



Looking south towards the high school facilities

Marsden High School

Everything you need to know for starting at the new school site

March 2022

Our new Marsden High School facilities will include:



Flexible, multi-purpose learning spaces, as well as modern technical learning spaces



Dedicated high school library with senior learning space



A school hall/ gymnasium with a full-size indoor basketball court



Open and green space for sporting and recreation activities



Expert facilities for our targeted learning, wellbeing, and cultural awareness programs



Ability for students to complete primary, secondary and vocational education and training at one campus

An Education Precinct



Aerial view of Meadowbank Education Precinct

Principal's message

It is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to all students and parents joining us in our first year at the new Marsden High School site.

It has been a privilege to be a part of the development of this extraordinary project which sits within the wider Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct. I am excited and confident to see this innovative approach in education foster a unique sense of community, shaping our learners as they progress through their secondary schooling and become thriving young adults.

I am incredibly proud to be leading Marsden High School together with a strong team of talented and professional staff, who are committed to making the very best use of this new environment and the outstanding facilities that will now be accessible to our students.

Back to school in Term 2 2022

Where is the new Marsden High School located?

The new school facilities are located at 8 Rhodes Street, Meadowbank, near the corner of Mellor Street. The main school entry on Rhodes Street will be accessible for pedestrians, bus services and drops off.

When do students return to school?

Marsden High School students will begin school at the new education precinct in a staggered approach from 9 am on Thursday 28 April 2022. The timings for the start are:

- IEC students are to arrive 9 am and will be taken straight to their learning COLA
- Support Unit students are to arrive for 9 am and will be taken straight to their learning COLA
- Years 7 and 8 are to arrive for 9 am
- Years 11 and 12 are to arrive for 9:30 am
- Years 9 and 10 are to arrive for 10 am.

What to expect on Day 1 Term 2 2022

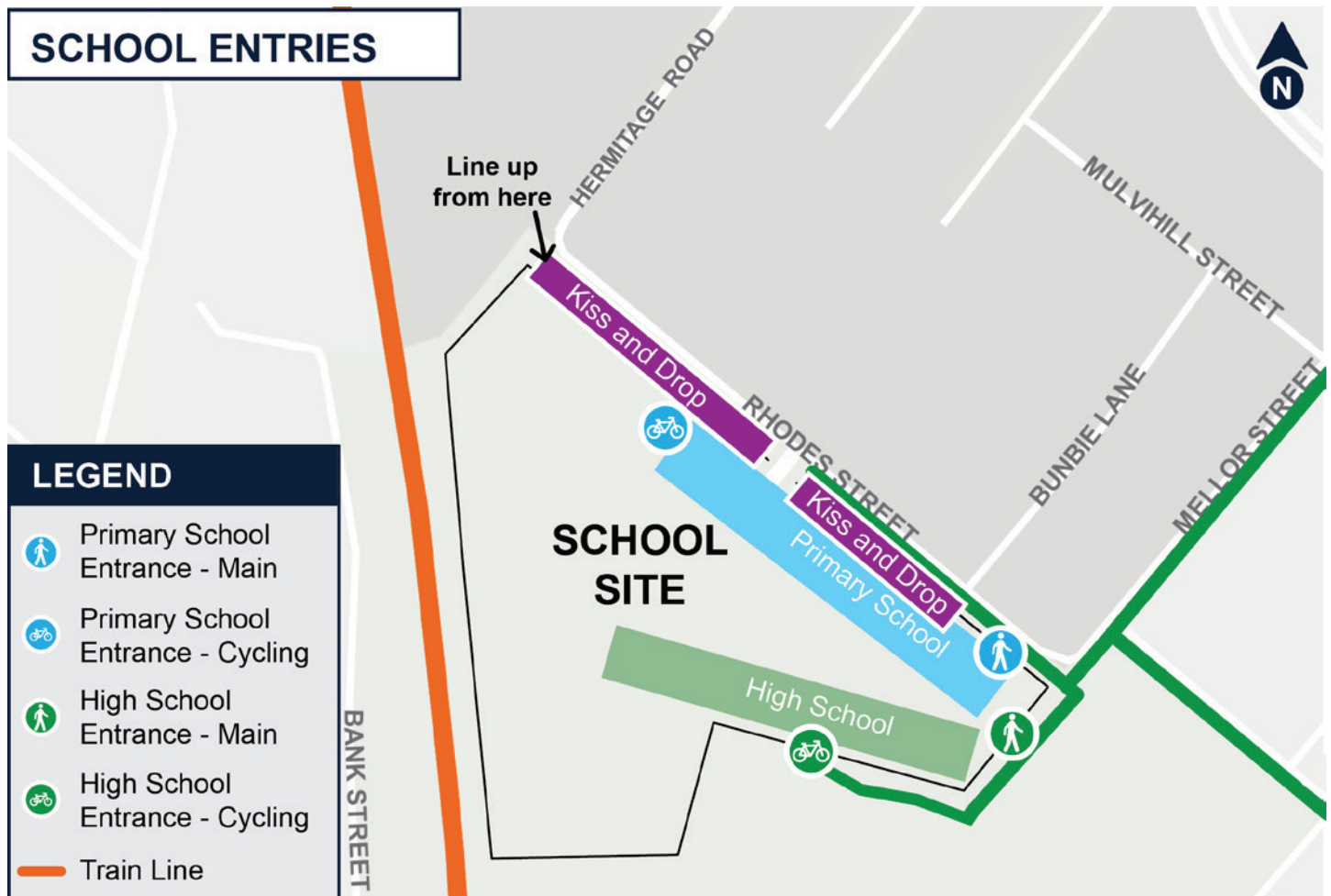
Welcome to the new Marsden High School site

The first day at the new school site will be exciting for everyone. Guides will be on site at the main entry to Marsden High School on Rhodes Street to help you navigate the new facilities. A separate set of maps will be provided to students to outline all room numbers and locations.

Where do I go?

Guides will also be in place around the school to direct students to the main entrance of the school. Please review the following important information for your first day back at school.

1. Enter the main entrance at 8 Rhodes Street.
2. Staff will meet you at the front of the school and then escort you to the areas outlined above where you will be seated in your period 1 classes for that day.
3. The Principal's welcome will cover key information about our new school and you will be issued with your timetable which will also be available online on Sentral prior to your return.
4. Each class will then be escorted to your dedicated Learning Hub level and given a tour of the new spaces.



What is on each level?

Learning spaces for Marsden High School are located on the four levels of the southern wing as well as levels three and four of the northern wing. You will also be provided with a map on the first day of school as well as tours to help you get familiar with your new school.

SOUTHERN WING

LOWER GROUND

- Gymnasium
- Canteen
- Bike parking

GROUND LEVEL

- Student Management
- Sick Bay

LEVEL 1

- Intensive English Centre

LEVEL 2

- PDHPE
- Performing Arts

LEVEL 3

- Science
- Visual Arts

LEVEL 4

- Industrial Technology
- Food Technology

CENTRAL SPINE

GROUND LEVEL

- Reception
- Student Services
- Uniform Shop

LEVELS 1, 2 AND 3

- High School Library
- Senior Library

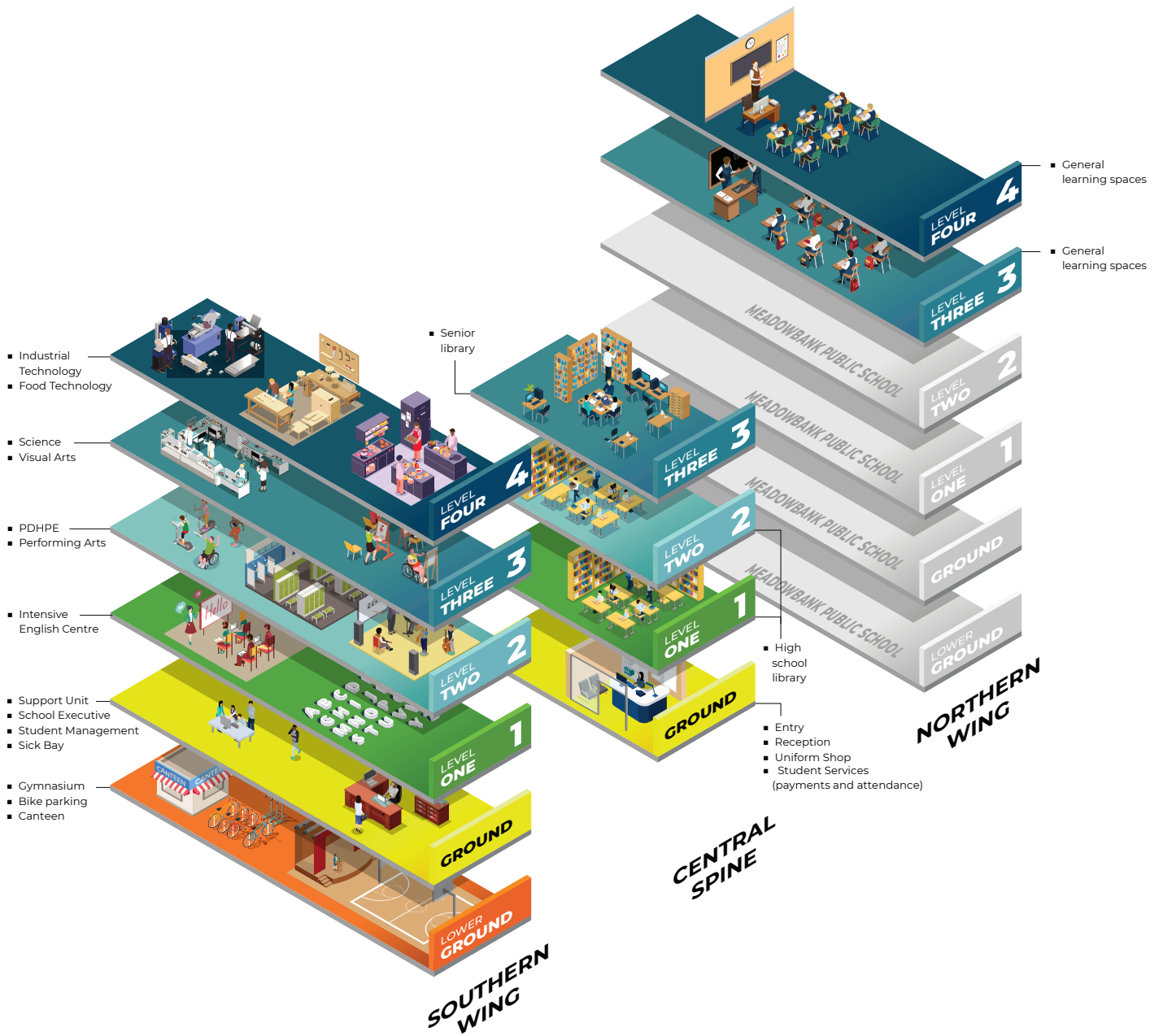
NORTHERN WING

LEVEL 3

- General learning spaces (GLS)

LEVEL 4

- General learning spaces (GLS)



Flexible learning spaces

The new school facilities incorporate flexible learning spaces with moveable furniture and adaptable room configurations. Each learning space is equipped with whiteboards and pin boards on walls and doors.

The learning spaces are technology-enabled with large, interactive screens to serve multiple and interactive learning contexts, providing better opportunities for collaboration and personalised learning.

Marsden High School is a Bring Your Own Device School meaning that students are required to bring their own devices. There is Wi-Fi available throughout the school. Further details for any IT requirements will be covered on Day 1 Term 2.

How are the normal classrooms (GLS) distributed between the CORE subject areas?

The Level 4 Northern Wing General learning spaces (GLS) are divided up between the faculties as below:

- Level 4 North Wing Eastern section GLS - Year 7 Hubs
- Level 4 Northern Wing Centre section GLS – HSIE (Years 7 – 10 mainly)
- Level 4 Northern Wing Western Section GLS - Mathematics/Computing (Years 7 – 10 mainly)
- Level 3 Northern Wing Eastern section GLS - general availability including LOTE (Years 7 – 10)
- Level 3 Northern Wing Centre section GLS – Year 11 and 12 Mathematics/ English/ EALD/ HSIE/ LOTE/ PDHPE
- Level 3 Northern Wing Western section GLS –English/EALD (Years 7 – 10 mainly)

Where are the teachers' staffrooms located?

The teachers are located in the following staffrooms:

- South Ground - Support Unit & PDHPE
- South Level 1 - Intensive English Centre
- South Level 2 - CAPA, LOTE, English & EALD
- South Level 3 - Mathematics/Computing Studies & Science
- North Level 3 - HSIE
- North Level 4 - TAS (Woodwork & Food Tech)

Recreational spaces

The new school facilities offer a variety of outdoor areas, including covered and open air spaces. You will have access to covered outdoor learning spaces on each floor, an undercover multi-sport court, and a gymnasium that can also be opened to maximise usable space.

Outdoor spaces include three multi-purpose sports courts, two basketball courts, a school oval and running track which have a range of surfaces including artificial turf and soft fall as well as grass. Outdoor areas are fully fenced, providing separation from the primary school and TAFE, allowing plenty of fresh air.

The Gymnasium is a state-of-the-art facility that supports a range of sports due to the retractable electronic score boards and triple height ceiling. The large space provides capacity for school assemblies and all other school events, due to the full stage which includes production equipment such as performance lighting, stage curtains and PA system.

Spaces for collaboration

Community and connection are core values of Marsden High School. The new school facilities will provide opportunities to gather the school community in many locations including the school gymnasium, and the new outdoor and undercover spaces. Increased space will allow families, teachers and students to work together to ensure students can achieve their potential.

The new location also provides opportunities to work alongside Meadowbank Public School and build a relationship that supports students as they progress from Kindergarten through to Year 12 and even on to tertiary education at TAFE. The Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct provides both formal and informal learning opportunities throughout your school career in order to foster the continuous development and improvement of the knowledge and skills needed for employment and personal fulfilment.



Central Spine



Open green spaces and sports courts



Collaboration spaces in the library

Access and transport

Access to Marsden High School is set back from Rhodes Street, near Mellor Street. The primary school has a separate entrance located on Rhodes Street. The school start times will be staggered between the schools to reduce the numbers of students gathering in the same place at the same time. The High School start time is 9 am.

The new school location is well connected and easily accessed by walking, cycling and public transport. Active and public transport is highly recommended. Parking on local streets is limited and time restricted.

Meadowbank Public School and Marsden High School support sustainably and environmentally friendly transport practices. We strongly encourage you to safely walk or ride a bicycle to school or catch one of the many public transport options.

Travel Access Guide

A comprehensive guide to accessing the new school has been completed and distributed to the school communities. This is available on the Marsden High School website found here:

marsden-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/location-and-transport.html.

Active modes

The shared paths for both cycling and pedestrian access along Bowden, Rhodes and Macpherson streets provides safe access to and from the school.

Cycling and scooters

Cycling to school is safe and accessible due to the routes as outlined in the [Travel Access Guide](#). The new school facilities enable students to safely store their bicycles and scooters throughout the school day. To support cycling to school, 162 spaces with racks are provided for bicycles. The bike storage area is located on the Lower Ground Level, accessible via the main school entry off Rhodes Street, with a dedicated bike path alongside the gym.

Walking

Footpaths on local streets around the new school have been upgraded to help teachers, students, and visitors safely access the new school buildings, as well as improve local amenity.

Pedestrian access is available along student specific shared paths along Bowden and Macpherson streets. Students also have the option of walking from Meadowbank Train Station, which takes approximately 7 minutes via See Street. New pedestrian crossings have been installed across both Bowden and Macpherson streets. We have also upgraded the footpath on Squire Street to provide safe access.

Train

Meadowbank Train Station is the preferred station for student travel. It is the closest station and within walking distance of the new school. You are encouraged to walk to our school via See Street.

West Ryde Station is also located near the school and is serviced by buses directly to the school in the school bus zones on Macpherson Street. For further details, please refer to the [Travel Access Guide](#).



Bus

Dedicated school buses, as well as buses for school excursions and events, will stop at the new bus zones on Macpherson Street.

Several bus services also stop on Victoria Road, at Bowden Street, a short walk along the new shared user paths to the new school entrance. Please ensure you cross all roads safely and use the approved pedestrian paths.

For further information on the bus timetables and locations please see the [Travel Access Guide](#) or use the Trip Planner at transportnsw.info. Please note the latest bus routes and times will be available on the Trip Planner website from the end of Term 1.



School Student Transport Scheme

The School Student Transport Scheme provides eligible school students with free or subsidised travel from home to school.

Marsden High School students are eligible for free school travel if:

- They are a resident of NSW, or an overseas student eligible for free government education, AND
- The straight-line distance from their home address to school is more than 2 km, OR
- The walking distance from home to school is 2.9 km or further.

When students are applying for free travel please note that it is to the new Marsden High School facility at 8 Rhodes St, Meadowbank.

If students are not eligible for free school travel, they may be able to buy a School Term Bus Pass, offering discounted travel on buses between school and home for the whole school term. The current cost is \$55 per term.

For more information, visit: transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts

Car

A dedicated kiss-and-drop zone extends along the southern side of Rhodes Street adjacent to the school facilities. The kiss-and-drop zone is time limited during designated school hours.

You may stop for a maximum of 2 minutes and must remain within in 3 metres of your vehicle.

Parents and students with a driver's licence should note that parking in the school area is limited with most parking areas on the surrounding streets time limited.

As the school is highly serviced and accessible by both public transport and pedestrian access, we strongly encourage parents to consider public and active transport to and from school.

A new school provides a great opportunity to initiate new travel behaviours to get to and from school.

For detailed information on how to access the school, please refer to the [Travel Access Guide](#).

Frequently asked questions

Is there a drop-off and pick-up zone?

Yes, there is a kiss and drop area on Rhodes Street. As the school is highly serviced and accessible by both public transport and pedestrian access, we do not recommend you drive to school.

How will I know where to go on Day 1 Term 2?

Guides will be available on the first day to help you find your way around the school and familiarise yourself with the new school. Marsden High School staff will also be there to support you. It will be an exciting day and the staff cannot wait to show you around our new school.

What happens if I arrive late?

Students who arrive late to school once the front gates have been closed, are expected to press the buzzer to gain access and then report to the Attendance window at Student Reception.

Where is the canteen?

The Canteen is behind the gym, opposite the bike storage area on the Lower Ground Level. The canteen area has access to undercover seating areas.

Is there a map to show me where to go?

A separate set of maps will be provided to students outlining all room numbers and locations. Guides will also be on site for the first day of school to help students find their way around.

Where is the sick bay?

The sick bay clinics are located at Student Enquiries window on the Ground Floor for all students except for those in the IEC. This is found past the entrance to the high school off Rhodes Street. This area also includes the Principal's and Deputy Principal's offices. The IEC has its own sick bay on Level 1.

Where do I go on the first day?

You will have the opportunity to have a first look at the facilities in Week 9 Term 1. This is an opportunity to take a tour and start to get familiar with the location of the new facilities.

On the first day of school, guides will be in place around the school to direct you to the main entrance of the school and provide relevant information to assist you. The Principal's welcome will cover key information about our new school.

Where is the uniform shop?

The uniform shop is easily accessible for parents/ students and is located in the main Reception area of the school, located off Rhodes Street.

Can students use the lifts?

The new school has seven lifts located in the middle of each building. Lifts are available for staff and students who have mobility issues or other health related concerns. Further details around accessing the lifts is available through the administration staff.

What areas can I spend recess and lunch time in?

During fine weather the following areas are designated for students:

1. The all-weather fields (volleyball/ netball) at the Rhodes St end closest to the train line
2. The outdoor Basketball courts at the western end of the site
3. The school oval and green space next to it
4. The undercover basketball court between the oval/ green space and the canteen
5. The central steps leading from the green space up to but not including Level 1

6. The Canteen and the seated areas next to and around it
7. Level 4 Northern Wing COLA, the central covered concreted area and wooden covered seating stepping down from here to, but not including Level 3
8. Level 4 Southern Wing COLA is a designated Year 12 area
9. The library
10. The Support Unit – designated only for relevant students.

During wet weather the following areas are designated for students:

1. The undercover basketball court between the oval/ green space and the canteen
2. The Canteen and the seated areas next to and around it
3. Level 4 Northern Wing COLA, the central covered concreted area and wooden covered seating stepping down from here to, but not including Level 3
4. Level 4 Southern Wing COLA – this is a designated Year 12 area
5. Level 3 Southern Wing and Northern Wing COLA areas
6. The main entrance of the school and associated stepped seating
7. The library
8. The Support Unit – designated only for relevant students.

Where are the toilets located during break time?

The toilets are located:

- Within the covered canteen area on the Lower Ground area
- On Level 4.

What areas am I not to access?

As with our current site, there will be areas students can only access with teacher supervision. In addition to this there are also areas that student are not to access at any time. These include but are not limited to:

- The internal fire stairs
- The school carpark
- Toilets on Levels 1, 2 and 3.

Evacuation procedures

These will be provided to all students on the first day.

Marsden High School bell times

| Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday | | | Tuesday (Assembly & Sport) | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------|
| Session | Time | Minutes | Session | Time | Minutes |
| 1 | 9 am to 10:15 am | 75 | 1 | 9 am to 10:15 am | 75 |
| Recess | 10:15 am to 10:45 am | 30 | Assembly | 10:15 am to 10:40 am | 25 |
| 2 | 10:45am to 12 pm | 75 | Recess | 10:40 am to 11:10 am | 30 |
| Transition | 12 pm to 12:05 pm | 5 | 2 | 11:10 am to 12:25 pm | 75 |
| 3 | 12:05 pm to 1:20 pm | 75 | Lunch* | 12:25 pm to 12:55 pm | 30 |
| Lunch | 1:20pm to 1:50 pm | 30 | Sport (Years 8-10) | 12:55 pm – 2:25 pm | 90 |
| 4 | 1:50 pm to 3:00 pm | 70 | 3 (Year 7) | 12:55 pm – 2 pm | 65 |
| | | | 4 (Year 7) | 2 pm – 3 pm | 60 |

* Sport buses depart at 12:30 pm

Walking to and from Meadowbank train station?

Remember to always use See Street.

Access through TAFE is not permitted.



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