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Dear Graduates and Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2017,

Congratulations! High school graduation is an exciting time and cause for celebration. Family, teachers and friends are proud of your achievements and excited about the possibility that the future holds for you. As you transition into responsible young adults, the next few weeks and months will bring many opportunities to create special moments, and memories that last a lifetime.

The future is yours, so please celebrate this milestone safely and responsibly. We know you to be responsible and caring individuals, but poor choices are sometimes made in haste. Do not get caught up in the heat of the moment and do something that you will later regret. Care for your friends and help them to make good decisions as well.

Group events create an opportunity to celebrate and have fun, but we want you to be aware that illegal activities will be addressed by police. Seemingly harmless “pranks” can be harmful and many students are unaware of the legal and social consequences. The West Vancouver Police Department supports your celebration, but will not tolerate activities that damage property or put the safety of community members at risk.

When participating in graduation celebrations, please remember that you are representing not just yourself, but your school, your district and your family. Be responsible and safe, and stay away from activities that harm yourself or others, or cause damage to property.

Parents, please speak to your children about the types of celebrations they attend and ask questions about their activities. Parental awareness is an important part of making sure that graduates make good decisions. We want students to have fun and enjoy this special time, but we also want them to be safe.

West Vancouver Schools and the West Vancouver Police Department congratulate you on this important and exciting achievement.

Wishing you every success for the future – congratulations Class of 2017!

Sincerely,



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Chief Constable Len Goerke  
West Vancouver Police Department



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Superintendent Chris Kennedy  
West Vancouver School District

