



Rutherglen Primary School

Graduation Policy

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Rationale:

- Year six primary school graduation ceremonies are an important milestone in each child's life, they recognise the achievements and friendships of students, and properly mark the completion of their primary schooling.

Aims:

- To ensure a purposeful and memorable Graduation for all Year 6 students.
- To ensure the Graduation is co-ordinated effectively by school staff and students.

Implementation:

- Year 6 students will work with Year 6 teachers to plan the details of the Graduation.
- The Year 6 Graduation Dinner will be self-funded through the purchasing of tickets by students and their families.
- The Graduation Dinner will be held at an appropriate venue approved by the principal.
- School staff, parents and family members will be invited to attend the ceremony. This excludes siblings younger than Year 6.
- Tickets may need to be limited. In such cases, a fair and reasonable process for allocating tickets will be devised by the working party and presented to the principal. The principal will have the final say as to how limited tickets will be distributed.
- Student dress for the Graduation will be smart casual.
- The Graduation Ceremony will include at least the following components:
 - presentation of Graduation Certificates
 - student dance
 - principal speech
 - captains speech
 - presentation of a plant to the exiting families of whom have no further students are attending the school (to be provided by Parents and Friends Club)

Suggestions and recommendations for the following year's graduation will be recorded after each year's graduation based on feedback from staff, students and parents of the year just graduated.