

# Exams end, party starts

It's party time and with a year of facts and figures a not so distant memory most students are in search of that euphoric party experience.

Most of the toe tapping, alcohol fuelled gigs this time of year are intriguingly called After Exams Parties. Fellow travellers assure me this is coded speak for 'going off big time' and organisers of such events expect enthusiastic attendance.

Monash Student Association at Clayton put together their first After Exams Party to mark the end of first semester. That event attracted 1000 punters. Encouraged by the response they're doing it all again with a big gig at the Royal Melbourne Hotel on November 15.

Monash Student Association activities co-chair at Clayton, Jason Leigh says of all the events organised throughout the year this is the one that markets itself.

"It's the one thing that everyone has in common," he says. "We've been doing music events and it's hard to find bands that everyone likes but this is a fairly safe bet."

The night is a joint effort with Monash Clayton's most popular societies pitching in. Together with the Student Association, the Arts, Science and Engineering Societies are promoting the party.

Leigh says he expects a diverse crowd of between 1000 and 1500 students.

"At Monash Clayton everyone mingles a lot because there are so many disciplines on the one campus," he says. "It's a very intense kind of a night with so many people in the one place - it's wild and fairly pumping."

The larger party modelled is also explored by student representatives across campuses.



Billed as the 'biggest end of exams party Melbourne has ever experienced', Law and Commerce Student Societies from Melbourne University, Deakin, Monash, La Trobe and Victoria Universities have booked the Royal Melbourne Hotel for an After Exams Party on

Wednesday November 21. Patrons can expect Jim Beam giveaways throughout the night along with other very cheap drink deals; most between 8 and 10pm. Music is provided by DJs Phil G, Andy K and Ricky C.

But the humungous end of

year party is not the only offer on the table. The newly established Melbourne University Nursing Student Society is planning a Pirate Party river cruise aboard the Florence on the Yarra on November 22. It's a bit pricier (\$40 per ticket) but this boutique soiree promises a high seas cocktail atmosphere with supper and a range of drinks included. There will also be a photographer on board to record the event for future prosperity.


"The boat holds about 350 people but they've only booked it out for 150," says Ashley Kline, President of Melbourne University Nursing Students Society. "We are gonna deck out the ship (in the Pirate theme) and people are encouraged to dress up."

Monash Caulfield is also going down the boutique party model path. The AXP2 party is booked into Platform One, Banana Alley in the city and is expected to attract up to 400 student patrons.

Rachel Cusworth, events manager with the Caulfield Monash Student Union says the After Exams Party is definitely the time to let your hair down.

"It's a very celebratory atmosphere - a lot of the students that are finishing up this year are finishing up for good," she says. "It does have that element of let your hair down and go nuts."

The Monash Caulfield AXP2 party is running with an 'unofficial' fluoro theme or as Cusworth puts it "very fluoro undertones."

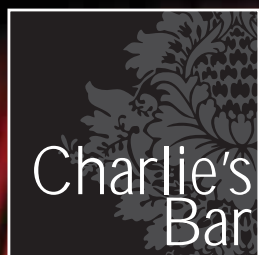
End of year and After Exams Party's are listed over the page. Have a good one. 

**Daren Pope**

## Pre-party hot tips

- Always have your mobile phone charged, and for you tight wads, always have credit. Leave home without your phone and you might not get that text message from Bob saying, "Hey, we changed the venue. It's now at Jane's house."
- Make sure you are wearing clean underwear. It's just a nice thing to do.
- Ladies, layers. Don't forget to stuff the cardi in your handbag, you WILL need it when you are stumbling around in the middle of the night, trying to negotiate yourself into a nightclub.
- On the note of clothes, it's not particularly wise to wear a dry-clean only white silk number to an end of exams party. Kegs and silk don't make a good match!
- Females, take advantage of those big handbags. Fill her up with bandaids, Hollywood tape, tampons, bobby pins, water, novelty drunk items and anything else to accommodate the needs of one of the new friends you will no doubt bond with in a bathroom line somewhere.

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