

**Please return this form to the Central Administration Office
before the end of Week 11 Term 1 to accompany your deposit**

I _____, **have read the contents of this information**
sheet and would like to be presented at the 2018 Annual Presentation Ball. I **commit to attend all**
practices and behave in a manner appropriate for a student of Trinity College.

Signed _____ (Student) Tutor Group _____

I will attend ball practices on WEDNESDAYS / FRIDAYS (please circle one)

I have **read** the contents of this information sheet and **agree** for my son/daughter to be presented at the
Presentation Ball on September 15, 2018. I understand **all practices must be attended** and that
supportive and co-operative behaviour is required by all students. Practice dates are published in this
booklet.

Signed: _____ (Parent/guardian)

***For planning purposes only please complete the following section: This DOES NOT RESERVE
YOUR SEAT***

Estimated ticket costs as follows:

	Adults @ \$100.00
	Students of Trinity College @ \$95.00
1	Presentee @ \$100.00*

* The ticket price for presentees includes a downloadable video of the entire evening and all photos taken by the
official photographer. (valued at \$10)

Important: -

- **Seats and tables are secured upon FULL payment only. *They cannot be reserved***
- **Students can sit with their parents or their friends. It is recommended that you discuss
this before you plan to purchase tickets. Once purchased tickets will not be exchanged.**
- **This is a guide for planning only and tickets will still need to be purchased at Central
Admin, at the appropriate time later in terms 2/3**

***ENCLOSED IS A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$50**

Hand this form, together with your **\$50 deposit**, to the staff at Central Administration, before the
end of Week 11, Term 1 to secure your place.

Trinity College Senior School Presentation Ball 2018

Saturday September 15

Information for Students and Families



What is the Presentation Ball?

The Presentation Ball is a formal occasion where we introduce our Year Eleven students to the community as young adults. The evening involves the presentation of our young men and women to Mr Michael Holmes, Principal of TCS, followed by dinner and a programme of dancing. The Ball will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide. The evening begins at 6:30pm and the presentation will take place from 7pm. (Note: Students to arrive by 5.30p.m.)

Dance Practices

In order that students feel confident dancing at the Ball, we conduct dancing lessons at school, on Wednesday and Friday afternoons during Term 3. These lessons are **compulsory** for students wishing to be presented and are held in the Studio between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. (5.30pm for last 2 sessions) *Students who find that they have other commitments during this time, such as sport or work, should arrange to meet these obligations **at other times**.*

The dates for all the ball practices are listed here below and I would ask students and parents to note them on your calendars and arrange work rosters accordingly. Students should choose to be part of either Group A or B according to out of school commitments and will be paired in that group.

The last 2 practices are **extended**, to polish both the dancing and the presentation.

Group A –

Wednesday	August 1	3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday	August 8	3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday	August 15	3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday	August 22	3.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday	August 29	3.30 – 5.30pm
Wednesday	September 12	3.30 – 5.30pm

Group B –

Friday	August 3	3.30 – 4.30pm
Friday	August 10	3.30 – 4.30pm
Friday	August 17	3.30 – 4.30pm
Friday	August 24	3.30 – 4.30pm
Friday	August 31	3.30 – 5.30pm
Friday	September 7	3.30 – 5.30pm

Parent Practices: Interested parents can attend on Friday August 31 & Friday September 7 at 7.00 – 9.00p.m. in the *Senior School Studio*. All parents are welcome to attend either or both of these practices. Please bring a gold coin donation for our dance teacher who is a volunteer.



Partners

Students are often very concerned about this aspect of the Ball. To be fair to all students, partners are arranged by lining them up, according to height. They are numbered from shortest to tallest, as Group A or B, and then simply matched up so that everyone receives a partner of an appropriate height. Students are required to be presented with their partner and dance the first and last dances together at the Ball. For all other dances, students may choose their partners. (It goes without saying that students are expected to treat their partners with respect and courtesy.)

What to wear

Girls who are to be presented at the Ball are asked to wear a **formal, long** dress, **without elaborate decoration**, in **one basic** colour and **not revealing** a lot of bare flesh. Parents should bear in mind the *formality* of the occasion and the age of their daughters when advising them about fabrics and styles. It is possible to spend a great deal of money on a dress but families should not feel that this is necessary. There may be girls in the College community who would be happy to loan or sell their dresses from previous years. There are also many dressmakers who charge reasonable rates for their services and a number of very elegant gowns available for hire. (Girls are not required to wear gloves, although they may do so if they wish.) Please remember that shoes should be *plain* and of a *style that allows girls to walk and dance with grace and comfort*, i.e. no 6 inch stilettos! (shoes - silver or gold, white or matching the dress colour would be most appropriate.) It is also advisable to have a solid back or a strap as slip-ons are risky! (I also recommend taking a pair of ballet flats for later in the evening if wearing high heels.)

Boys are presented in identical, **hired** dinner suits. The College will organise a fitting at school and the suits will be delivered to the school in the week before the Ball. The suits are to be returned to school on **Monday** morning after the Ball, otherwise students are responsible for the return of their own suit and the payment of a **late fee**. The cost of the **suit hire is \$95** and includes, jacket, pants, shirt, tie and vest. Money for suit hire should be paid to the Central Administration Office *by the end of Term 2*. Students should provide their own black shoes and socks. School shoes, given a spot of polish and elbow grease, do very well. It is possible to arrange to hire dress shoes at the time of the suit fitting if you would like. This would be an additional cost. **Buttonholes (single flower) will be provided on the night** to every boy being presented, which is included in the suit hire fee.

Parents should remember that the Ball is a formal occasion and *dress accordingly*. Dinner suits or lounge suits are most appropriate for men. (no denim please!)

DINNER: The format of the evening involves the presentation of students, followed by the Trinity Waltz, a Queen's Waltz with a parent, then a 2 course dinner. (main course & dessert.) At the time of booking tickets, please inform the office of any dietary requirements. e.g. vegetarian, diabetic, lactose intolerant etc. A four hour soft drink package is **included in the ticket price**.

Tickets

Students being presented at the Ball will need to buy a ticket for **themselves** as well as any members of their **family** who would like to attend. Tickets are sold in groups or individually. (Tables of 10) A seating plan will be available at the Central Administration Office when you buy your tickets and before hand on the *College web site*. (We also ask that you **estimate** the number of tickets you are likely to require on the form enclosed with this information sheet.) Tickets can be booked and paid for from Week 5 of Term 2 for presentees and their families from the **Central Administration Office**. Please note that the Ball is a formal occasion for senior students and adults only. ***Tickets will not generally be sold for students who are not yet in Year 8.*** (contact Deborah Russell if this poses a problem for your family)

The estimated cost of the tickets, including GST, will be as follows:

Adults	\$100.00
Students*	\$95.00
Presentees	\$100.00

* Student tickets are for **current** Trinity College students only; others are to purchase an adult ticket. (The price of the ticket covers the cost of the hire of the venue, band, decorations, dinner, dance floor, sound and flowers.) It also includes the 4 hour soft drink package, (other drinks can be purchased at your own cost). Presentees will also receive a downloadable video which is **included** in their ticket price.

N.B TICKET SALES will close **1 week before** the event –on September 7)

Photography

Parents are naturally welcome to take photographs at any time during the Ball. We have arranged for Event Photography to take a selection of photographs for the students. Photographs will be available to families after the Ball and parents who wish to purchase these photographs can make payments directly to Event Photography.

Arrival Time

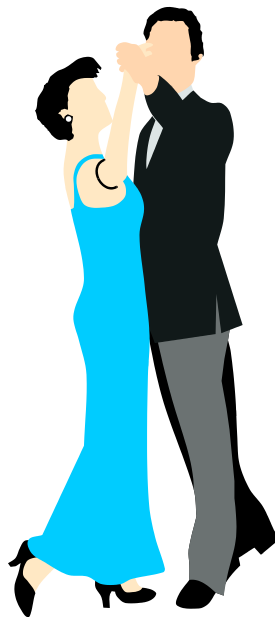
In order to arrange one large group photograph it is necessary for the presentees to be at the Adelaide Convention Centre no later than **5.30pm** on the night of the Ball. Please understand that parents and guests are asked not to enter the hall or the student foyer before 6.30pm. There is a large separate foyer for people to congregate in. Many families solve the transport difficulties that this may cause by arranging for their sons and daughters to share taxis and limousines. Shared between several students, this is an economical, fun and safe way for them to travel to the Ball, leaving parents free to join them later. Cool drinks will be available for the presentees while they are waiting *separately* for the presentation ceremony. *Parents are not able to be in this waiting area with students.*

Who Attends?

The Presentation Ball is a very special and memorable occasion in the lives of our students but it is **by no means compulsory**. However, I have noticed in years past that students who choose not to be involved regret it afterwards because it is such an enjoyable and rewarding experience in so many ways. Even those who think “it’s not me” really do have a ball! If you would like to be presented, you will need to commit yourself to attending **all practices** and behaving in a manner appropriate for students of Trinity College. Although the Ball is a social function at which parents will be present, students will be expected to abide by the rules of Trinity College.

The evening concludes at the Convention Centre, with the hall vacated before **12 midnight**. Our responsibility for the students’ welfare ceases at this time. It has sometimes been a custom in the past for students to attend “after Ball” parties. If you are considering allowing your son or daughter to attend or host one of these parties, may we remind you that such functions are in no way formally connected to Trinity College. It is important that such parties are well supervised and parents should feel comfortable contacting the parents of a prospective host to confirm that there will be adequate supervision by responsible adults. Police should also be advised to provide patrols in the area to safeguard against gatecrashers. In recent years, the most successful after ball gatherings have been smaller affairs with close friendship groups and no alcohol consumed, rather than a large “all-in” event.

**A special note: boys are not expected to buy their partners a corsage. However, some boys choose to do so. Similarly, some girls buy their partners a small gift like a box of chocolates. This is entirely up to the individual students and there is no obligation to buy any gifts or corsages.*



ANY QUERIES TO MS. Vickie Lester on 85220602 PLEASE