



## Dove Tales Newsletter

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Today parents of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be receiving their child's 2009 NAPLAN report. This assessment program commenced in 2008 in all public, Catholic and Independent schools. An information brochure will accompany the report to assist parents in interpreting the data.

I would encourage all parents and students to be aware that this data comes from a one off test done at a set point in time and on its own does not provide us with a complete educational picture for any child. However, it can provide some invaluable insights into areas of strengths and weaknesses that might need to be addressed.

One of the interesting features of standardised testing is that it should be used as a means of "assisting students" (Dr. R. Cotter, University of Melbourne). Unfortunately for some it has become "equated with simplistic league tables which serve very little productive purpose but the possible misuse of test data" (Prof. Stephen Dinham, ACER).

Whatever the tension, standardised test data is a means by which we can make more informed judgements that will enhance our students' outcomes.

Here at St Stephen's our aim is always to help students achieve their best with the understanding that a single "snapshot" test does not always reflect this.

On a very different note, may I take this opportunity to wish all our families a relaxing holiday and my hope for each of you is that you will get the chance to spend some time together.

For our Year 12 students I wish them clarity and wisdom as they write their Semester 2 examinations and for those students who are undertaking the practical component of their TEE/Course of Study examinations, our prayers are with you.

God Bless.

*Mrs Donella Beare*  
*Head of the Secondary School*

## Whole School Information

Key Dates 2009			
5-14 Oct	Mock TEE Exams	Wed 21 Oct	VET Yr 12 House Farewell
Mon-Fri 12-16 Oct	Yr 12 workplace Learning	Thu 22 Oct	Grad's Day Primary Interschool Athletics Yr 3-6
Tue 13 Oct	PP—Yr 12 start	Fri 23 Oct	Primary Interschool Athletics Yr 3-6
Wed-Fri 14-16 Oct	Yr 11 Retreat	Mon 26 Oct	Yr 6 Dancing
Tue—Wed 13-20 Oct	Primary Standardised Testing	Tue 27 Oct	Arts Variety Night
Fri 16 Oct	Primary Dry Carnival <i>Dove Tales</i>	Wed 28 Oct	Dry/Wet Trades VET
Tue-Thu 20-22 Oct	Yr 12 Art Exhibition at Blend(er) Gallery	Thu 29 Oct - Fri 20 Nov	TEE
Tue-Fri 20-23 Oct	Yr 12 TEE Seminars	Fri 30 Oct	Yr 7 Orientation for 2010 <i>Dove Tales</i>

### Congratulations!

*Robyn McCoy* (Year 6) participated in the Perth State Dance Championships recently and achieved over 90 points for her jazz, ballet and tap solo. This qualified her for the National Dance Championships to be held in January 2010 at the Gold Coast. Robyn also qualified as one of the finalists for the "Pre-Teen Dancer of the Year 2010", which makes her one of the youngest competitors in this division.

*Daniel Holland* (Year 4), *Marnin Stobbe* (Year 5), *Beau Wenn-Payne*, *Jordan Harun* and *Russell Goh* (Year 6) have been selected to represent the school in the State Finals of the Chess Kids Interschool competitions to be held on 23 October at Perth Modern School.

*Scott Raykos*, *Callum Parker*, *James Lake*, *Patrick Holmes*, *Marnin Stobbe*, *Taylor Brown* and *Jack Treby* (Year 5), who were players with The Blue Strikers Indoor Cricket Team, won the 10's Division 1 2009 Grand Final on Saturday 19 September at Bouncers Sports Centre. Callum Parker was awarded Player of the Match.

*Madeleine Newman* (Year 8) was a member of the Ocean Ridge Girls Under 16s Pennants Tennis Team, that won the winter pennants trophy in their division this year.

### Uniform Shop

Secondary students may now wear the summer uniform. If your child needs a new blazer for next year, please arrange for them to be fitted for one. Headbands are available in red, white and navy at a cost \$2.30. Thanks to all our volunteers for their help this term. We really appreciate all your help.

### Locking of bicycles

Children are encouraged to have a lock provided for their bicycle and to use the lock when leaving their bicycles at the bicycle rack.

### Men With A Mission

**How to Drug Proof Your Kids:** Mr Jethro Sobejko is a trained facilitator for this course which is offered by "Focus on the Family". This course offers practical tips to help reduce the risk of your child falling into the trap of drug addiction.

Date: Wednesday 28 October 2009

Venue: Glengarry Tavern, Warwick Road, Duncraig

Time: 6:30pm for Dinner  
7:30pm for Speaker

Cost : \$5.00 at the door. A-la-carte menu available. Buy your own drinks.

For further information, please contact: Brian Plowman (9306 7363), Roderick Wood (9306 7104) or Glenn Chinen (9243 2135)

## Whole School Information (cont)

### Whole School Art Exhibition 21 September, 2009

Thank you to all the community who came along and supported the Open Evening in the last week of Term 3. It was an eventful evening, with lovely music from both Primary and Secondary and gorgeous food from the Home Economics Department and Year 11 students. The Year 11 Stage 1 Course of Study students modelled their Teenage Apex entries for the evening in a fashion parade.

The highlight was the evening was the enthusiastic response of the prize winners from the Primary students. Congratulation to all of our prize winners and thank you to *Mrs Coralie Gilchrist* for judging our Secondary Prizes and *Mrs Caryl Roberts* for the Principal's Acquisition Awards both Primary and Secondary.

#### Congratulations to the following Secondary Prize Winners:

Principal's Acquisition Award	Jemaya Thompson Year 12 (Aboriginal Watercolour Painting)
Secondary - Senior Award	Samantha Chitty Year 11 (Photo's.)
Highly Commended	Helen Roberts (Charcoal Drawing)
Secondary - Junior Visual Art Award	Samantha White (Dadaism)
Highly Commended	Jason Fayers (Pop Art)
Secondary - Junior Mixed Media Award	Madeline Watts and Alyse Burdon (Photography)
Highly Commended -	Lauren O'Connor (Photography).
Year 7 Art Award	Rebecca Singleton (Aboriginal Dot Paintings on Plates)
Highly Commended	David Svarc (Aboriginal Dot Painting on Plates)

#### Congratulations to the following Primary Prize Winners:

PP Award:	Marco Bertossi	Peacock feather	Drawing and collage frame
PP Highly commended:	Declan Blaine	Still life flower	Mixed media
Year 1 Award:	Jasleen Sandhu	Fish cushion	Textiles
Year 1 Highly commended:	Josie Perkins	Bee in a flower	Mixed media
Year 2 Award:	Angus Blight	3D Robot sculpture	
Year 2 Highly commended:	Andrew Muirden	Castle	Water colour paint
Year 3 Award:	Alaura Lovely	Tulip	Mixed media
Year 3 Highly commended:	Jussea Sutton	Dinosaur	Oil pastel
Year 4 Award:	Sam Finchett	Tree	Acrylic paint
Year 4 Highly commended:	Lucas Fenn	Car	Pencil drawing
Year 5 Award:	Andrea Lim	Painting in the style of Aboriginal art	
Year 5 Highly commended:	Jack Treby	3D Dragon Sculpture	
Year 6 Award:	Robyn McCoy	Numerous works	
Year 6 Highly commended:	Sasha Britto and Russell Goh	Both with textile self portraits	
Principal's acquisition:	Robyn McCoy	Textile self portrait	

## Whole School Information (cont)



### **Congratulations on the 40 hour Famine**

As a school we have again done a sensational job for the Famine. The Secondary School have already banked \$11 500 and with a trickle of books still coming in should pass \$12 000 easily.

The Primary School have also been involved with the Famine and will let parents know the total raised next term as there are still a number of books outstanding..

Parents, students and families are all to be acknowledged for their involvement.

### **Students leaving at the end of 2009**

If there are any students planning to leave school at the end of 2009, would parents please advise the Principal in writing, giving one term's notice.

Normally it is not necessary to receive letters from Year 12 students as they automatically leave, unless the School has been notified that they may intend to repeat Year 12 in 2009.

## Primary

### **Physical Education**

This term has been extremely busy but we would like to thank everyone who has been able to help. In term 4 we will be organising four carnivals. The **Primary Dry Carnival** (athletics,) will be held on the school oval on Friday 16 October. Pre Primary and Year 1 will be involved from 9.30-11.00am, Year 2 classes will be involved from 8.50am -12.45pm and Year 3-6 will be participating all day.

The Interschool Athletics Carnival will be held at Arena on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 October. It will include students from Year 3 to Year 6.

The Year 3 Wet Carnival will be held at Hillarys Boat Harbour on Monday 23 November.

The PP-Year 2 Wet Carnival will be held on the Green at the Primary School and involve 6 stations. We will be holding this on Thursday 3 December.

If you are able to help with any of these events, please contact the Primary Office on 9306 7111.

### **Active After-Schools Community Sports (AASC)**

AASC has been well supported by about 60 children this term, despite several wet and wild afternoons. The children have enjoyed the opportunity to experience a variety of multi-skilled indoor and outdoor activities. One of the term's highlights was the "Diabetes Australia" awareness week with a visit from our regional co-ordinator, Ben Mollett and local Federal MP, Luke Simpkins, who engaged the children in some new and exciting games. As part of the awareness week, the children were encouraged to make as many sporting passes at school and home in one week.

Certificates were awarded to

Brayden Starr (6B), David Wallace (5T), Arianne Barry (2W), Gareth Steyn (Year 1/O), Cara Barnes (PPD) and Tom Ferreira (PPR).

### **In Term 4, AASC starts on Monday 19 October and finishes Friday 27 November.**

AASC will continue in the second week of Term 4, (Monday 19 October) for a 6 week period. The last day of AASC for Term 4 will be Friday 27 November. Your child, from Pre-Primary to Year 6, is welcome to come along and participate on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon, (or as many as they'd like) from 3.30 - 5 pm. AASC's aim is to encourage children to actively engage in sporting activities rather than sitting in front of the computer or TV screen all afternoon. The sessions are free, but please note that it is not a child care service!

If your child is interested in participating, enrolment forms will be available at the Primary Office at the beginning of next term. If you have any queries please contact the AASC co-ordinator, Mrs Leigh Barnes who is contactable on 0408 696 956.

## Secondary

### Year 12 Art Exhibition

Year 12 Art Exhibition will be held at the BLEND(ER) Gallery from Tuesday 20 October until Thursday 22 October 2009. We will be requiring some parent assistance with the manning of the gallery space during school hours. If you could be of assistance at any point, for either Wednesday 21 October or/and Thursday 22 October 2009 could you contact the Art Department on 9306 7130 or Head of Secondary Arts Learning Area, Jodie Taylor on 9306 7192.

Venue: Blend(er) Gallery  
448 Central Walk  
Joondalup WA 6027

Date: Tuesday 20 October 2009 6.30pm, Wednesday and Thursday 10am – until 4.00pm.

Our talented Year 12 Art students would like to invite you to their final year exhibition of work at the **Blend(er) Gallery in Joondalup**.

The **Opening Evening** will be on the **Tuesday 20 October** commencing 6.30pm. And with extra viewing times during the day from 10am until 4.00pm, both Wednesday and Thursday.

This exhibition promises to be an exciting display of the all the hard work that our students have put into their upper school course work. The work displayed demonstrates their maturity towards concepts and portray their refined skills in the various mediums which they have developed through their years of art education at St Stephen's School.

### Request for help for Year 12 Graduation Dinner

As you are aware, our Grad Dinner will be held on 22 October at the Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough. We are in desperate need of some parents to assist in setting up the decorations on the day. The more parents who can help, the lighter will be the load, and therefore make it much quicker and easier on what will be a very busy and exciting day.

If you are able to spare a few hours around midday on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, please phone either Karen Keegan on 9306 7340 or Amanda Roberts on 9306 7351. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

### You Can Do Maths Script Writing Competition

This year the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers launched a national competition requiring entrants from Years 6 to 10 to script a television commercial highlighting the relevance of mathematics in occupations. Six winners were chosen nationally and two of those were selected to fly to Melbourne to be present at the professional production of their script into a television advertisement. We have two winners. *Dan Le* was one of the six national winners and *Jacklyn Wong* was one of the two winners who will attend the final production in Melbourne. An amazing achievement!

### Urgent! - Expressions of Interest – Year 12 MOCK Exam Supervision

We still urgently require several parents to assist with the invigilation of the Year 12 MOCK examinations which are being held from Monday 5 October (second week of the holidays) to Wednesday 14 October. If you have ½ or full days available during this period, to work off your 2009/2010 Family Commitment hours, then please contact Mrs Kim Dorney on 9306 7100 as soon as possible.

### Expressions of Interest – Year 11 Semester 2 Exam Supervision

We require approximately 15 parents to assist us with the invigilation of the Year 11 Semester 2 examinations this year. The examinations will be conducted from Monday 9 November to Friday 20 November. If you have ½ or full days available during this period, to work off your 2009/2010 Family Commitment hours, then please contact Miss Simone Robinson on 9306 7320 at the beginning of next term.

## Community News

**St Stephen's Uniting Church Carramar:** The church gathers at 9am each Sunday in the Primary Forum. All are welcome to attend. The Minister is Rick Williams, phone 9306 7338.

### The Uniting Church Connection

Some families have no connection with a Christian church, yet would like to have their child baptised, or to have a service of thanksgiving to God for their child. If you would like to discuss this with someone, Rev Rick Williams, who is Minister in Residence at our Carramar campus, will be happy to talk with you.

He can be contacted on 9306 7338, 0424 791 535, or [rickw@uniting.com.au](mailto:rickw@uniting.com.au).

### Tapping Dental Therapy Centre

Tapping Dental Therapy Centre is located at Tapping Primary School, 87 St Stephens Crescent, Tapping. Phone 9404 7902, fax 9404 6133.

### Karate at St Stephen's School

Karate makes kids fit, confident & resilient. Come and learn authentic karate in a safe and professional environment. New term commences Friday 16 October. For more information visit [www.karatewa.com](http://www.karatewa.com) or phone Ben on 9243 3554.

### UnitingCare West Winter Appeal

The sad fact about the world's economic crisis is that people who were financially comfortable are finding themselves struggling to pay the rent or buy food for their children. To help in a time of crisis, UnitingCare are seeking donations. These can be done online at [www.unitingcarewest.org.au](http://www.unitingcarewest.org.au) or by phoning 1300 663 298. Please give generously. Every little bit helps.

### Tiwest Night Stalking and Stargazing on Thursday 1 October, 2009

Join the Gravity Discovery Centre and Gingin Observatory for a Tiwest Night Stalk with a difference! Visit the Gravity Discovery Centre any time from 9:30am – climb the Leaning Tower, experience Black Holes and see Giant Pendulums! At 5pm, grab some energy for the Tiwest Night Stalk with a delicious pasta meal at Stargazer's Café. Suzi Greenway from Perth Zoo and local nature expert and astronomer, Grant Thornett, will then take you out into the bush at night and show you some amazing nocturnal animals!! Torches will be supplied. Hope you are not scared of the dark. After the walk, enjoy a well deserved dessert, turn off the torches and check out the star studded sky through the telescopes at Gingin Observatory finishing at 8.30pm. Thursday, 1 October 2009. The whole nature and stars package costs: \$49.00 adults, \$39.00 seniors and \$30.00 children (6 to 16 years). Bookings are essential. Call 08 9575 7740 or email [stars@ginginobservatory.com](mailto:stars@ginginobservatory.com). Complimentary tea, coffee and hot chocolate are also included in the evening.

**St Mark's Art Exhibition** is on 9, 10 and 11 October. Friday 9 October is Opening Night and tickets are \$25 each which includes a glass of wine, catalogue, finger food and music. On Saturday 10 and 11 October, entry is a gold coin donation. Opening night tickets will be sold at the door at St Mark's Anglican Community School, St Mark's Drive Hillarys.

**FUN4KIDS** September 2009. Theme: Spring Fever. Date: Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 September from 8.30am-3.30pm for ages 5 - 11 years old. Cost is \$35 per day and includes lunch, drinks and snacks. Activities: Chef demo; beados; sport; craft; science show; pull-aparts; music; console games; drama; games and much more. Additional program available to Years 7, 8 and 9. Venue: Christian City Church 31 Chadlington Drive Padbury. Phone: 9307 5000 [www.c3hh.com.au](http://www.c3hh.com.au) <<http://www.c3hh.com.au/>

**This fortnight's Bible Reading: please click on** <http://www.lectionarystudies.com>

## School Information

### Office Hours during the Holidays

8.00am-4.00pm Secondary Office 9306 7100  
 8.00am-2.00pm Primary Office 9306 7111

### Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop hours during term time are: Tuesday 12.30pm -4.00pm  
 Thursday 8.00am -11.00am

### Term Dates 2009

Term 3 ends Friday 25 September  
 Term 4 Tuesday 13 October—Friday 4 December

### Term Dates 2010





Term 1 Friday 29 January—Thursday 1 April  
 Term 2 Tuesday 20 April—Friday 2 July  
 Term 3 Tuesday 20 July (Reporting Day)  
 P-12 start Wednesday 21 July—Friday 24 September  
 Term 4 Tuesday 12 October—Wednesday 8 December

**Secondary Presentation Evening**—Friday 27 November in the Sports Centre. This is the school's formal farewell to the Year 12 students.

**Primary Celebration and Awards Night**—Monday 30 November in the Sports Centre.

**Canteen Roster**—if you can help, please call 9306 7132 Summer Menu—please see school website.

		8.30 -11.00am		11.30am-2.00pm
Tuesday	13-Oct-09	T Oliver		Karen Verburg
Wednesday	14-Oct-09	Laura Crowe		HELP NEEDED
Thursday	15-Oct-09	Derrin Muirden		K Izzo
Friday	16-Oct-09	HELP NEEDED		Janell Vlahov
Monday	19-Oct-09	New Croser		S Overstone
Tuesday	20-Oct-09	HELP NEEDED		HELP NEEDED
Wednesday	21-Oct-09	H Weybury	L Saunders	HELP NEEDED
Thursday	22-Oct-09	HELP NEEDED		Janell Vlahov
Friday	23-Oct-09	Leonie P		HELP NEEDED
Monday	26-Oct-09	Tina De Clerk		A Res
Tuesday	27-Oct-09	HELP NEEDED		HELP NEEDED
Wednesday	28-Oct-09	Sharon Carter		Jan Dugdale
Thursday	29-Oct-09	Sue Kendall /		HELP NEEDED
Friday	30-Oct-09	T Maley		HELP NEEDED

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## CAREERS INFORMATION

### Up and Coming Events – October

#### MURDOCH

Be a Drama Student for A Day – 16 October

#### OTHER

Western Australian Aviation College Career Information Seminar – 14 October. Bookings essential, phone 9417 7733 or email [pamelascott@waaviationcollege.com.au](mailto:pamelascott@waaviationcollege.com.au)

### University Applications

A reminder to our Year 12 students of the following deadlines for University applications:

TISC Applications – 30 September (late applications are accepted after this date but a late fee is payable).

University of Notre Dame Applications – 30 September

ECU Portfolio Entry Pathway – 27 November (While your application for entry via the Portfolio Pathway is submitted through TISC, you need to submit your supporting portfolio documentation directly to ECU by this date).

Please remember the School Career Practitioner, Ms Anna Johnson, is available to continue to offer support and assistance to Year 12 students throughout the rest of the school year.

### TAFE Applications

Applications for TAFE studies in Semester 1, 2010 are now open. The closing date for TAFE applications requiring submission of a folio is 16 October 2009, and the closing date for all other TAFE applications is 13 November 2009. Applications should be completed online, following the link from the home page of the TAFE WA website [www.tafe.wa.edu.au](http://www.tafe.wa.edu.au). Assistance is available from the Careers Office if required.

### Murdoch University Entry Awards

Any Year 12 student intending to place a course at Murdoch University as their first preference is encouraged to visit the Careers Office by 16 October 2009 to discuss the Murdoch University Entry Awards. Information about the Awards is available at <http://www.murdoch.edu.au/Future-students/Domestic-students/Applying-to-Murdoch/Scholarships-available/>

### Main Roads Scholarship Opportunity

The Scholarship Program is open to all Year 12 students aspiring to study a Bachelor of (Civil) Engineering at University in 2010. For further details on the Scholarship Program, please go to [www.mainroads.wa.gov.au](http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au) and click on Employment, then Graduates Cadets and Trainees or contact Katrina Durer-Flint on 9323 4972.

### Employment/Apprenticeship Opportunities

**Garden Glow Fruit & Veg Wholesalers** are opening a new store in Merriwa on the 1 October 2009 and have a need for some junior staff for weekend and holiday work (cashiers, trolleys, packing and general duties). Resumes can be dropped in at the store or contact Mr Anthony Jayamaha on 9206 2999.

**Hoffman Engineering** is currently seeking enthusiastic people for fabrication and fitting & machining apprenticeships for 2010. For more information please call 9279 5522 or email [jennyhofmann@hofmann.net.au](mailto:jennyhofmann@hofmann.net.au)

**Austal Ships** are currently seeking Aluminium Fabrication/Welding apprentices and Engineering – Marine Fitting apprentices for 2010. Apply online at <http://austal.bigredsky.com>

### Gap Year Opportunity

Latitude Global Volunteering currently still have opportunities available for students wishing to undertake gap-year projects in 2010. They offer a variety of projects in over 15 different countries. For more information visit [www.latitude.org.au](http://www.latitude.org.au) or pick up an information booklet from the Careers Office.

### SmartStart Magazine

This is a fantastic resource for students from Year 10 to Year 12. The online magazine features information about career planning, apprenticeships & traineeships, further study options, gap year opportunities, hundreds of occupational case studies and interviews with a range of students speaking about their own career journeys. Go online <http://www.smartstartmagazine.com.au/> and get reading!

### Year 12 What Next?

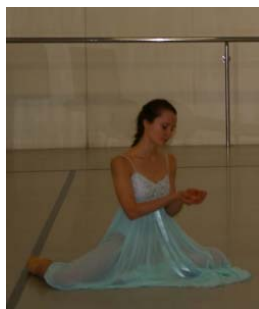
Current Year 12 students who haven't yet received a copy of this free publication should pick one up from the Careers Office.

## The Graduate College of Dance

The Year 12 students of the Graduate College of Dance presented their Choreographic Season on 21 – 23 August as part of a requirement of the Year 12 dance performance course for graduating students. This year, the students elected to base the Choreographic Season upon the classic Dr Seuss book, 'Oh, the Places You Will Go!'- A journey of life and its ups and downs. The four performances showcased a myriad of student choreography and classical repertoire, presented in two acts with a well catered interval.



The Year 12s not only hosted the Choreographic Season, but also took responsibility for staging and production, ticket sales, event promotion, fundraising and catering for the event. This experience provides a stepping stone into the competitive industry of dance.



There were twenty pieces performed by students from Year 6 to 12 along with solo performances by selected students. The season was another success for the students of the Graduate College of Dance.

Our Guest Assessor for performance examinations in September was Alexandru Fotescu, Director of ballet company 'Illo Tempore' in Germany. Alexandru is noted for his technique and artistry, travelling extensively throughout Europe as a guest dancer and teacher. Year 8 and 9 students at St Stephens School were privileged to have Alex teach classical technique classes at Carramar studios.



Our next major event is the end of year production on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The Graduate College of Dance will be presenting Swan Lake Act II & III, along with a specially choreographed performance 'Christmas Secret' showcasing our young dancers.

# PARTIES

Parties, gatherings and sleepovers

“Mum, can I have a party for my next birthday?”

If your six-year-old child asks for a party then you relax, blow up the balloons, order the party pies and send out the invitations. If your sixteen-year-old comes to you with the same request then it is not quite so simple.



Parties are an important part of teenage life. They provide opportunities to socialise, relax and have fun. For many teenagers parties are synonymous with alcohol and other drugs. Teens often view alcohol as a way to make friends, gain acceptance, and feel like an adult. Teenagers should be able to hold parties that provide opportunities to mix with friends and be alcohol-free, or if they are of a legal drinking age, where it is responsibly supervised.

**THE FOLLOWING TEN-POINT PLAN CAN HELP YOU HOLD A SAFE PARTY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.**

1. **VENUE:** Host the party in a safe venue. This means a venue where access is restricted or in a comfortable area at home that enables supervision.
2. **NUMBERS:** Limit the number of guests appropriate to the venue and the level of security you are providing.
3. **TIMING:** Limit the party's length and make sure this is stated on invitations.
4. **ADMISSION:** Admission to the party is by invitation only. Number the invitations to prevent photocopying.
5. **Security.** Consider adequate adult security for the party. Two adults is an absolute minimum supervision. Security is essential at the entrance

and exit points to deal with potential gatecrashers.

6. **NOTIFY:** Let neighbours know you plan to have a supervised teen gathering. Inform police so they can place it on their party register.
7. **FOOD & DRINKS:** Have plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages on hand. If alcohol is permitted, discourage guests from bringing their own.
8. **ACTIVITIES:** Organise to have entertainment and a space where guests can dance.
9. **SUPERVISION:** Be present during the party. You can bring in snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Not only will your presence help keep the party running smoothly, but it will also give you an opportunity to meet or get to know your teen's friends better.
10. **GATECRASHERS:** Plan ahead to prevent gatecrashers and work out how you will handle them if they arrive.

A teenage party without planning and adult supervision is an accident waiting to happen. These guidelines won't always be easy to follow. But, seriously attempting to establish reasonable guidelines can benefit you, your young person and the entire community.

## IF YOUR TEENAGER IS ATTENDING A PARTY CONSIDER:

1. Contacting parents of the party giver to check the occasion, to see if adults will be present and that no alcohol or other drugs will be permitted.
2. Finding out where the party is located

and how your young person will get to and from the party.

3. Establishing when you expect your young person home and then be awake or have your teen awaken you when he or she comes home.

## GATHERINGS AND SLEEP-OVERS

Parties go under different guises – ‘gatherings’ and ‘sleep-overs’ are just two activities that involve young people these days. It is part of growing up for young people to spend time with each other but the notion of supervision and monitoring is still part of the game with teenagers. Know where they are, who they are with and the level of supervision available are pre-requisites of parental supervision and monitoring that can help keep young people safe.

## KEEP IN MIND

1. Parties and other activities are part of your young person's social landscape. Adult supervision is one way to help keep young people safe and parties free from risk.
2. Play the party game with young people. That is, when they want to go a party they need to provide you with some basic information such as location, level of adult supervision and attendance of friends before you consider allowing them to attend.



**Parenting**ideas  
MICHAEL GROSE