



GRACEVILLE STATE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 6 Graduation

As you are aware, our Year 6 graduation Ceremony will take place on **Tuesday 7th December**. The **Riverlife Baptist Church** at 17 Mile Rocks has been booked as our venue.

Important Information for you:

- **Program:**
 - 5.00: Family photos in foyer (6E & 6A)
 - 5.30: Family photos (6J & 5/6EH)
 - 5.55pm: Students to assemble in the Green room behind the stage
 - 6.00-7.00pm: Official program - speeches, presentation of certificates to students, slideshow to run from 5.30pm in foyer
 - 7.00-8.00pm: Family dance in foyer, Pizzas & cupcakes served to students, Mingle, Selfie time!
 - 8.00pm: Pack up time
- **Catering:** The committee will be organising small pizzas which will be served to students (COVID safe) after the ceremony as well as cupcakes, which will be boxed for individual students. Dietary requirements for students is being collected by Belinda Turner (bturn147@eq.edu.au)
- **Graduation costs:** Parents will be invoiced \$80 to cover the costs of the venue hire, graduation costs (decorated cupcakes, snack pizzas for students, decorations, printing, lighting etc). Invoices will be sent home this week. Some families do have credits on their account which can be used. Please let us know if you want these applied towards this cost.
- **Invitations:** Invitations will be sent home to parents later this week. You will need to RSVP. Only parents of Year 6 students (maximum of 2 people) are allowed to attend. This is consistent with past years and also to comply with COVID guidelines. Parents will need to do the COVID check-in at the venue when you register your attendance. The management at the venue will do all the bookings for us online.
- **Dress code for Students:** The student dress code for graduation is neat, smart-casual. Appropriate footwear to dance!
- **Photographer:** Goodtime Network photography will be our official photographer again this year. The photos taken will include individual student, family photos (before the ceremony), photograph taken with certificate during the ceremony. Photos will be available to purchase on Thursday 9th December in the hall (8-11am). They will be printed already to view & purchase if you wish. They will accept Eftpos. Costings will vary: 6x8 photos, 1 for \$15, 2 for \$25, 3 for \$30, 5 for \$40, 7 for \$50. Other packages may be available as well.
- **Year 6 Parent volunteers:** Any parents in Year 6 who are able to volunteer to help with the preparation of this event can contact Beth Burgess (beth@contributecommunications.com)
- We will be calling for Year 5 parents to volunteer to assist on the night as ushers.

What do you need to do now?

- **We invite you to write a letter to your child.** The letters will be added to the Graduation Yearbooks and will act as special keepsakes for the students. You may like to let your child know the things they do well, the things you admire about them, their special talents and traits, or your hopes for their future. It may also include a reflection on their growth over the time at primary school. The letter should be no more than one, A4 white page. Header on the page should have your child's name & class and the date. **The letter should be emailed to Amanda Nicholls (anich54@eq.edu.au) by Wednesday 24th November.** Your letter can be typed or handwritten & scanned and sent. Traditionally, students read their letters for the first time on the evening of the graduation.
- **Supply us with a photo** (electronic copy) of your child in Prep if you weren't at Graceville at that time. Send to Michelle Madden-Hallett (phill.michelle@bigpond.com) as soon as possible.
- Pay your invoice for \$80 when you receive it. Payments need to be finalised by Friday 19th November. Check if you have credits to apply and contact the office. Statements will be issued again this week.
- RSVP to the invitation by the due date with all details for all people attending (online booking system supplied by the venue).

COVID GUIDELINES FOR THIS EVENT:

- ❖ Mask wearing inside if you can't socially distance until seated, allocated seating will be set up for attendees (including students). Parents and students will sit in family groups. (NB unless these restrictions change in the meantime)
- ❖ Please stay home if you are unwell and let us know.
- ❖ Make sure you use the provided hand sanitizer on arrival.

We look forward to a great evening.

Kind Regards



Lisa McKeaten

Deputy Principal