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Dear Parents/Care-givers of Year 6 Students

Two Scenarios for Year 6 Graduation 2021

- **Scenario One:** Year 6 Graduation – *If Covid Restrictions are lifted and we return to "Level 1".*
On Thursday 16th December at 5:45pm the Year 6 students will be graduating from St Joseph's Catholic School at St Joseph's Church on Powderham Street. The graduation ceremony will be a part of our Nativity and final assembly. At the conclusion of the evening at approximately 7pm we would like the families of the Year 6 students to join together for a shared meal. We are asking for each family to contribute finger food to share on the evening. Warm food can be kept hot in pie warmers. All food is to be dropped off between 5:15pm and 5:40pm in the supper room downstairs. Children need to meet in the foyer of the church by 5.25pm; at this time they will receive their St Joseph's medal which will be worn on their school shirt (no fleeces).

The students are to wear uniform to the graduation (please make sure they are wearing correct summer uniform; we may be able to help out at school if necessary). Families who wish to donate their child's uniform to our recycled collection on Friday 17th December are welcome to do so. As a result, the Year 6 children may wear mufti to school on Friday 17th December (old uniforms can be sent to the office). We would also like to encourage the children to give their bedrooms a good clean over the next few weeks and double check that there are no St Joseph's resources, books, sports shirts or equipment still at home. All sports shirts are to be returned at the conclusion of touch and cricket.

- **Scenario Two:** Year 6 Graduation – *If we are still at Level 2 Restrictions*
Thursday 16th December – two smaller graduations will take place within gathering restrictions for Level 2. The children will graduate in two groups.

5.45pm – The first group of 21 Students, up to three family members, and staff will join together for a graduation ceremony at St Joseph's Church. There will be no shared meal afterwards. All adults will be socially distanced in the Church and all adults will be asked to wear masks, sanitise hands on entry and sign in using the Covid QR Code. The ceremony will last for approximately 35 minutes. Uniform requirements, etc, will be as above in Scenario 1.

Children and adults will be expected to leave the Church within five minutes of the conclusion of the ceremony so we can sanitise the venue and prepare for the next group.

6.40pm – The second group of 20 children, up to three family members, and staff will gather to complete a second graduation ceremony at the Church. Once again, we will request that people leave the Church promptly so we can sanitise the Church.

Last day of School

On Friday 17th December at 11:50am the school will gather for a holiday blessing. At this time the Year 6 children will receive a blessing for their final moments at St Joseph's and the school will cheer our leavers on their way (attendance for parents at this time will depend on Covid Levels). More information to come.

Leavers Art Work

The Year 6 children will be creating a small art work to add to our Mo Tatou area (our scared space). These will be printed and added to the seating area in this space early in the New Year.

Other Information

- The combined Catholic Schools Year 6 Retreat Day has been cancelled.
- The St Joseph's Year 6 activity days will go ahead as planned at Alert Level 1 or 2 (see separate notice.)
- The FDMC Orientation Day has been cancelled. We are waiting to hear from SHGC.

Regards

Mike Dowd
PRINCIPAL