



Year 12 Ball Guidelines and Information Pack 2026

Venue: The Westin Perth

Date: Friday, 6 February 2026

Time: 6:30pm – 11:00pm

Cost: \$170.00 per ticket

Tickets must be purchased using the [Trybooking link](#) by 19 January 2026.

The Ball is one of the highlights of Year 12. To ensure the smooth running of the event, the College would like to draw your attention to several key points. We ask that you read these documents carefully and ensure you understand the content and the principles behind the message. Please note that pre- and post-ball events are not condoned. The Permission and Partner Declaration at the end of this document must be completed by Monday, 2 February.

Information and guidelines regarding guests

Students and parents are reminded that this function is for senior students only, and attendees must be in Year 11 or Year 12; or have only recently graduated. Those who are not enrolled in a school are expected to have a phone interview with the Assistant Deputy Principal between Monday, 2 February and Wednesday, 4 February. Mr Bostelman will be in contact with these guests.

Pre-planning for the Ball

- Appointments for hair, nail and dress fittings must be made outside of scheduled school time. Students will be permitted to leave the College at 12:50pm on Friday, 6 February.
- Students may attend school on Friday, 06 February, with nails already done

Tickets for the evening will be distributed to students from 12:45 pm as they depart the College

It is the responsibility of the students to purchase their tickets at the advertised times. Once the numbers have been finalised with the caterers, we cannot alter these numbers. Payment for tickets and the completed order form must be completed on **Trybooking** by 5:00pm **Monday, 19 January 2026** on the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/1512866>.

Guidelines for the evening

- All students and guests are to arrive at The Westin by 6:30pm. Students and guests will be welcomed individually by Mr Mahon, Senior College Staff and the College Captains.
- Transport home is to be organised before coming to the venue. Preferably, parents will deliver and collect their child and partner. The function finishes promptly at 11:00pm. Taxis will be ordered at the parents' cost for any students not collected by 11:30pm.
- No one is permitted to leave the venue before 11:00pm.
- Choice of clothing for the night should reflect the formal nature of the function. This would

include long trousers, a jacket, and a tie or an appropriate dress or ensemble. Careful consideration should be given to the design of the dress or ensemble. It should be modest and age-appropriate. Footwear should also reflect a night of dancing and standing. Ultra-high heels can cause great discomfort and often diminish the enjoyment and participation in the evening.

- Any student or guest suspected of being under the influence of, or in the possession of, alcohol or any other drug will be asked to leave the function. Parents will be contacted to arrange transport.
- Only small evening bags are permitted – any bags brought may be inspected by staff, including staff of the venue. No person attending should carry a change of clothes or other items for use at another function during the evening.
- Students and their guests are informed that lighting used by the DJ during the night may include strobe effects. Please indicate on your ticket order form any medical conditions that the supervising staff need to be aware of.
- It is anticipated that students and guests will conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the College's expectations.

Pre and post-ball activities

Please remember that the Ball is the focus of the evening. Arrangements made for pre, or post-ball activities are the responsibility of parents. Parents are asked to ensure arrangements complement, rather than conflict with, the ethos of the College.

The College is aware that there are occasionally gatherings at the homes of some parents before a group departs to attend the Ball. Where these are arranged, hosts are responsible and must be mindful that any student or guest arriving at the Ball having consumed alcohol will not be admitted. Parents should contact hosts to ensure satisfaction with the arrangements.

Information for guests of the College

This function is a special event for Year 12 students supported by teachers and parents. It is important that it be enjoyable for all. Guests who are not students at the College may attend. Experience has shown that a wise selection of invited guests is of paramount importance.

Only Years 11 and 12 students are eligible to attend. Any student from another school must submit the name of their school and the name of a Head of Year to verify enrolment and status at that school. Guests who have recently graduated are permitted to attend.

Guests who have left school can occasionally find it difficult to comply with College expectations and practices. These guests are expected to conduct a phone interview with the Assistant Deputy Principal between Monday, 2 February, and Wednesday, 4 February 2026. Mr Bostelman will contact the guests directly.

Invited guests may attend only if they comply with the College's requirements. It is expected that guests who are not currently enrolled in a school must:

- Have an interview with the Assistant Deputy Principal – Year 12.
- introduce themselves to the Official Party on arrival at the venue.
- Obey all directions of teachers and venue staff.

- Dress and behave in a manner acceptable in a formal situation.

No student or guest may use tobacco, vapes, alcohol, or drugs. Any such substances brought to the function will be confiscated. People bringing such substances will be immediately excluded. Persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be refused admission. The parents of a College student in this state, or the accompanying person, will be contacted and asked to take the student/guest home. There will be no refunds where a student or guest is asked to leave the function. The partner of any person excluded may also be excluded. College students who breach the College's policy regarding the use of illicit substances will incur standard sanctions. Non-college students breaching the College's policy regarding the use of illicit substances may be referred to people external to the College.

The School Ball Association Heads of Independent Schools of Australia

Schools have carefully developed aims and objectives. These invariably reflect a commitment to teaching good manners, social etiquette, social skills, and an ability to behave appropriately and relate well to a wide range of people in different settings. Formal school balls play a role within this framework and provide a significant means by which the rites of passage from childhood to adulthood can be enacted.

Heads of Schools are willing to make the effort to provide educationally worthwhile social occasions on the understanding that certain conditions are met and that the purposes and reality of these occasions are reviewed objectively and regularly. In this respect, parents must accept their responsibilities to support the school's wishes. If parents are not willing to be partners in this endeavour, then their actions, as well as the resulting behaviour of students, may jeopardise the holding of such events.

Heads of AHISA (WA) Schools agree on the following.

Aims

The school has a critical role to play in attempting to:

- develop self-esteem
- develop a broad range of social skills
- develop good manners
- prepare students for formal social occasions
- develop in students a strong sense of trust and respect for others and the institutions to which they belong
- assist students in developing enriching and wholesome relationships with others, both adults and peers.

Concerns

In providing a School Ball, Heads are concerned that inappropriate social modelling results from:

- the disproportionate amount of money that some individuals spend on the evening
- the lack of perspective of some students with respect to the Ball, which allows them to consume excessive time and energy.

In addition, Heads have specific concerns about:

- the inappropriateness of a school sponsoring an event on which the total amount of money spent is out of all proportion to the value of the occasion
- the incidence of private pre-Ball and post-Ball events and their effect on the evening
- the tendency of some students and/or their partners to attempt to introduce alcohol into the event
- the use of expensive and conspicuous means of transport

Conclusion

The Heads of Schools have the interests of their students and their schools at heart and wish to provide meaningful educational experiences for their students.

Heads are willing to provide the opportunities that a School Ball can offer if the rest of the wider school community is prepared to support its broad educational aims in this area, thereby ensuring that the school is not compromised in any way.

Full recognition of this is necessary if these functions are to continue.

This document is supported by the Heads of Member Schools of AHISA Western Australian Branch.

YEAR 12 BALL 2026: STUDENT, GUEST AND PARENT DECLARATION

Declarations must be signed, emailed to Mr Luke Bostelman luke.Bostelman@johnxxiii.edu.au or handed to the reception desk in Student Services by Monday, 2 February 2026.

STUDENTS' INFORMATION AND DECLARATION			
Full Name		House	

Student's Declaration: I have read the attached information provided and understand the expectations for myself and my guest at the John XXIII College Ball. I agree to abide by the attached guidelines.

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN'S INFORMATION AND DECLARATION			
Full Name		Mobile	

Parent / Guardian's Declaration: I hereby give permission for my son/daughter to attend the John XXIII College Ball on Friday, 06 February 2026. I have discussed the attached guidelines with my son/daughter and believe they accept and understand the conditions. I understand that my son/daughter's guest must also agree to the guidelines. I acknowledge that any breach of these conditions will result in exclusion from the event.

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

GUEST INFORMATION AND DECLARATION			
Full Name		Age	
Name of School			
Name of Head of Year			
Head of Year Contact Number			
Head of Year Email			
Parent Name of Guest			
Parent Signature of Guest			
Parent Mobile			

Guest's Declaration: I have read the Information for Guests and understand the expectations for myself and my partner at John XXIII College Ball. I agree to abide by the attached guidelines and understand that my behaviour could jeopardise not only my attendance on the evening, but also my partner's attendance.

Guest's Signature: _____

Date: _____