Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

The final week of schooling for our Year 12 students represents a very special time in their lives and the lives of their family, friends, staff and fellow students. It is a time when our Year 12s will conclude their formal schooling, when many celebrations will occur, when we reflect on what has passed, and when they will look forward to new adventures and challenges after graduation.

It is both a significant and reflective time for our current Year 12’s, the Class of 2013.

As a cohort they have been a very fine group of young people, contributing much, breaking some significant new ground, and leaving behind a significant legacy for those who will follow over the next few years. They have been on a journey which we now acknowledge and celebrate as it draws to a conclusion here at StAC; but we also recognise it as one that still very much continues to unfold from here on for each individual young man and woman among them.

To assist in your preparations and future planning, we are pleased to provide final details of the important events that will occur in the final week for Year 12 students. Please note, as previously advised, that the Year 12 students will be in Assessment Block from Monday 4 – 11 November (inclusive).

- Reflection Day at StAC Tuesday 12/11
- Year 12 Excursion – Wet n Wild Wednesday 13/11
- Graduation Prep and other Activities Thursday 14/11 (day)
- Graduation Ceremony and Supper Thursday 14/11 (6.15 pm)
- Graduation Assembly and College Farewell Friday 15/11 (8.00 for 8.30am)

Day 1 Tuesday 12th – Reflection Day in the Augustine Centre
8.30am Students to arrive and attend BBQ Breakfast.
9.30am – 1:15pm Reflection Activities (morning tea provided)
1:15 pm Students may leave. Students remaining at the College due to transport limitations will be supervised

Dress requirements Free dress – normal appropriate standards apply – no singlet shirts or short shorts/dresses/skirts

Day 2 Wednesday 13th – Wet n Wild
8.30am – 6.00pm 8.30am Depart College via Chartered Bus for Wet n Wild
6.00pm Arrive at College from Wet n Wild
Students are to bring own lunch or purchase at venue

Dress requirements Free dress – normal appropriate and sun safe standards apply
Day 3 Thursday 14\textsuperscript{th} (Day) – Graduation Preparation and Other Activities

8.30am    Year 12 Assembly – Augustine Centre
9.00am – 9.30am    Final check on return of gear + Graduation Preparation
9:30 am    Depart College via chartered bus for Ipswich Community Church
10.00am – 12.00pm    Graduation preparation and practice
12.00pm    Depart Ipswich Community Church for College
12:30pm    Optional attendance to meet with and farewell teachers and to obtain final results. Students may leave to prepare for graduation ceremony.

\textit{Dress requirements} \textbf{Sports Uniform or Full school day uniform}

Day 3 Thursday 14\textsuperscript{th} (Evening) – Graduation and Presentation Dinner

6.15pm    Arrival Ipswich Community Church
7.00pm    Graduation Ceremony commences

\textit{Dress requirements} \textbf{Students: Full school day uniform with tie}
\textbf{Guests: Smart/casual}

Day 4 Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} – Graduation Assembly and Liturgy and Farewell to Year 12’s

8.00am    Arrive at College and prepare for ceremony in the Lower Undercover Area
8.30am    College Assembles
8.50 – 10.00am approx.    Graduation Assembly and College Farewell
10.30am    Morning Tea for parents/caregivers, students and teachers
Please join with us at Morning Tea to celebrate your son/daughter’s Journey at StAC

\textit{Dress requirements} \textbf{Full school day uniform with tie}

Please refer to the Permission Note attached to this letter to give consent to your son’s/daughter’s participation in these activities. Please return the completed Permission Note to the box at Mrs Mill’s desk ASAP, but certainly by Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} November.

The students and staff have worked together to plan and prepare for these events. We have been mindful of the need to create unique and significant moments of celebration at the College and each event that has planned will be important to you and your son/daughter as they prepare to conclude their formal years of schooling.

Thanking you for your continued support of your son/daughter and of our St Augustine’s College community.

Kind regards,

Leo Schultz \hspace{1cm} Reuben Chalmers
Head of MY/SY \hspace{1cm} SY Pastoral Coordinator
N.B. *Some additional info*:

- All Year 12 students are involved in the activities of this week. Those who have been at work or off campus training should be finished this arrangement (as far as school-based involvement is concerned); but if not, these students **need to inform their employer or trainer that they are unavailable that week.**

- **It is a QSA (Queensland Studies Authority) requirement that Year 12 students remain engaged in their school program up to and including Friday 15th November or else they forfeit their eligibility for QSA certificates.**

- Families pay $150 bond at enrolment time, and have the bond held at the College. This will be refunded after Graduation as long as all textbooks and other resources have been returned in good condition and there are no other outstanding liabilities. Any queries about this can be directed to finance staff at our office.

- Year 12’s who are OP eligible should have already registered with the SmartOP service so they can obtain their OP score online or by SMS as early as possible. Go to the QSA website for this (see below).

- Students and their families should check the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) website [www.qsa.qld.edu.au](http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au) regularly after they finish school for helpful and updated information. Alternatively, ring or email QSA with any queries.

- All Year 12’s who finish school in Queensland this year will be contacted by QSA in the first half of 2013 and asked to complete a short Next Steps Survey about what they are currently doing. The statistics that are generated by this project are really useful throughout all levels of the education community, and we strongly ask our girls and boys to look out for this and complete it.
As Parent/Carer of ___________________________(Student Name), I ________________________
(Parent/Carer’s name) give my consent for him/her to participate in the Year 12 Graduation Week activities from Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th November, 2013 at various locations as mentioned in the covering letter.

I consent that St Augustine’s staff may take whatever action they deem necessary should an accident occur and agree to pay all medical expenses incurred on behalf of the above student.

I further authorise qualified practitioners to administer anaesthetic if such an eventuality arises. I understand that in such circumstances teachers will attempt to contact the nominated parents or carers but will maintain the student’s well being as first priority.

Medical Update: (please comment on any recent illnesses/injuries/allergies that may impact on your son/daughter’s participation during the week:

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During Graduation Week my son/daughter has my permission to participate in the following activities that will occur:

• Please tick appropriate boxes. All activities will be supervised.

☐ Day of Reflection at StAC on Tuesday– breakfast and activities
☐ Wet n Wild outing on Wednesday – travel by bus, and includes swimming and other water-based activities.
☐ Graduation Preparation and other activities on Thursday – travel by bus
☐ Graduation Ceremony and Supper on Thursday evening – own transport arrangements
☐ Graduation Assembly and Liturgy, Farewell and Morning Tea – own transport arrangements

Signed: .................................................................
Printed Name:.......................................................
Ph: (preferably mobile) ........................................  Date: ____/____/2013