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STATUS

The College Ball is a prestigious event, held annually, at a venue determined by the Student Leadership Coordinator and Principal. It is not the automatic right of a year group for this function to be held and is a privilege which may be withdrawn should the behaviour of a year group warrant such action.

ORGANISATION

Responsibility for the successful organisation of the Ball rests with the Student Leadership Coordinator who may delegate duties to the Ball Committee. To minimise disruption to the College, the Ball will be held on a Friday in Term 1.

BALL COMMITTEE

This committee comprises of students who wish to be involved in the organisation of the Ball. Membership of this committee is not limited to Student Councillors, however, Councillors are expected to make input. The role of the committee is advisory only and its decision must be ratified by the Year 12 Coordinator, Student Leadership Coordinator and/or Principal.

INELIGIBILITY

Any student who at the time of the Ball has lost their "Good Standing" status is not permitted to attend the Ball. All students who wish to attend the Ball need to have either paid their fees in full or have paid proportional college fees. At least 50% of the total fees should have been paid prior to ticket purchase. Any variation to this requirement can only be authorised by the Principal.

INVITEES

Members of Staff will be invited to attend at a cost determined by the Principal. Staff admission may be subsidised by the College.

Students who intend to invite "out of College" partners must complete a contract sheet. The student, his/her intended partner and the student's parents must sign this. Each student who intends to invite an "out of college" partner must also attend an interview with the Student Leadership Coordinator who has the final say on the suitability of partners. No student can purchase a ticket for an "out of College" partner until this process is completed. "Out of College" partners are required to adhere to the rules of behaviour set down in this policy.

BEHAVIOUR

The Ball is the premier social event at Ballajura Community College. As such, a particularly high standard of behaviour is required from those attending. Students whose behaviour at the ball is considered inappropriate will be asked to leave. Parents will be notified and no refunds will apply.

The following rules will be strictly enforced:

1. The possession or use of alcohol or any controlled substance at or before the function will result in the offender being removed from the premises and being sent home immediately. In addition to exclusion from the Ball, offenders will be sanctioned under the Colleges' *Positive Student Behaviour Policy*.
2. Smoking of tobacco is not permitted. A disregard for this rule may result in an offender being removed from the venue and sent home.
3. Standards of dress and personal behaviour are expected to reflect the formal nature of the occasion.
4. Students must obey the lawful instructions of staff and persons employed by the venue.
5. Students will not be permitted to leave the venue until the end of the function, unless a prior arrangement has been made in writing and the student is collected by the nominated person. Students or guests who leave the venue without permission will not be re-admitted.
6. Once the students have left the venue the College's duty of care towards them ceases. No responsibility whatsoever is undertaken for students' behaviour or personal safety once they have left the premises.
7. Offenders who are sent home will not have their admission charges refunded. If it is necessary the students will be returned home by taxi at the parents' expense.
8. Offenders who are sent home will have their "Good Standing" reviewed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Cancellation of bookings will not be entertained less than 10 days before the advertised date of the function, except in the case of sickness supported by a medical certificate. This policy document will be publicised and be accessible to students. It is the responsibility of students to make themselves aware of the provisions. As in all cases of College policy, the Principal reserves the right to make decisions in the best interests of the College.