



College Celebrations

During the year the College conducts a number of activities and events to celebrate students' achievements and milestones in their education. These are generally organised within the Phases of Learning and are held at times when families and students are able to attend, given the constraints of family and work commitments. These are detailed in the College Calendar and given forward planning and notice, students are expected to be in attendance. As these are often occasions when guests and dignitaries are in attendance students and parents are expected to be dressed and behave appropriately for the occasion as follows.

Inauguration Mass

This is our liturgical celebration to welcome in the new year and to induct our College leaders and seniors. Families are welcome to attend.

Students are required to wear formal school uniform unless advised otherwise (they may have sport or P.E on this day). Uniform regulations are detailed in the Parent Handbook.

During all liturgical celebrations it is not appropriate to applaud – it is not a performance but rather a sacred observance. After the final blessing by the celebrant there may be occasions when he will invite acclamation to thank or congratulate participants.

The induction of leaders and seniors follows the mass and is a formal ceremony. During this celebration we request that calling out or whistling to individuals not occur – it is not socially acceptable behaviour and the church is always a sacred space and as such should be held in reverence. The Master of Ceremonies will invite acclamation at the appropriate time.

Night of Excellence (Middle & Senior Years)

This is a formal celebration for the College to acknowledge the significant achievements across the curriculum for the year. The program is varied and includes a liturgy, awards, reports, speeches and presentations of music, drama etc. All staff and students of this MSY campus are expected to attend and be in full formal uniform.

Parents and family members are very welcome and encouraged to attend. Dress is to be smart casual; shorts and thongs are not considered appropriate. Socially acceptable behaviour includes acclamation at the appropriate times. The audience is directed by the Master of Ceremonies. All

attendees are requested to remain for the entirety of the evening's program. The College endeavours to keep the time frame to approximately 1½ hours.

Year 12 Graduation (Middle & Senior Years)

This is a formal celebration to farewell and dismiss our Year 12 students and to congratulate them on their completion of their 12 years of schooling.

Students wear full formal uniform. Parents and families are invited to attend. Appropriate dress for this special occasion is requested and includes smart dress apparel – shorts and thongs are not appropriate. Recognition of our students is appropriate but does not include whistling or calling out.

Completion of Junior Years Phase of Learning (Year 6)

As this is a significant celebration all Year 6 students are expected to attend in formal uniform. Parents and families are encouraged to attend with the evening commencing at 6pm.

The formal celebration commences with a liturgy, including student participation. This is a religious ceremony and is a time for thanksgiving prayer and blessing.

Following is the presentation of a Certificate of Completion to each student. This is not a graduation ceremony as it is expected that students are transitioning to our Middle and Senior Years Campus to complete their education. At this time each student is presented to the Head of Campus and Principal of the College. Awards are also presented to individual students for achievement in a number of categories. The Master of Ceremonies will then invite acclamation from the audience after each class is presented.