

**Please return this form to the Central Administration Office  
before the end of Week 10 Term 1 to accompany your deposit**

I \_\_\_\_\_, **have read the contents of this information**  
sheet and would like to be presented at a 2012 Presentation Ball. I **commit to attend all practices** and  
behave in a manner appropriate for a student of Trinity College.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Student) Tutor Group \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the contents of this information sheet and agree for my son/daughter to be presented at a  
2012 Presentation Ball. I understand **all practices must be attended** and that supportive and co-  
operative behaviour is required by all students. Practice dates are published in this booklet.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/guardian)

***For planning purposes please complete the following section:***

<b>We will attend:</b> Ball A – Sept. 1 Tutor Groups A - K Ball B – Sept.15 Tutor Groups L - W <b>Please circle one date above</b>		Adults @ \$85.00
		Students of Trinity College @ \$80.00
	1	Presentee @ \$90.00*

\* The ticket price for presentees includes a DVD of the entire evening and all photos taken by the  
official photographer. (valued at \$10)

Important: -

**This is a guide for planning only and tickets will still need to be purchased at Central Admin, at  
the appropriate time later in terms 2/3**

**\*ENCLOSED IS A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$50**

Hand this form, together with your deposit, to the staff at Central Administration, before the end  
of Week 10, Term 1.



# Trinity College Senior School Presentation Balls 2012

## Saturday September 1 and Saturday September 15

### Information for Students and Families

### What is the Presentation Ball?

The Presentation Ball is a formal occasion where we introduce our Year Eleven students to the community as young adults. The evening involves the presentation of our young men and women to Mr Kym Reynolds, Principal of TCS and a special guest, followed by dinner and a programme of dancing. The Balls will be held this year on Saturdays, September 1 and September 15 at the Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide. The evening begins at 6:30pm and the presentation will take place at 7pm. **(Students to arrive by 5.45p.m.)**

### Dance Practices

In order that students feel confident dancing at the ball, we conduct dancing lessons at school, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons during Term 3. These lessons are **compulsory** for students wishing to be presented and are held in the Studio between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. (5.30pm for last 2 sessions) *Students who find that they have other commitments during this time, such as sport or work, should arrange to meet these obligations **at other times.***

The dates for all the ball practices are listed here below and I would ask students and parents to note them on your calendars and arrange work rosters accordingly.

The last 2 practices are **extended**, to polish both the dancing and the presentation. There will also be two dance practices for all interested **parents** on Friday August 17 and August 24, between 7pm and 9pm, also in the Studio. (Gold coin donation for the dance teacher please)

#### Ball A –

Thursday	July 26	3.30 – 4.30pm
Thursday	August 2	3.30 – 4.30pm
Thursday	August 9	3.30 – 4.30pm
Thursday	August 16	3.30 – 4.30pm
Thursday	August 23	3.30 – 5.30pm
Thursday	August 30	3.30 – 5.30pm

#### Ball B –

Tuesday	August 7	3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday	August 14	3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday	August 21	3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday	August 28	3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday	September 4	3.30 – 5.30pm
Tuesday	September 11	3.30 – 5.30pm

**Parent Practices:** Friday August 17 & Friday August 24: 7.00 – 9.00p.m. in the Senior School Studio (gold coin donation at the door please) All parents may attend either or both of these practices



## Partners

Students are often very concerned about this aspect of the Ball. To be fair to all students, partners are arranged by lining them up, according to height. They are numbered from shortest to tallest and then simply matched up so that everyone receives a partner of an appropriate height. Students are required to be presented with their partner and dance the first and last dances together at the Ball. For all other dances, students may choose their partners. (It goes without saying that students are expected to treat their partners with respect and courtesy.)

## Escorts

It has often been the case in the past that numbers of girls and boys wishing to be presented vary. In this case, we call upon Years 12 and 13 students to act as escorts for the evening. These students wear a slightly different style of dinner suit or gown and are announced differently, recognising that they have been presented in the past. Escorts are required to attend all the practices and are very generous in giving their time to help their fellow students. They also pay for the suit hire if appropriate.

## What to wear

Girls who are to be presented at the ball are asked to wear a **plain, long** dress, without elaborate decoration. Parents should bear in mind the *formality* of the occasion and the age of their daughters when advising them about fabrics and styles. It is possible to spend a great deal of money on a dress but families should not feel that this is necessary. There are many girls in the College community who may be happy to loan or sell their dresses from previous years. There are also many dressmakers who charge reasonable rates for their services and a number of very elegant gowns available for hire. (Girls are not required to wear gloves, although they may do so if they wish.) Please remember that shoes should be *plain* and of a *style that allows girls to walk and dance with grace and comfort*, i.e. no 6 inch wedges! (silver or gold or white shoes may be appropriate.)

Boys are presented in identical, hired dinner suits. The College will organise a fitting at school and the suits will be delivered to the school in the week before the Ball. The suits are to be returned to school on **Monday** morning after the Ball, otherwise students are responsible for the return of their own suit and the payment of a **late fee**. The cost of the suit hire is **\$80** and includes, jacket, pants, shirt, tie and vest. Money for suit hire should be paid to the Central Administration Office *before week 3 of term 3*. Students should provide their own black shoes and socks. In the past we have found that school shoes, given a spot of polish and elbow grease, do very well. It is possible to arrange to hire dress shoes at the time of the suit fitting if you would like. This would be an additional cost. **Buttonholes (single flower) will be provided on the night** to every boy being presented.

Parents should remember that the Ball is a formal occasion and dress accordingly. Dinner suits or lounge suits are most appropriate for men. (no denim please)

**DINNER:** The format of the evening involves the presentation of students, followed by the Trinity Waltz, a Queen's Waltz with a parent, then a 2 course dinner. The main course will be an alternate drop of chicken or beef, followed by dessert. At the time of booking tickets, please inform the office of any dietary requirements. e.g. vegetarian, diabetic, lactose intolerant etc. A four hour soft drink package is **included in the ticket price.**

## **Tickets**

Students being presented at the Ball will need to buy a ticket for **themselves** as well as any members of their **family** who would like to attend. Tickets are sold in groups or individually. (Tables of 10) A seating plan will be available at the Central Administration Office when you buy your tickets and before hand on the *College web site*. (We also ask that you **estimate** the number of tickets you are likely to require on the form enclosed with this information sheet.) Tickets can be booked and paid for from Week 5 of Term 2 for presentees and their families for Ball A, and Week 7 of Term 2 for Ball B, from the **Central Administration Office**. Please note that the Ball is a formal occasion for senior students and adults only. ***Tickets will not be sold for students who are not yet in Year 8 (contact Deborah Russell if this poses a problem for your family).***

The cost of the tickets, including GST, will be as follows:

Adults	\$85.00
Students*	\$80.00
Presentees	\$90.00

\* Student tickets are for **current** Trinity College students only; others are to purchase an adult ticket. (The price of the ticket covers the cost of the hire of the venue, band, decorations, dinner, dance floor, sound and flowers.) It also includes the 4 hour soft drink package, (other drinks can be purchased at own cost). Presentees will also receive a DVD which is **included** in the ticket price.

**N.B TICKET SALES** will close **1 week before** the event – Ball A on August 24; Ball B on September 7.

## **Photography**

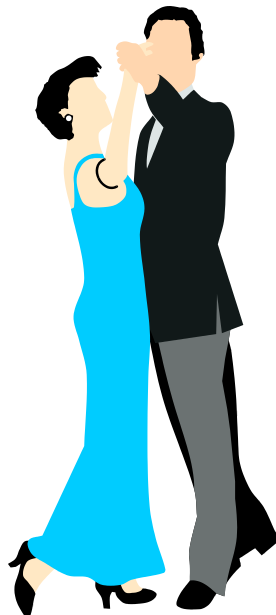
Parents are naturally welcome to take photographs at any time during the Ball. We have arranged for Event Photography to take a selection of photographs for the students. Photographs will be available to families after the Ball and parents who wish to purchase these photographs can make payments directly to Event Photography.

In order to arrange group photographs it is necessary for the presentees to be at the Adelaide Convention Centre by **5.45pm** on the night of the Ball. Please understand that parents and guests are asked not to enter the hall until 6.30pm. There is a large foyer for people to congregate in. Many families solve the transport difficulties that this may cause by arranging for their sons and daughters to share taxis and limousines. Shared between several students, this is an economical, fun and safe way for them to travel to the Ball, leaving parents free to join them later. Chilled water will be available for the presentees while they are waiting *behind closed doors* for the presentation ceremony. *Parents are not able to be in the waiting room with students.*

The Presentation Ball is a very special and memorable occasion in the lives of our students but it is **by no means compulsory**. If you would like to be presented, you will need to commit yourself to attending all practices and behaving in a manner appropriate for students of Trinity College. Although the Ball is a social function at which parents will be present, students will be expected to abide by the rules of Trinity College.

The evening concludes at the Convention Centre, with the hall vacated by 12 midnight. Our responsibility for the students' welfare ceases at this time. It has sometimes been a custom in the past for students to attend "after Ball" parties. If you are considering allowing your son or daughter to attend or host one of these parties, may we remind you that such functions are in no way connected formally to Trinity College. It is important that such parties are well supervised and parents should feel comfortable contacting the parents of a prospective host to confirm that there will be adequate supervision by responsible adults. Police should also be advised to provide patrols in the area to safeguard against gatecrashers. In recent years, the most successful after ball gatherings have been smaller affairs with close friendship groups and no alcohol consumed, rather than a large "all-in" event.

*\*A special note: boys are not expected to buy their partners a corsage. However, some boys choose to do so. Similarly, some girls buy their partners a small gift like a box of chocolates. This is entirely up to the individual students and there is no obligation to buy any gifts or corsages.*



**ANY QUERIES TO MRS. DEBORAH RUSSELL ON 8522 0602 PLEASE**