

LORD BYNG SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Direct Appeal Fundraiser for Grad 2020

February 6, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of the Graduating Class of 2020,

Plans for the **Grad Dinner Dance and Dry Grad** are well underway, thanks to the dedication of our parent and student volunteers. Despite the challenges of location changes, financial shortfalls, and a tiny Grad committee, we have an all-in-one solution that embraces change while retaining some much-loved traditions.

The school gym is unavailable for Dry Grad this year, so we are pleased that the Bayshore Hotel can host both events. As with any hotel-based activity, higher costs are a given. On the positive side, the several days and hundreds of parent volunteer hours to set up, run and clean up Dry Grad in the gym have all but disappeared! A seamless transition between the Dinner Dance and Dry Grad, plus a security team onsite for the entire evening will maximize safety and simplify the role of parent chaperones.

The evening promises to be an entertaining and unforgettable event for the grads and their dinner guests. While **Ticket sales*** and **spring fundraisers** will help to keep admission costs down, **we still need to raise \$15,000** to make the events a reality and a success.

This **Direct Appeal is a simple way to contribute**. Please **consider donating towards a great evening to honour your graduate** and their classmates with a fun, safe, and inclusive celebration.

Inviting teachers to attend the Grad Dinner Dance at a reduced rate is a valued Byng tradition, so we are also offering opportunities for families to provide **sponsorship for teacher admissions**.

For your convenience, **Grad Donations and Teacher Sponsorships** will be processed through **School Cash Online**. The attached **2020 Online Donation Guide** simplifies the process.

Tax receipts will be issued automatically for donations or \$20 or more.

***Student tickets** are **on sale now for a limited time** through School Cash Online. **Family/Guest tickets** will be available after Spring Break.

If you have any questions, please email Rhianon Paterson (rhianonpaterson@me.com) or Anna Freschi (anfreschi@gmail.com), using DIRECT APPEAL in the subject line.

On behalf of all our organizers, we thank you for your consideration and support!

The 2020 Grad Parent Committee

(NOTE: The Grad Parent Committee is *not* affiliated with Prom or After Prom events)

2020 Online Grad Donation Guide

To donate online, follow these simple steps:

1. Go to <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/1869/196/false/true/>
2. Choose from a list of donation amounts or enter your own specific amount.
3. Choose “**Fund Destination.**”
4. Select **S-LORD BYNG** from the drop-down menu.
5. To ensure your donation is applied to your student’s event, **fill in the “Message” field** under the section “Message to School Board” with:
 - **Grad Donation 2020-Dry Grad**
OR
 - **Grad Donation 2020 – Teacher Dinner/Dance Sponsorship**
6. Click “**Add to Cart**”.
7. Review the information and click “Continue” if everything is correct.
8. You will be prompted to sign in. (If you don’t have a School Cash Online account, then click on “Click here to register now” and follow the steps to complete the registration process.)
9. Once you have logged in, you can complete your payment using your credit card or e-cheque.
10. After the payment has been processed, a tax receipt will appear on screen for printing. You will also receive an emailed copy.

If you cannot use the online donation system, please contact Maggie Chan in the School Office.