The Ball is a unique occasion featuring the presentation of the Shire’s youth, a dinner, and entertainment. It is a major fundraising event with proceeds going to a local charity. Through regular dance rehearsals the students learn a formal waltz, meet other students, and create fond memories and friendships.
BALL PROGRAM

4.30pm  Debutantes and their partners arrive for quick rehearsal
6.00pm  Official photography
6.30pm  Guests arrive and are served a pre-dinner drink
6.45pm  Entree served
7.30pm  Official Proceedings and Debutante Presentation
8.15pm  Presentation completed
8.30pm  Main Course served
9.00pm  Entertainment commences
9.30pm  Dessert served
11.30pm  Ball concludes

BALL TICKETS

The cost of a Mayoral Ball ticket is $110 per person. The ticket price includes a pre-dinner drink upon arrival, 3-course dinner, and entertainment. Children 15 years and under $70.

Please note that only soft drink will be served at the debutante and partner’s table.

Council endeavours to seat together family and friends. All seating requests are welcomed.

Debutantes and their partners are seated together at a table at the front of the room.

Information Night - 5pm, 28 March. Entertainment Centre, Eton Street, Sutherland.

FUNDRAISING

The Mayoral Ball is a charity event where debutantes and partners fundraise leading up to the ball. This will include sale of a product chosen by the charity, as decided by Council and the nominated charity

CHOREOGRAPHY

Matt Geronimi is a professional dancer and experienced dance instructor. He has been employed by council to choreograph the debutante’s presentation and dance.

It is important to attend each rehearsal. The rehearsal venues are:

- Jannali Community Hall, 15 Jannali Avenue, Jannali
- Entertainment Centre, 30 Eton Street, Sutherland

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CLOTHING AT REHEARSALS
- Casual comfortable clothing
- Debutantes wear the shoes they will be wearing on the night
- Partners wear dress shoes or school shoes
- If you haven’t purchased your shoes by first rehearsal then wear shoes that slide easily
- Please no ugg boots or thongs

ORDER OF PRESENTATION OF DEBUTANTES AND PARTNERS
At the first rehearsal Debutantes and their partners will be placed in height order. Students will remain in this height order for all rehearsals and during the presentation on the Ball night. Debutantes are required to purchase their shoes for the Ball before the first rehearsal and wear them at all rehearsals. This also ensures ease in wearing the shoes on the night and avoids slipping, which may occur with brand new shoes. Partners are required to wear either their shoes for the Ball or if they intend to hire their shoes, they should wear school shoes to rehearsals.

CLOTHING AT THE BALL
- Dressing rooms will be set up at the Entertainment Centre for Debutantes and Partners
- Debutantes are to arrive with hair and makeup done at 4:30pm
- Council Staff and Dance Instructors will be on hand on Ball night to assist with dressing Debutantes and Partners

Debutantes
- White floor-length dress, in a style of your choice
- Not too tight or full - keep in mind the need to curtsy in front of the Mayor
- White gloves to be worn
- White or silver shoes - no nude or tan

Partners
- Ferrari Formal Hire supply suits for all partners. The cost is approximately $135 for hire of a black suit, trousers, vest, white formal shirt, tie, and hankie
- Partners to supply their own black dress shoes
- Black socks are required
- White gloves will be provided on the night

DRESS FOR ALL GUESTS ATTENDING THE BALL
The theme is “Black & White”. Formal dress is preferred but not enforced as we hope to encourage many family and friends of the debutantes and partners to attend. For the women either formal or ‘after-five’ dress is suitable. Men may wear a suit, dinner suit or tuxedo.
PHOTOGRAPHY

Richard Gregorio of RG Photography has been contracted to take group and individual photographs of the debutantes and partners at the Ball. An official group photo, as well as Debutante and Partner photographs, will be taken prior to the official proceedings at the Ball. There will be time for family/sibling/friend photos as well. Photos are taken in the Black Box at the Entertainment Centre. No private cameras are permitted within this room. There are no sitting fees and photos are very reasonably priced.

Parents and friends are welcome to take photographs and videos in the main ballroom, provided they do not enter the dancefloor during the presentations, are not intrusive and do not interfere with the official photographers.
Important Regular emails will be sent to keep you updated. Please provide an address that is monitored on a daily basis.

Parent/guardian

Name

Mobile Number

Home Number

Email Address

Address including Post Code

Please note: a parent or guardian is required to attend the information evening, 5pm Wednesday 28 March at the Entertainment Centre, 30 Eton Street, Sutherland.

Participant

Name

Email Address

Mobile Number

Home Number

School

Special Dietary Requirements/allergies

Partner Name

Partner School

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