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Growing The Whole Child

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Graduation 2020 – COVID safe procedures

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The 2020 Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will be held on Tuesday 1 December, 2020. Due to *Queensland Government COVID safe event checklist* requirements, the ceremony will be held outside on the school oval at the South Street end commencing at **4:30pm**. It may take some time to process each group at our designated gates, so please allow approximately 30-35 minutes for this.

Please make yourself familiar with the following important information:

- Due to Queensland Government COVID safe requirements there will be no food provided.
- Each student is permitted to have 3 significant adults attend the ceremony.
- Seating for the ceremony will be arranged in groups of 3 to allow family groups to sit together. (Students will be seated together in a separate area at the front of the stage)
- A 1.5m space will be allocated between each group and must be maintained throughout the entirety of the ceremony. COVID safe protocol stipulates that groups are not permitted to mix, re-arrange or move about during the ceremony.
- **Toilet facilities which are marked on the map below, will be the only movement permitted by adult attendees.** (Students will be photographed throughout the night so parents and carers will not need to move around to take photos).
- At the conclusion of the ceremony, we ask that attendees leave via the designated entry/exit points and that you adhere to social distancing protocol and not gather around the car parking area afterwards.

IMPORTANT Weather Information

Due to the possibility of weather interference i.e. storms and rain, Thornlands State School reserves the right to *cancel the outdoor graduation ceremony* if required to ensure the safety of our staff, students and families.

Thornlands State school has allowed a contingency date of the following day (Wednesday 2nd December again at 4:30pm) if required.

In the event that bad weather is experienced on both alternatives dates, we will hold a *student's only* ceremony in our school hall on Monday 7 December at 9:30am. Due to COVID safe requirements for 4m² per adult, as well as logistical requirements required for an outdoor event such as stage hire, sound, lighting and electrical requirements, adults will unfortunately not be permitted to attend this indoor event should it have to take place, however this event will be filmed and provided to parents and carers via email. All attendees will be kept up to date via email/text with regards to any required weather changes.

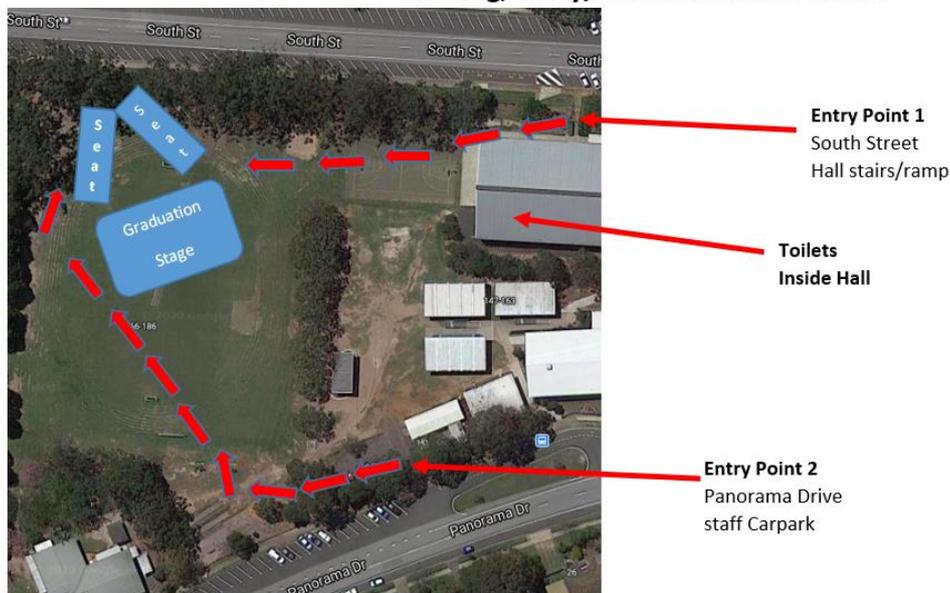
Event Ticketing and Registration

Please use the following **EventBrite** link (also available in the news section of our website),

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/124391673845/>

which will require you to enter your group's registration details for the ceremony by Monday 16 November. This is a requirement in order for every attendee to gain entry on the night. This will be verified upon your arrival at the entry points specified below. Each attendee will be asked a series of questions relating to your movement in the past 14 days as well as whether you have been in close contact with a known case of COVID19 etc. If you are feeling unwell, please do not attend and if you are ill at the time of entry, you will not be permitted to enter.

Parking, Entry/Exits Points and Toilets



Entry and Exit point Graduation 2020

Class	Entry/Exit Point
6D and 6F	(1) South street Hall stairs/ramp
6H, 6J and 6L	(2) Panorama Drive staff carpark

This evening is a celebration of the culmination of your child's primary school years. The evening consists of award presentations, dancing and speeches sharing the highlights of 2020. Students will be photographed throughout the night so parents and carers will not need to move around to take photos.

The dress code for the occasion is smart casual. It would be most suitable for boys to wear shorts and button open neck shirts. (Definitely no T-shirts or shirts with slogans). Smart trousers, dresses or skirts (not too short) are suitable for girls. Please remember shoes must be comfortable. (High-heeled shoes would be most unsuitable).

Pending the forecast weather for the ceremony, if there is a possibility of a light shower, you might like to bring a poncho to protect you from rain. Note that you are not permitted to use umbrellas during the ceremony, as it will obstruct the view for other parents and carers. Alternatively, should the weather forecast be hot and sunny, you are advised to bring hats, sunscreen and water bottles. Whilst we have tried to take best advantage of the available shade under the trees, you are still likely to have to sit in the sun.

2020 Graduation, whilst a little different this year, will be a special event for you and your child and we look forward to sharing this wonderful event with you. As you can appreciate, we are operating under specific guidelines set out by our COVID event checklist and have gone to great lengths to make this a successful event for our Year 6 students and families.

We greatly appreciate, and thank you in advance for your patience and co-operation in adhering to these important safety protocols and look forward to seeing you all there.

Warm regards,

Robyn Wilton
Principal