

1.0 PURPOSE OF THESE GUIDELINES

These Guidelines have been developed through consultation with parents, students and the school administration. They are reviews and re-affirmed in response to annual feedback from participants and organising committees.

The school values the provision of a Deb Ball for being:

- An important event that brings together the Year 11 students as a group, in preparation for their final years at school
- A celebration that is inclusive for all year 11 students
- A significant and traditional event in the school calendar
- A reliable fundraiser involving the whole community

2.0 PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 TSPA places importance on making the Deb Ball an enjoyable, rather than an expensive event
- 2.2 The Deb Ball is for students in Year 11 at Timboon P-12 School
- 2.3 The organising committee will arrange a partner from within this class group
- 2.4 The minimum age for all participants is 16 years by 30th April in that year

3.0 HOW THESE GUIDELINES WILL BE PUT INTO PRACTICE

- 3.1 Should there be insufficient Year 11 partners available:
 - TSPA will consider alternative arrangements that allow all year 11 students to participate
 - Students in the Year 12 group may be sort to fix number ratio
 - Under exceptional circumstances, the organising committee may be permitted to invite someone from outside the school to ensure partner ratio is covered
 - Students should apply in writing to the TSPA secretary, before the December meeting prior to the Deb Ball. This application will be considered by TSPA confidentially
 - As the Deb Ball is a school event, all participants, must commit to abide by the school's Code of Behaviour Policy
- 3.2 A Deb Ball Committee will be convened each year by a TSPA member
- 3.3 The Deb Ball Committee will be responsible for the detailed organisation if the Ball
- 3.4 TSPA retains responsibility for inviting guests of honour and the official party; ticket sales and the money on the night
- 3.5 Parents of participating students are expected to form this committee, which should be established by early October
- 3.6 This organising committee is required to regularly report to TSPA, and to work within the agreed budget according to the guidelines
- 3.7 TSPA expects the organising committee to consult with participating students in matters such as decorations, colour themes etc
- 3.8 The Deb Ball concludes at the venue on the night
- 3.9 If the year 11 cohort is small then consideration will be given to making the Ball a biannual event to keep costs to a reasonable level

4 EVALUATION

- 4.1 Teacher/Parent feedback
- 4.2 School Council
- 4.3 Year 11 student group