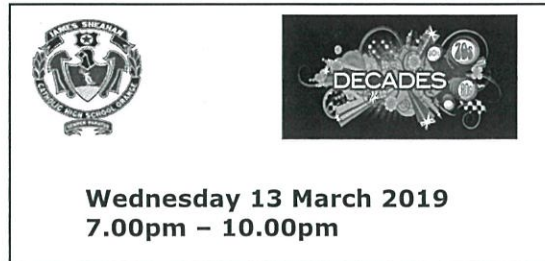




5 March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

SCHOOL DISCO



The SRC is organising a school disco in Mercy Hall on Wednesday 13 March 2019 commencing at 7.00pm and concluding at 10.00pm.

In order to provide a safe environment for all involved, it is very important that we again stress our rules and procedures for school functions such as these. **Smoking and alcohol are strictly forbidden.** Any evidence of drinking alcohol at the disco has serious consequences. Any student who consumes alcohol before the disco will be treated equally as severely. We have a breathalyser at the disco and **we reserve the right to breath test any students whom we suspect have consumed alcohol.** The purchase of disco tickets is voluntary and students who purchase a ticket do so under the condition that they will willingly submit to a breath test if requested by staff. Students who choose to consume or bring alcohol or drugs to a school function will place in jeopardy their continued enrolment at James Sheahan. Any students who are found to have broken these strict rules will be withdrawn from school for a period of time and parent interviews will be necessary before a return to school is permitted. They will also be banned from attending future school discos.

Please do not give permission for your child to attend this disco if you are not prepared to support our stance in this regard. In signing the child's disco ticket you are indicating that you have a) read this letter and b) give your express permission for the above.

The theme of the disco is **DECADES** and students are allowed to dress up. Outfits need to be considered carefully though, as brief, skimpy or distasteful outfits are not acceptable. All students are **required to wear closed-toe footwear**, even on the dance floor, and all students are expected to wear a shirt or top at all times. **Tops revealing the midriffs are unacceptable. Students without shoes/appropriate footwear or without shirts will be refused entry.** It is the prerogative of the school staff to determine what constitutes inappropriate dress. Please do not bring items such as glow sticks or silly string as they will be confiscated at the door.

Entertainment will be provided by a DJ and refreshments will be available to buy. Tickets cost \$7.00 and can only be purchased at lunchtime in the Quad from Friday 8 March to Tuesday 12 March 2019. Tickets will **NOT** be available on the day of the disco.

Students must have the permission note section of the ticket signed by a parent or carer. An example of the disco ticket is shown above. The ticket will be checked and collected by a supervising teacher on the night of the disco. Students who do not attend school on the day of the Disco, for reasons other than school based activities, as well as students who leave school during the day as a result of being unwell will not be allowed to attend.

Students arriving late or having to leave early will need to have a note given to Mr Wickham BEFORE the night of the disco. At the conclusion of the disco, parents and carers can wait outside the hall. The doors to the foyer will not be opened until the students leave. The disco will be supervised by volunteer teachers and security guards will patrol the perimeter and car park.

Parents or carers will be called to collect a student immediately if:

- The student is dressed inappropriately,
- The permission note on the ticket is unsigned,
- The student is suspected of alcohol or drug use,
- The student is found smoking,
- The student is behaving inappropriately or violently.

It is essential that we have an accurate contact phone number for all parents of students attending the disco. We expect that you will be contactable during the course of the evening should this be necessary.

Thank you to all the students, staff and parents who have made our past school discos such a success. With your continued support, we look forward to a great evening.

Yours sincerely



Mr D Wickham
Wellbeing Coordinator