



# Rutherglen High School

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## Presentation Evening 2020

**It is with great regret that I announce that the annual Presentation Evening will NOT go ahead in 2020.**

There are several reasons for this decision:

- **VCE results will not be available until December 30** so Year 12 Academic Awards and Dux of the School announcements will not be possible prior to this date.
- At the moment, Department of Education advice is that face-to-face year level assemblies, graduations and other school gatherings can occur at full capacity if they are **exclusively attended by students and staff only**.
- Graduation ceremonies, assemblies and other school gatherings (e.g. school sports) **on school sites involving external guests** are subject to a gathering limit (including students, staff and visitors) of 150 indoors or 300 outdoors, with a density quotient of one person per four square metres applicable to staff and visitors/parents.
- Department of Health requirements for **Public Events held off school grounds** (e.g. the Rutherglen Memorial Hall) limit attendees to 25% of the seating capacity but also apply a density quotient of one person per four square metres.

Some of these requirements may change over the next few weeks but by then it will be too late to organise an event of this magnitude and we still will not have senior results.

We will be working on other ways to recognise, celebrate and publicise the commitment and success of our students.

**There will be a number of bursaries and awards made, many of which involve considerable financial rewards. Recipients of these awards will be asked to attend a presentation ceremony with the individual or organisation that made the award or bursary available.**

Students will also be eligible to receive Honours Awards and Diligence Awards as in previous years. These will be presented where possible at Year level Assemblies. Under current restrictions, parents are NOT able to attend such assemblies but if restrictions are relaxed, they will be invited.

Students, parents and the wider community have made considerable sacrifices during this pandemic and unfortunately the Presentation Evening as we have known it in the past is another casualty of this unprecedented year.

Regards,

*Phil Rogers*

Principal