11 May 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Debutante Balls have been part of the Emmaus College calendar since 1990 and that tradition will continue this year. Here are some details regarding this year’s debs.

DATES
Saturday, 22 August – Group 1
Saturday, 29 August – Group 2

Groups have been determined by students in consultation with parents relating to best availability.

VENUE
The venue will again be The Grand on Cathies Lane, Wantirna.

DANCE LESSONS
The Debutante sets will be trained by Gayle and Andrew Elliott, who are experienced in the training of Debutantes at a number of schools and have trained our students for the past six to seven years. Dancing Classes will be held in the Tony Frizza Stadium at the Vermont South Campus on the following dates:

- Sunday, 26 July 5:00 – 6:30
- Tuesday, 28 July 3:30 – 5:00 Partners’ Suit Fitting 5.00 – 5.30
- Sunday, 2 August 5:00 – 6:30
- Tuesday, 4 August 3:30 – 5:00
- Sunday, 9 August 5:00 – 6:30
- Tuesday, 11 August 3.30 – 5.00
- Sunday, 16 August 5.00 – 6.30

In the week of the Debutante presentation there will be another training session after school at The Grand on Cathies Lane:
- Monday, 17 August (Group 1) 6.30 – 8.00
- Monday, 24 August (Group 2) 5.30 – 7.00

COSTS

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<th>Boys (Suit hire, gloves, shirt, tie, shoes, dance lessons, dinner, DVD, buttonhole)</th>
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TICKETS
Each family will be entitled to six tickets. Due to the large number of interested Debutantes, it is highly unlikely that extra tickets will become available. Following the booking process, Debutantes and their partners will be required to forward any requests regarding dietary needs, e.g. vegetarian meals, special dietary requirements or wheelchair access.
PAYMENT
The process for the payment of tickets will be conducted on-line through a booking website. Further details and instructions for the booking of tickets will be in a letter available in the last week of term two. Debutantes and Partners will be allocated a maximum of six family tickets.

GLOVES/FLOWERS
Gloves that have been ordered will be available for collection at the same time as suits are issued.

Flowers and button holes will be given to the students upon their arrival at the venue on the day of the Ball.

SUITS
Boys will be measured for suits at the first Tuesday dance practice on July 28th. Both debutante groups will need to remain half an hour after the scheduled 5:00pm finish for their measurements to be taken. Please ensure that your son knows his shoe size on this night.

Suits will be available for collection the week prior to the Ball. Please ensure your son tries his suit on as soon as he brings it home, just in case any problems need to be addressed immediately. **The neck ties are not to be undone by any students.**

Boys' suits will be collected at the College the Monday immediately following their Debutante evening.

PHOTOGRAPHERS
There will be a photographer in attendance on the day of the balls from 3pm. The students will be photographed throughout the afternoon and will have family photos taken in the evening. There is no obligation to purchase.
Doors will open for the guests at 7pm. They will not open earlier than this as official photographs are being taken until this time.

Debutante Balls are official College activities, and as such, are conducted under certain conditions. These conditions are based on many years of experience to ensure the success of these important evenings, and are not open to negotiation. These include:

- No after parties are to be arranged, held or attended by those taking part.
- All partners are to be current Emmaus College students. This is a College event, not a community event, and is conducted as much for our boys as for our girls.
- Guests are to be limited to family members, with families being expected to take responsibility for those at their table.
- All partners and guests are to behave in a manner consistent with a formal College event.
- The ticket price does not include alcoholic beverages, which may be purchased separately at the function. Alcohol will not be served to those who cannot give proof of being over 18 years of age. Students of the College are not permitted to consume alcohol at the Debutante Balls.
- The debutante presentation is a very formal part of the evening, and it is an expectation that appreciation for the debutantes and partners be shown in an appropriate manner. Applause is the acceptable form of appreciation, with whistling and shouting having no place at a formal function of this type.
- Students involved in the Debutante Set will attend all rehearsals, behave in an appropriate manner and co-operate with the instructors and other students. The College reserves the right to cancel
the involvement of any student who does not attend rehearsals regularly, or whose behaviour is deemed inappropriate.

- All students are expected to conform to the dress codes which are established.

Participation in the Debutante Ball is dependent upon the acceptance of, and adherence to, all of the above conditions.

If you have any queries, please contact Ms Hyland (98453321) or Mrs Shaw (98453270) at the College.

Yours faithfully,

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Colin Senior House Leader

Mrs Patricia Shaw
Chavoin Senior House Leader

Mr David White
Assistant Principal
Staff and Administration