

# DEBUTANTE BALLS

The Mildura Senior College Deb Balls are held in August and are a highlight of the College's calendar year. The main purpose of the Ball is for students, family and friends to come together and enjoy themselves at a formal function.

The Balls are a culmination of several weeks of practice and provide an opportunity for students to participate in a night of formal dancing and the 'introduction' of Debs and their partners to an audience of family and friends where they then perform a number of dances. There is also one dance with a 'special person', either a parent, relative or a close friend. The dances are set to modern contemporary music. Following the official presentation, debs, partners, and their family and friends are free to enjoy themselves and dance the night away. The ticket price includes a 3-course dinner, Hors d'oeuvres, main meal, dessert, tea & coffee provided by the friendly and professional staff of Club Da Vinci. It also includes entertainment by a DJ & Security. The night for guests begins at 7.00pm and concludes at approximately 11.30pm.

Preparation for the Deb Balls begin in May with practises conducted over approximately 12 sessions, usually on a Sunday afternoon / evening depending on the number of groups. Students are trained by experienced dance instructors who are chosen for their ability to have rapport with students and provide dance instruction that meets the needs of the students participating. In 2017, seven balls were held throughout the month of August with 212 Debs and partners participating.

When considering participation in Deb Balls and to ensure confidence on the night, it is important that Debs and their partners be committed to attending all dance practises. The dance lessons are great fun and a great way to get to know the other people involved in your Deb ball.

As with any College function, normal school rules apply and participation must not affect academic progress.

## REGISTERING YOUR INTEREST

Debutantes must be students of the College. It is also strongly recommended that partners be current students. The Ball Coordinator and the College must approve partners who do not attend the college. The **maximum number of Debs per ball is set at 16 couples. We also promote an inclusive participation policy.** Students who wish to participate in the Deb Balls are invited to register their interest for the 2019 Deb Balls via Moodle (*our online curriculum site*) at the beginning of the College year, and by attending the Information Night that is held in February (*attendance at this night is essential to fully understand the expectations for participation in the Balls*). Due to the popularity of the Deb Balls, places usually fill fast. On indication of interest and attendance at the information night, formal registration begins. Places in the Balls are given in order of registration and payment of the registration fee. The registration cost in 2018 was \$150.00 per person (\$300.00 per couple, *subject to change*) This cost is inclusive of dance lessons, Ball ticket, light meal on the night, posies/buttonholes, DVD, group photos, official program etc.

If you need further information about the Balls prior to the information evening, please feel free to contact the College by either email or phone.

