



Dear Parents/Guardians

The main social function for Year 11 students in 2017 will be a river cruise, on board the MV James Stirling, on Friday 17 March 2017. In the past, this has proven to be a most successful evening, and I am sure next year will be no exception.

In order to assist in your planning and to ensure a successful, safe event, I have answered some frequently asked questions:

1. Is the River Cruise a compulsory event?
No. There is no requirement for your daughter to attend.
2. Does my daughter have to invite a partner?
The girls do not have to bring a partner, but they may choose to. This is not an event to which boys from surrounding schools are automatically invited. Invited partners must be of school age and contact details must be provided.
3. What is the cost of the Year 11 River Cruise, and what does that cost include?
The tickets are \$35 per person. This includes the boat and DJ hire, water and pizza. There is no need to bring additional money on the night.
4. What is the dress code for the evening?
Semi-formal. For girls this might be a dress but not a ball dress. Alternatively, they may choose to wear a top paired up with either a skirt or trousers. For boys, trousers and a neat collared shirt would be appropriate (not a t-shirt).

The girls should not spend an excessive amount of money on their river cruise attire. Please be aware that appropriate dress is required and girls who wear revealing clothing risk not being admitted to the river cruise on the night. It is also not a venue to be wearing excessively high-heeled shoes as this poses a potential safety hazard. If your daughter is unsure as to the suitability of her outfit/shoes, please encourage her to discuss this with me well prior to the evening.

5. When are tickets distributed?
All tickets will be distributed on the afternoon of Friday 17 March. The girls will be required to personally collect their tickets. No appointments should be booked before 3.30pm, including any of a medical nature.
6. When should my daughter arrive at the jetty?
For safety reasons, parents/guardians will be asked to personally drop off and collect their daughters from the jetty. Limousines or charter buses are discouraged. The boat will depart from Barrack Street Jetty at 7pm sharp, so all students must have arrived before then.
7. Will there be before/after parties?
The College does not condone such events and requests your support in ensuring that no large gatherings take place. Anyone who is deemed to be under the influence of alcohol or whose conduct/dress is deemed inappropriate, will remain with their partner and Mrs Kate Padman, Dean of Senior Years Education, on the jetty until they are collected by a parent/guardian.

The students will receive parent permission letters in the first week of Term 1. These will contain more detailed information about the evening.

I wish you and your family a joyous and restful festive season, and look forward to seeing all girls return to school healthy, happy, and ready for a wonderful year.

Kind regards

Emma Rough
Head of Year 11