

17th September 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students of Year 13,

RE: MAGS Ball 2020.

We have been able to negotiate a contract for a new ball date of Tuesday November 10th, 2020.

In making this decision we have carefully considered the following:

The need to be at a COVID level to have gatherings of 500 or more.

The need to reduce risk of a COVID link to MAGS to avoid a school closure and cancellation.

Venue availability re - size, cost, location

Study time available between ball date and NCEA

This new event will now serve as the **MAGS Leaver's Graduation Ball** the evening of Senior Prize-giving.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS:

Unfortunately, the new contract does not allow for a full refund to be offered as was previously.

Possibilities:

1. If COVID levels and restrictions apply and **the venue cannot provide** the ball then a full refund applies.
2. If, at the time of the ball, there is community transmission within the MAGS community the school would be required to close for 72 hours and students isolate. If this coincided with the ball date **the venue WOULD NOT offer a refund and we are bound to pay for the expenses.** In this case, no refund would be offered to the students.

While we believe the risk to the event is low, the unpredictability of COVID means that Mount Albert Grammar School is now unable to cover this cost in full.

Attending the MAGS Leaver's Graduation Ball Tuesday 10th November:

1. If you wish to remain as an attendee for Tuesday November 10th then no action is required.
2. If you are unwilling to risk covering this cost and would like a refund on your ticket, please email nphyn@mags.school.nz with your account details. You will be refunded and have no further opportunity to attend the ball.

NOTE: There is a significant waiting list for students and partners wanting to attend due to number restrictions and this will allow other students who are on the waiting list to have their attendance confirmed.

***ANY REQUEST for a refund** must be received by Mrs Phyn by **Tuesday 22nd of September 2020.**

**** NO REFUNDS can be made after this date.**

Finally, thank you for your patience and understanding in these ever changing and unpredictable times. Please know that as a school we are doing everything we can to make this special event go ahead for our Year 13 class of 2020.

Yours sincerely,

Natasha Phyn

Additional information:

New venue information is as follows all other criteria as per the signed permission remains the same.

Date: Tuesday 10th November 2020.

Time: Doors open at 6.00pm. Students must be in attendance at the venue before 7.00pm. After this time the doors will be closed and no admission will be allowed. Attendee's may not exit until 10.30pm and the event concludes at 11.30pm.

Location: Ellerslie Events Centre, Guinness Room, located at 100 Ascot Ave, Remuera.
Entry via Main Gate 6.