to Parents and Students sent	27 April	Term 2, Week 1
Return Slip to indicate attendance – due <i>Partners name, school and contact details required</i>	25 May	Term 2, Week 4
Seating requests completed <i>Forms available from the Student Office</i>	1 June	Term 2, Week 5
Payment Due - \$160 per couple <i>Regular instalments can be made at the Student Office</i>	1 June	Term 2, Week 5
Tickets mailed to guests <i>either to the Catholic School they attend, or to their home address</i>	15 June	Term 2, Week 7
Tickets issued to Year 12 students	19 June	Term 2, Week 8
The Year 12 Formal at Donato Reception Centre – The Ballroom 62 Humphries Terrace Kilkenny	22 June	Term 2, Week 8



2018 Year 12 Formal Confirmation

Confirmation details with name of your guest to be returned
to Mrs Varricchio via the Student Office by 25 May 2017

*****PAYMENT TO BE MADE AT STUDENT OFFICE BY 1 JUNE 2018*****

Blackfriars Year 12 Student Details

NAME OF STUDENT: _____

HOUSE: _____ HOME GROUP: _____

Parent Emergency Contact Details

PARENT NAME: _____

PARENT MOBILE NO: _____

Invited Guest Details PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY AND SUPPLY ACCURATE INFORMATION

GUEST NAME: _____ DOB: _____

SCHOOL: _____ YEAR LEVEL: _____

HOME ADDRESS: Required only if your guest does not attend a Catholic School

GUESTS PARENT NAME: _____

GUEST'S PARENT MOBILE NO: _____

Dietary Requirements

Please indicate below any special dietary requirements for **YOU AND YOUR GUEST**. The venue needs to know in advance.

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: _____

GUEST NAME: _____

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: _____

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FOR YEAR 12 FORMAL – 22 JUNE 2018

NAME ON CARD:

Visa **Mastercard**

EXPIRY DATE/.....AMOUNT: \$.....STUDENTS NAME:

SIGNATURE OF CARDHOLDER:

GOING TO A FORMAL – TAKES PLANNING - FROM THE SA FORMAL MAGAZINE – words Elliott Johnson

After ALL, there are lots of things to think about, what to wear, who to go with, how to get there, what to do after. But, while you're busy organising all this, there's another important thing you need to remember – manners! Yes, it doesn't matter how expensive your dress or how hot your date, if you forget some simple, but oh so important rules, your formal is guaranteed to go from delight to disaster. Don't worry though we're here to help!

It's easy to get everything right for your formal night. Start by introducing your parents to your date before the event – that way, they can get to know who you're going with and will feel happier that you're in safe hands.

You want to look good all night long, so make sure you have a shower before the formal and put on antiperspirant deodorant. You'll be dancing all night and you want to smell good right until the end. Whiffy odours + sweaty clothes stains = catastrophe!

Arrive on time to pick up your date. It's nice to buy them a small gift, such as a corsage or jewellery for the girls, and a buttonhole or tie for the guys. Compliment them and chat with their parents before leaving. They may want to take a few photos of the two of you together, so smile!

If you're planning on making a big entrance by hiring a flashy limo, don't forget that people will be looking at you when you get out of the car, so make sure you look your best! Boys be a gentleman and open the car door for your guest.

Changing your outfit for the after party? Put some deodorant in with your change of clothes. If you can't take a toothbrush, throw in some chewing gum – bad breath is disgusting!

Manners are very important at the formal, as photos are being taken constantly. Avoid embarrassment by thinking twice before picking your nose or eating with your mouth open! Also, there will probably be some video cameras panning the room so don't drop the F – bomb. Imagine hearing yourself swearing loudly on video – cringe!

Guys be gentlemanly and pull your guests chair out for her at the table. Girls, don't go off dancing with one of your dates mate while he's in the toilet. If it isn't working, let him down gently.

Photographs are a great way to remember the night, but before you start snapping away, make sure you have everyone's permission. Some people might be unhappy if pictures of them in awkward or embarrassing situation or poses end up on Facebook or MySpace for everyone to see.

Some schools organise professional photographers to come to the event so, if you plan on having photos taken with your guest or with your mates, make a quick trip to the bathroom first to make sure you don't have any sauce around your mouth or on your clothes!

Two things that are sure to spoil your formal; drink and drugs. Not only will they get you kicked out if you get caught, your guest isn't likely to hang around if you're falling about the place, unable to hold a conversation or being sick in the toilets, which means your night – and your reputation – will be ruined.

Alcohol is pretty inevitable at the after parties, but that's no reason to drink until you pass out. Be sensible. It isn't cool to be lying face down in the grass while everyone else is having fun, so think before you do that round of shots.

Socialise with your date, peers and teachers and be respectful. Have at least one dance with your guest and thank each other after. Be sure your date leaves the formal safely and if you meet them again at an after party, spend time with them so they don't feel like they were being used.

Your party hosts will have put a lot of effort into organising the night, so leave a good impression by asking them if they need help with the cleaning up. Remember to thank whoever invited you to the party, too – it could bag you an invite to their next big event! After the formal, thank your guest for accompanying you for the evening and share with each other any fun memories or photographs you have of the night. If you have hit it off, don't forget to arrange to see them again very soon

Finally, have a great time, make some good memories, dance and have fun!

A BOYS GUIDE TO FORMALS – FROM THE SA FORMAL MAGAZINE – Words Alberto di Troia

Let's face it, it's easy for formal night to be all about the girls. But there's a whole lot us fellas have to navigate, too, so, for those of you taking the plunge, here are few tips to ensure you get it right on the night and really impress your date.

GETTING THAT DATE

Asking a girl to the formal is never easy especially if you don't know her well. Be casual and relaxed about it; start a conversation and build up to the big question itself. If she turns you down, accept it graciously and don't let it deter you from trying someone else. If you already have a girlfriend, don't even attempt to ask someone else. That's just asking for trouble.

SUIT AND TIE

Buying or hiring a suit is a personal choice – for classicist there's the plain black or pinstripe and for the more daring, there's the white or jacketless ensemble. It's wise, however to involve your guest in the choosing of your tie – she alone knows which colour will match her dress and it's a great way to get to know each other better. Just remember: don't complain about how much time it's taking or how much the tie costs – she'll just laugh and show you the price tag on her dress. Those purchasing a bow tie (respect to you) should also take care to acquire a tuxedo – a seemingly obvious but easy mistake to make.

CORSAGE

One of the most cherished formal traditions is the giving of the corsage, which is essentially an arrangement of flowers to be fastened around your guests wrist. Although girls are usually able to fasten their own corsage, boys are still expected to arrive with the accessory in hand. They can be purchased from florists and speciality shops around town. Trust us, it's not a good idea to try to make one yourself, unless you have some prior experience in the matter. Parents, especially mothers, are particularly helpful in this regard; it's really quite extraordinary to what lengths an excited mother will go to secure the loveliest corsage possible for her son's partner.

COMPLIMENT AND PHOTOS

There are two other main duties expected of boys on formal night: give compliments and pose for and take photos. If you want to tell your partner how nice she looks, a simple "you look lovely/beautiful/great" - depending on your intention – is perfect. When posing for photos (of which there are an exorbitantly high number) smile naturally, as if you were responding to a friend's joke. Try to ignore your mate making rude hand gestures behind the camera – boys can be so childish!