

Student Expectations and Guidelines for the Senior Ball



Expectations upon arrival at the Senior Ball

When students arrive at the Senior Ball, the College assumes responsibility for them as well as their partners.

Students arriving to the Senior Ball must be in a sober state and not under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other mind-altering substances. We will have drug dogs present and there will be breath-testing equipment for alcohol available. Where there is a suspicion that a student or their partner is under the influence of drugs or alcohol there will be no leniency given in respect of taking steps to detect any substance issue. The possession of any illegal substances will be brought to the attention of the New Zealand Police.

It is important that students do not engage in activity prior to the event that is going to impact their state when arriving at the Senior Ball. The College asks that you understand, in fine detail, the movements of your son or daughter prior to the Senior Ball.

When the students arrive at the Senior Ball they will be welcomed by the Headmaster, senior staff and the Head Prefects. The College would expect that the King's College students would introduce any non-King's College partners. ***Security will have the capacity to search bags and student belongings, including their partners', if there is suspicion of drugs or alcohol.*** Exact conditions of entry are communicated in the consent form. This consent form will need to be signed by both the student and their partner, if not a King's student, as a condition of entry to the event.

Non-King's partners

In the case of partners not from King's, King's students are required to bring someone they can trust to behave in an exemplary manner. King's students must declare who they are bringing with them to the Senior Ball within the application and form below. Within this form, we require:

- Their partner's details, including the secondary school they attend, their age and contact details for them and their parents/legal guardians; and
- The approval of the parents/legal guardians of the King's College student, of the good character of the partner of your son or daughter is bringing to the Ball.

Students who attend as partners of King's students are expected to be attending a secondary school and of ages equivalent to Year 12 and Year 13. As the partners are our responsibility while they are at our Senior Ball, they are expected to follow the rules and expectations of the College. The College reserves the right to research partners through publicly available sources if there are any concerns regarding their attendance at our event.

The College reserves the right to prevent a nominated partner from attending the Senior Ball at its absolute discretion.

Consequences in the event of breach of expectations

While we genuinely do not expect there to be any issues given how clearly we are communicating expectations, the College needs to be clear about consequences.

Any King's College student found under the influence of any mind-altering substances, or in possession of the same, will not be allowed entry into the Senior Ball. Their partner will also be denied entrance. The parents/legal guardians of both students will be called and will be required to pick up the students. Formal disciplinary processes for the King's College student may begin in accordance with the Drug, Alcohol and Smoking Policy and may be significant enough to influence the continuance of that student's enrolment at King's College. ***Future Senior Balls at King's College would also be under serious threat as a result of that student's actions.***

If the partner of a King's student is under any influence of mind-altering substances or in possession of the same, both they and the King's College student will also not gain entrance into the Senior Ball. The parents/legal guardians of both students will be called and required to pick them up from the venue. The continuance of any future Senior Balls at King's College will also be under serious threat should the partner of a King's student be found to be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

If during the Ball, a King's student or their partner is found under the influence of any mind-altering substance or in possession of the same, then the same steps to exclude them from the Ball and have them collected, will be taken. The same consequences as above, in terms of the College's disciplinary process and the risk it causes for future balls, may apply.

In addition, students ought to bear in mind that the Senior Ball is a College event and they will remain subject to the College's general policies and behavioural expectations for the duration of the event. ***Any breach of such policies and expectations will also result in disciplinary action being taken in relation to that student.***

Expectations at the conclusion of the Senior Ball

The Ball will finish at 12am, and students will be able to be picked up from 11.30pm onwards. Students are expected to be picked up directly by parents/legal guardians or by other arrangement, as agreed by you and as communicated to us on the form completed by you prior to the event. ***Students will only be released on this basis.*** The reason for this is to ensure that students depart safely and are not left at the event inadvertently. The College's responsibility ceases at the point that the students are picked up by their parents/legal guardians and the students return to the care of you, their parents/legal guardians.

If any post-Ball events come to the attention of the College prior to the event, the Headmaster and Senior Leadership Team will cancel the King's Senior Ball and notify you in writing as to why this decision had to be made. This will also jeopardise any future of King's Senior Balls.