



29 July 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Organisation for the school ball is complete and we are looking forward to an excellent function at Holiday Inn, 2 Ascot Rd, Airport Oaks, Mangere on Friday September 16th. This is always a glamour event and our student organisers have put much time and thought towards ensuring that this year's ball will continue our very high standard. This year the theme is "**Night at the Oscars**".

A deposit on the ticket should already have been paid and tickets will need to be paid in full by Monday 12th September. This year the purchase price is \$80 and **includes** the cost of the venue, transport to and from the venue, food, entertainment and the photographer.

Students are expected to meet in the school hall at 6.30pm and will be transported by bus to the venue. There will be no exceptions made to this. Buses will be numbered and students will board their allocated bus which will depart promptly at 7pm. The ball will conclude at 11.30pm. Buses are expected to depart the venue at 11.45pm and return to school by 12.15am. Parents/caregivers must be at school to collect students at this time.

Once at the venue, attendees will of course be under the responsibility of the school; as such, Ball attendees are expected to remain at the Ball until 11:30pm and there will be no passes given to leave the venue at any time.

Students are able to bring their partners from outside of the school. If you wish to bring a partner they must be equivalent of a year 12 or above; if they are from outside of the school then you must fill in a partner request form. Partners from outside the school will **only** be admitted to the Ball with a fully completed outside partner request form. These forms are available from the student centre.

**All attendees must abide by the school rules.** This includes **no alcohol or smoking** at the function. Security provided will be very tight and attendees can be expected to be "searched" at the entrance and have their bags and pockets checked for cigarettes, alcohol or lighters. Anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be admitted to the ball. **Failure to abide by the rules will mean that people could be denied entry or removed from the function.** Any drugs found will mean the immediate removal of the carrier and his/her partner. The parents of any student removed from the function will be advised immediately.

Every year there is the issue of the "after-ball" and, in regard to such functions, the school accepts no responsibility and takes no part in the organisation. Parents who condone/allow their students to attend after-ball functions should do so from a position of knowledge and at their own discretion. Parents need to be aware that police will be looking at such events very closely.

The school ball is always a spectacular event. We hope that this year is no different and that all involved enjoy a safe and enjoyable evening.

Yours faithfully

John Rohs  
**PRINCIPAL**