

What do you make of govt decision to limit sosh events?

Feedback. Students across different schools weigh in on the issue of banning sosh or prom events. Some are against the idea, others think the decision is long overdue. We bring you students' feedback.

BAN SOSH OR NOT?

The banning of school parties like sosh does not seem appropriate because school parties are not necessarily a bad thing. They give students a chance to interact with each other. School parties also give students time to have fun and a break from academic work which can be stressful.

Gloria Achan
S.3 Makerere College School

"There are advantages and disadvantages to prom. While school parties enable students interact with each other, the mental health of students that cannot afford to attend can be negatively impacted. School parties like prom also encourage unhealthy competition among students"

Lyn Ahalsibwe
S.3 Makerere College School

Materialism

There is also need for schools to do guide students so they learn that their value is not steeped in material possessions. While the matter is a bit tricky, some efforts in normalising the day for all to participate and enjoy will go a long way.

"I think limiting sosh was a good idea because some students cannot afford to attend those events which leads to them feeling discriminated."

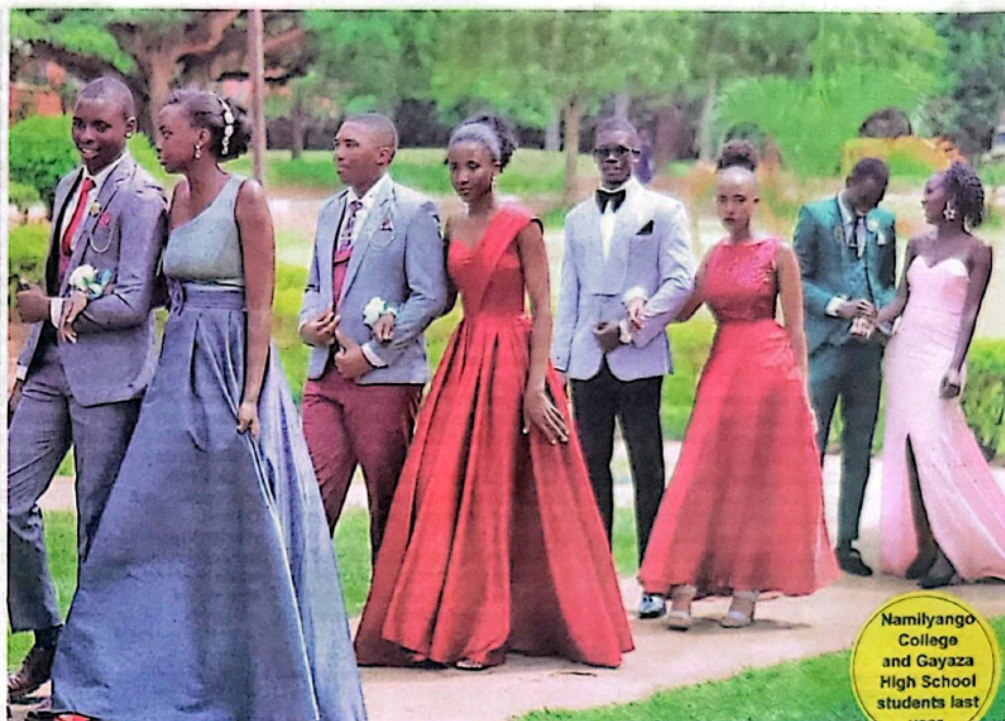
Sarah Mirembe
S.1 Kampala High School

"Sosh puts a lot of pressure on students who cannot afford to pay for the extravagant outfits, makeup, cars that other students can afford. It can force some students to engage in negative activities like theft to avoid missing out and so they can fit in with the rest"

Mildred Outa Amuron
S.6 Kampala High School

"The move to limit sosh was justified because it had become a platform for students to show off their affluence. The prom culture in many schools was fostering discrimination among students. However it is unfortunate that students do not have events where they can enjoy themselves. Sosh should be allowed in schools but there should be rules to limit the extravagance exhibited by students for instance there should be specific cars that students are allowed to arrive in or the schools should improvise"

Simon Uwagiriwe Ubuntu
S.4 Kampala High School



Namityango College and Gayaza High School students last year.

"I think limiting prom is for our own safety because some students can use social events as an opportunity to bring illegal items like drugs into schools"

Simeon Oyar
S.2 Mengo Senior School

"On one hand, I think limiting school parties can be a blessing because students will be more focused on their academics. However, students also need time to relax and have fun, therefore I think sosh should be allowed but scheduled to take place after exams. Students should also be allowed to opt out of attending sosh."

Blessing Williams Muwaza
S.2 Mengo Senior School

I commend the ministry for taking a stand against 'promo' parties in schools. Such events are a gateway to moral erosion....

Joan Amagoro
S.2 Priscilla Comp Girls SS

I don't support the idea of banning social gatherings in schools. Social gatherings promote unity, and culture in schools... instead of government regulating social gatherings,

let government begin with school fees.

Catherine Akareut
S.2 Priscilla Comp Girls SS, Katakwi

The government's ban of social gatherings in schools is very excellent. These social gatherings have led to poverty on the side of parents since a lot of money is spent on buying clothes, hiring cars etc...

Jemima Ritah Aslimwe
S.2 Priscilla Comp Girls SS, Katakwi

I don't support the idea of government banning social gatherings in schools. These social gatherings helped people to get a living. People would hire out their cars, clothes and other services... so banning such gatherings will affect them.

John Esunget S. 2. Priscilla Comp Girls SS, Katakwi

I don't support the government's ban of social gatherings in schools because such gatherings help to kill boredom and besides that, they promote socialisation.

Aaron Akol Otim
S.2 Priscilla Comp Girls SS, Katakwi

Government banning social gatherings in schools does not solve anything. Social gatherings are a source of happiness to students since it's said that work without play makes jack a dull boy.

Oswald King Ariko
S.2 Priscilla Comp Girls SS, Katakwi

Government has done a wonderful job in banning social gatherings in schools. These gatherings promote indecent dressing among students especially the girl child.

Beatrice Aplo
S.2 Priscilla Comp Girls SS, Katakwi

I support the government's ban of social gatherings in schools. It will help to eliminate unnecessary extravagance.

Simon Peter Imorukol
S.2 Priscilla Comp Girls SS, Katakwi