



## **LORD BYNG SECONDARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Grade 12 Parents and Guardians,

Our Grade 12 Counsellors have finished doing the graduation requirements checks with our grade 12 students. This work included meeting with all the students who had some grad requirements missing, discussing and agreeing on a plan of action, giving them a copy of the graduation letter and letting them know that they will mail the letter home as well. Counsellors asked all of the students receiving these grad letters to let parents know about it prior to the letter's arrival.

The graduation letter outlines what the student is missing as well as steps needed to complete this missing requirement. Counsellors will continue to check in with students throughout the year in order to monitor their progress as well as to encourage them to complete whatever plan was set out during this meeting. However, we hope that students and families understand that the student is responsible for achievement and success in all courses that they are taking.

For all of our Grade 12 students, there is an underlying assumption in the graduation requirements check process that the student will be successful in all currently enrolled courses. Any student experiencing difficulty in a course, such that they might not pass that course, should be in touch with the teacher and with their counsellor as this may affect their graduation.

**If you are a Grade 12 student family that doesn't receive the grad letter, this simply means that your child does not have any requirements missing at this time.**

Please also note that the BC Numeracy Assessment is a Graduation Requirement. All grade 12 students, who are missing the Numeracy assessment, will be notified. The school will sign them up for it, and let them know when it is. In addition, BC Literacy Assessment requirement has been postponed, and all the grade 12 students have been exempt from it.

Furthermore, University/college entrance requirements are different from high school graduation requirements. We encourage students and families to keep track of all university/college entrance requirements and to stay up to date with any changes those institutions might make. The school staff cannot monitor each student's desired post-secondary requirements.

Counsellors have advised all students to log into <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates> (student transcript website) with their BCeID. More detail information can be found on our school website and/or Microsoft teams Grade 12 student: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/lord-byng/Guidance-and-Support/Grade%2012/Pages/default.aspx>

All the grade 12 students should be checking their transcript on the ministry website as this is the official transcript and if they notice any errors they should see their counsellor so we can make the correction. Counsellors are happy to report that many students have been engaging in actively checking the Ministry website, and checking their transcripts. Thank you for your continued support.

Please, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact our Counsellors, Mr. Greenshields (Last names A-Gr), Ms. Jelena Radic, Mr. Rymer (M-Te), and Ms. Birsan (Tf-Z) either via phone or email.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Wilmann', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Damian Wilmann