

3 May 2022

Parents/Caregivers of Students Attending the 2022 School Ball

Dear Parents

One of the highlights of the school calendar for many of our students is the senior school ball. To ensure it is a successful evening we would like to inform you of some of the key information and conditions.

Saturday 21 May

Trustpower Arena, Baypark

Doors open at 7:30pm and the ball finishes at 11.00pm

The doors will open at 7.30pm and students will have 45 minutes to be inside the venue before the doors are closed at 8.15pm. As the students and their partners enter the venue there will be a security check of their coats and bags which will then be stored by the students in a secure area. These items will be collected at the end of the evening's event at which point the school officially ceases its responsibility. For security reasons, **students cannot be picked up before 11.00pm.**

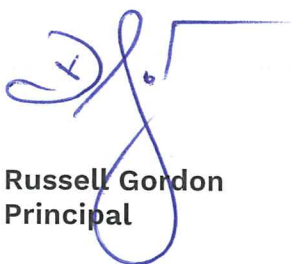
By having a ticket to go to the Ōtūmoetai College ball, students and their partners are agreeing to the ball conditions on the second page of this document.

The cost of the ball tickets is **\$85** and can be ordered online by Year 13 students from Wednesday 11 May, reference "**Ball**" or, at the student fees desk. Year 12 sales will commence on Friday 13 May. The school will only allow for the allocation of tickets to students who have met their school obligations regarding behaviour and **attendance requirements (85% + attendance).**

The school does not condone and will take no responsibility for any after-ball functions. I ask parents to take prudent action to ensure the safety of their child when they leave the school function at 11.00 pm.

We are expecting that the 2022 school ball will be a fantastic success and we are all looking forward to this enjoyable evening.

Yours sincerely



Russell Gordon
Principal



Ōtūmoetai College Ball Conditions

Ōtūmoetai College Ball is the foremost social occasion for Year 12 and 13 students. It is important that everyone is able to enjoy and remember this special occasion.

Outside partners must be either a Year 12 or 13 student at a NZ Secondary School or a person no older than 20 years of age. To request a ticket for an outside partner, please get a permission slip from the Deans' Room and return completed forms to the same place by Friday 6 May.

By having a ticket and coming to the Ōtūmoetai College ball, you are agreeing to the following conditions:

- Normal school rules apply for students and their partners.
- We recognise the significance of this school event for many and respectfully ask that if parents/caregivers are celebrating before the ball that they restrict alcoholic drinks for their children to one glass of alcohol.
- Outside partners must arrive with their school partner.
- Alcohol, cigarettes, vaping and drugs are strictly forbidden – security guards will check students and partners on entry to the venue. People in possession of or under the influence of alcohol (random breath tests will be carried out before entry) or drugs will not be permitted entry. If security suspects alcohol or drugs are being consumed during the ball, they reserve the right to conduct a search of the individual and / or carry out a breath test.
- If a student breaks any of these conditions, parents/caregivers will be contacted and informed they must collect their child.
- If our college students attend the ball with an outside partner they may also be required to leave the ball with their partner (as it may not be their fault – this will be on a case by case basis).
- **For security reasons the doors will be closed from 8.15pm and remain closed until 11.00pm** and students and their partners must remain at the function until such time.
- The ball is held on the condition that no post ball function is organised. The College reserves the right to cancel the ball if knowledge of any such function is arranged. Any refund will be after expenses have been covered. Small gatherings at a family home are excluded.

This is a great event, where everyone now knows the expectations.