

## June 25 Deb Ball Update



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today's announcement of the lifting/changes to regional COVID restrictions were not enough for our presentation ball to continue in our usual format. The decision to not cancel as of last week was made by the school for two reasons, the venue and school were both very hopeful that the restrictions would be lifted enough to accommodate our presentation ball, and also because we had no guarantee of an available backup date.

After much consultation with the venue staff this afternoon, the Presentation Ball will go ahead this Friday night, run in the only way that we are allowed to make it happen. Imogen has had contact with the students to let them know of the altered running sheet and the overwhelming response from them was to proceed. We are aware that the parents are paying for the tickets but we felt there was no point pushing on if it was unacceptable to our debs and partners.

All formalities including choreographed dances and presentations will be performed at the school's VISY Centre with all ticketed guests in attendance. At the conclusion of the dances and presentations, the second part of the night will include a formal dinner at the Riverlinks Eastbank Centre. A bus will transport participating students from the VISY Centre to Eastbank where the debs and partners will join their families and guests for dinner and dessert.

### The timeline will be:

All Presentation Ball participants need to arrive at the VISY Centre **no later than 5:45pm** for group photos. There will be no dance preview as in previous years due to density restrictions.

**All families and guests need to be seated by 6:15pm** at the VISY centre. Guests are to adhere to current government restrictions; please arrive early to check in with the QR code. Guests are also required to wear face masks.

At the conclusion of the dancing and presentation a bus will transport participating students from the **VISY Centre to Eastbank** where the debs and partners will join their families and guests for **dinner and dessert at Eastbank**. Entertainment is not permitted at Eastbank due to COVID restrictions. A photo backdrop will be at Eastbank for the debs and their partners to take photos with their families and friends.