
Selected Scenes from
The Formal



Characters

Scene A: Dress Stress

In the lead-up to the school formal, there is a lot of dreaming and scheming ...

Characters

DEE – A year 12 student who hopes to study medicine at university

TATIANA – A year 12 student who is determined to be the belle of the ball and whose every whim is indulged by her mother

Scene B: Fruit Salad

Glam demonstrates that mothers of year 12 students come in a variety of models ...

Characters

GLAM – A ‘formal fairy’ who orchestrates the action in the play

ROZ – A very indulgent mother – tatiana’s mother

SKYE – A hippie

CARLA – A high-powered businesswoman

GLITTER – One of Glam’s charming assistants who steps into the action as needed

Scene C: Divine Fodder

Year 12 can be a year of revelations—and not just for the students ...

Characters

GLAM

ROZ

SKYE

The full version of *The Formal* is available to purchase at www.macmillan.com.au/secondary.

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The Formal (also by Sue Murray) is a comedy in two acts. It is fast, furious and full of shocks – and frocks! The characters wrestle with family, friends, assessments and the odd turquoise taffeta dress, as they face this modern rite of passage. The stress, the dress, the dreams and schemes, boys and handbags – will it all be worth it on the night?

These selected scenes offer the opportunity to study how the girls and their mothers handle the build-up to the big event.

Scene A: Dress Stress

[DEE enters and sits on a school bench. She takes a book out of her bag and starts furiously learning chemical formulae.]

[Enter TATIANA, who sits next to DEE.]

- TATIANA:** Hi, Dee!
- DEE:** Tatiana! Look, I've got ten minutes to get ready for an assessment test ...
- TATIANA:** Got your dress yet?
- DEE:** No, but I saw one at the Fashion Warehouse. It had long ...
- TATIANA:** I'm thinking of having mine made. Mum's friend's sister's sister-in-law knows someone who knows someone who works for {insert name of current Australian designer}. It'll be unique. A one-off.
- DEE:** Wow. I'm thinking of this dark orange ...
- TATIANA:** Orange? On you? Really? Anyway, I've decided on this pink silk with little white roses here and a slit here and little straps. How are you going to do your hair?
- DEE:** I dunno. Up, I guess, but ...
- TATIANA:** Not like for the Year 10 formal? Again? I'll wear my hair like this and I was thinking of little curls and some of the roses scattered through. Who are you going with?
- DEE:** I'm not sure.