FINAL WEEK OF SCHOOLING – YEAR 12/13

Over the years, the last week of formal schooling for Year 12 has tended to develop into a week of celebrations. It is important that these celebrations provide appropriate opportunities to recognise the achievements and contributions which senior students make to their school and wider communities.

Principals have agreed to endorse the following statements:

1. The final week for Year 12/13 students is a time to focus on study and the forthcoming examinations and assessments.

2. Active preparation and revision of the various subjects studied should be the focus of both time and energy.

3. Once students have finished their courses, this can be an opportunity for community service or for seeking casual employment.

4. Disruptive behaviour of any sort, at this time in particular, is unsettling for students who are studying. It is expected that the normal approach to study and personal conduct required of all students by the school, will be maintained.

5. The maintenance of the high standards of behaviour and application to study will assist the school and the independent school sector in retaining the strong confidence of parents, students and the community.

6. It is not appropriate for Year 12 students to visit other schools at this time.

7. Keeping in mind these aspects of school life as well as the responsibility of Principals to ensure a safe and orderly school environment, it is in the interests of individual schools and the sector as a whole for independent schools to proscribe all elements of disruptive and dangerous conduct and to negotiate a kind of school based celebration that offers a fitting rite of passage for Year 12 students without excesses, and that expresses gratitude to staff and parents.

8. Principals may wish to advise Year 12 parents of planning for Year 12 student events and expected standards of behaviour, and advise them of the level of celebration in pre and post examination parties which might be appropriate.