



St Ives High P&C Student Transport Campaign

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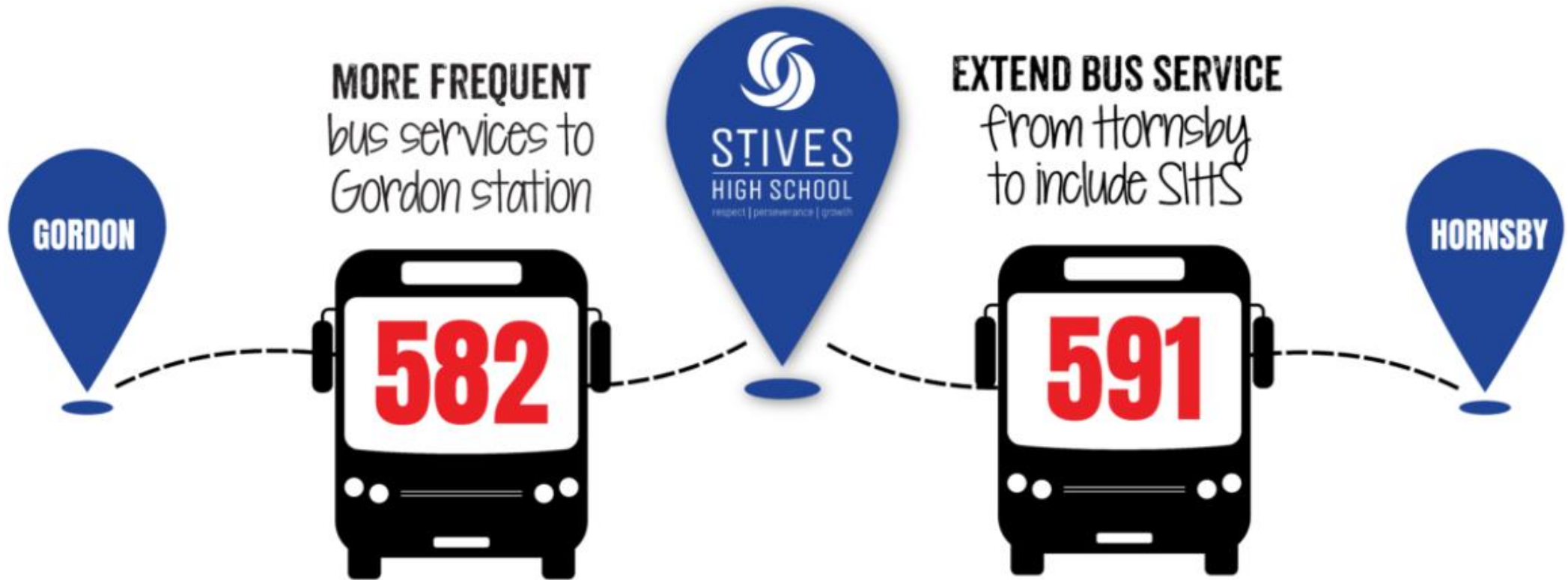
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Working towards improvements for the benefit of all patrons of the St Ives Schools Precinct



CALL TO ACTION

WHAT ARE WE ASKING FOR FROM YOU TODAY?

RESOURCES

Your support to **release funding** to:

- i. enable TfNSW to **provide the unmet school community transport needs we identify in this presentation**. We have taken a pragmatic approach, identifying cost effective solutions that use the existing 591 and 582 bus services, *and*
- ii. fund the **approved Yarrabung/Kelvin zebra crossing** and **School Zone signs on Horace** which state the correct times for St Ives High School.

RELATIONSHIPS

The implementation of a **direct line of communication between the School Principal and a nominated contact at TfNSW for school transport matters**.

For schools like St Ives High who have multiple service providers, when there is an issue with student transport services TfNSW should contact the Principal in the first instance and not the last.

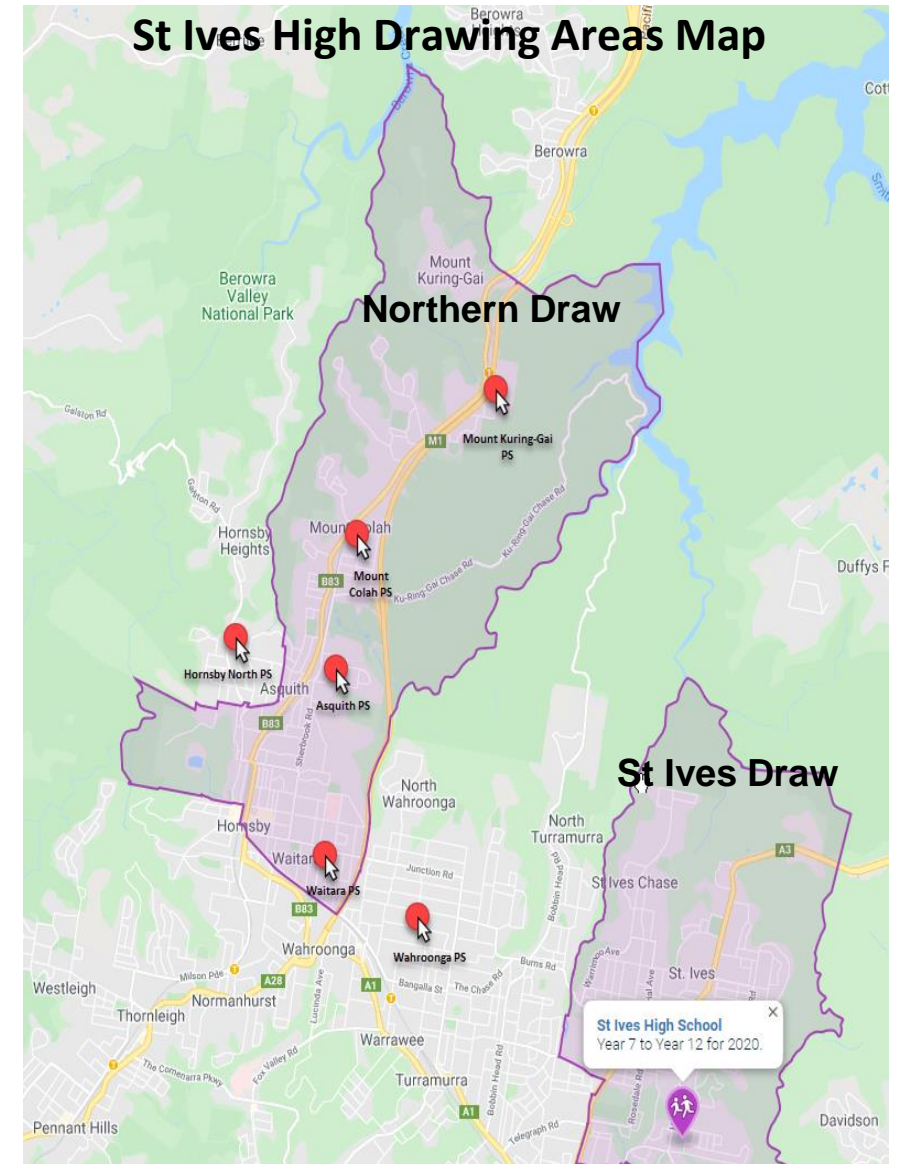
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THE ST IVES SCHOOLS TRANSPORT CHALLENGE

WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

FAST FACTS

1. **St Ives High School has an unusual Draw Area.** Over 60% of St Ives High School students qualify for a School Opal card [n=912].
1. **Proximity of transport hubs to St Ives High School**
Gordon Station (2.8 km, 10 minute bus ride, 38 minute walk) and **St Ives Shops** (2.1 km, 17 minute bus ride, 30 minute walk). There is only **one direct bus service linking St Ives High to Hornsby** at the PM bell.
1. **Transdev, Forest Coach Lines and Sydney Trains** provide student transport services to and from St Ives High school. This **adds a layer of complexity to student transport planning.**
1. **40% of St Ives High School Students reside in the Northern Draw.** The majority of these students rely on **two or more modes of transport** to get to school [n=596].



NORTHERN DRAW PRIMARY FEEDER SCHOOLS : ASQUITH PS, MOUNT COLAH PS, MOUNT KURING-GAI PS, WAITARA PS

STUDENT TRANSPORT: UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES TO THE SOLUTION

A student's journey starts from the moment they leave home to travel to their first transport node, get in the car, or walk/cycle to school.



“Moving people from private vehicles to more sustainable transport modes will reduce congestion and the transport sector’s emissions intensity, improve air quality and support better health and wellbeing.”

- 1. Student transport to and from St Ives High should be adequately resourced in line with the number of enrolled students.** Service provision must keep pace with the continued increase in student numbers resulting from the realisation of LGA Housing Strategies.
- 2. In-area students who qualify for subsidized student travel to and from school should be transported within an acceptable and predictable timeframe.** For in-area families, this is a reasonable baseline expectation when they enrol their child at their local co-ed public high school.
- 3. For reasons of safety, bus stops for St Ives High school services should be located** in accordance with the Guide to Appointed School Bus Stops (NSW Government, Jan 2019), **either adjacent to or on the same side of the road as the school.**
- 4. Planning, monitoring and assessments** of St Ives High Student transport **should be undertaken by Transport for NSW in consultation with the school.** The school should have a nominated contact at TfNSW for school transport matters.

RESOURCES - TRANSPORT

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

ALLOCATION OF FUNDING TO RESOURCE THESE PRAGMATIC AND COST-EFFECTIVE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS TO THE ST IVES SCHOOLS PRECINCT:

1. Student bus services that **originate from St Ives High with sufficient capacity** for the number of enrolled St Ives High and Intensive English Centre students who qualify for a Student Opal Card.
1. **An extension to the public 591 bus route** (Hornsby to St Ives Shops via Waitara) currently terminating at St Ives Village, to include a St Ives High Yarrabung Road loop
1. **More frequent public 582 bus services** between Yarrabung Road and Gordon Station before and after regular bell times on weekdays and at weekends
1. **More frequent train services between Berowra and Hornsby** that integrate with school bus services between Gordon Station and the St Ives Schools Precinct.

ST IVES HIGH SCHOOL STILL URGENTLY NEEDS THE FOLLOWING TRANSPORT SERVICES:



AM

591 Hornsby via Waitara to St Ives: service extension to include a St Ives High Loop:
7 AM service - St Ives High AM Extracurriculars at 7.30 am for students living between Hornsby and St Ives and Northern Draw students.
8 AM service – St Ives High regular bell times for students living between Hornsby and St Ives.



More frequent PM train services between Asquith and Mt Ku-ring-Gai. A 30-minute wait between PM services is too long. It extends the average journey home from just over an hour to upward of an hour and a half for Northern Draw Push Pass Holders who miss the 3.45 pm Berowra train.

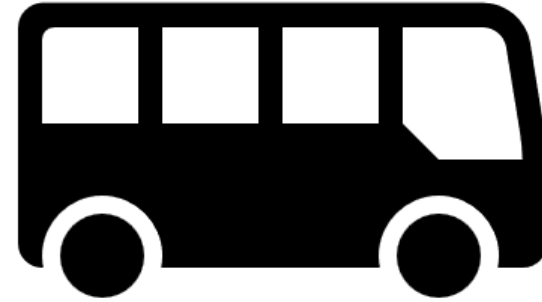
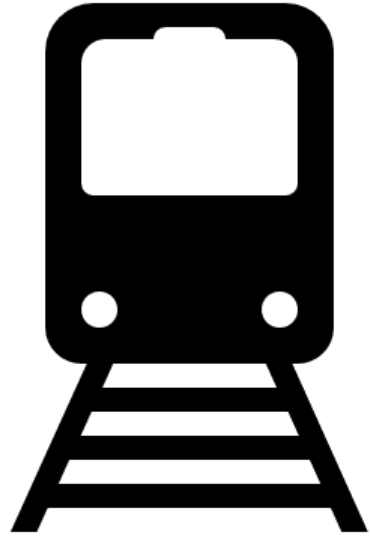


PM

591 St Ives to Hornsby service to commence from St Ives High:
4.26 PM – Finish Period Six at 4.18 PM
5.26 PM – Finish St Ives High Extracurriculars

582 St Ives to Gordon Station:
Period Six Finish – 4.18 PM: Alteration to timing and routing of 4.20 service. Divert via Yarrabung, arrive Yarrabung 4.25 PM.

245 Forest Coach Lines St Ives Chase Bus
Student enrolments for 2022 indicate that a **second bus** will be required. St Ives High has implemented a push pass scheme for this service to give priority boarding to students living in St Ives Chase.



WHEN WILL NORMAL BUS AND TRAIN TIMETABLES RESUME?

CAN YOU HELP US FIND OUT?

RESOURCES – PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY UPGRADES

URGENT REQUEST FOR FUNDING

1. In 2021 Council approved the Yarrabung/Kelvin zebra crossing.

This needs to be installed as a matter of urgency but **requires funding from TfNSW**. Please watch the short video and urge TfNSW to fund this vital pedestrian safety amenity.

2. School Zone Signs on Horace do not show the correct times.

St Ives High has a 2.15 pm finish on Tuesday. Horace is a busy four-lane regional road. **We are requesting that LED school zone signs be installed on Horace.**

[Click here to watch our regular traffic and pedestrian safety risks on Yarrabung Road.](#)



RELATIONSHIPS

SCHOOLS NEED TO BE CONSULTED

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SCHOOL EXECUTIVES NEED TO BE **CONSULTED** ON MATTERS RELATING TO THEIR SCHOOL'S STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME. FOR THIS TO HAPPEN SCHOOL EXECUTIVES NEED TO HAVE A **NOMINATED CONTACT** AT TfNSW.

OUR EXPERIENCE DEMONSTRATES THAT THIS HAS MANY POSITIVE BENEFITS:

✓ **TRANSPORT**

A first-hand understanding of the transport issues and their impact on students and their families.

✓ **PROVISION OF KEY PLANNING INFORMATION TO TfNSW:**

student enrolment numbers by suburb of residence including the Year 7 2022 intake

timetables: mandatory lessons outside of regular bell times, participation levels and Draw Area.

the timing & participation rates of SIHS
Extracurriculars Activities

Onsite audits: advice regarding which **days to avoid** when large cohorts of students are absent to maximize the utility of data. (e.g. Thursday PM, senior student grade sport)

✓ **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

A first-hand understanding of the knock-on effects of poor transport to the precinct on traffic level and pedestrian safety.

EVIDENCE & SCALE



- **HSC Mayoral Meeting 13th October 2021**
- **We have the full support of Hornsby Shire Council for our 591_582 Better Buses to St Ives Campaign aims**
- **We will be seeking similar support from Kuring-gai Council in 2022 .**

COMMUNITY RESPONSES



400



2020 St Ives High School: Student Transport & Traffic Survey



495



2020 Northern Draw Primary P&C's: Petition for Improved Student Transport to St Ives High



135



2020 St Ives Community Outreach: Traffic, public transport, pedestrian amenity & road safety



227



2020 St Ives Public: P&C Traffic & Pedestrian Survey



702



2021 St Ives High School: Petition for Better Bus Services to the Yarrabung Road Schools Precinct

Total: 1,959

Scale: 100 responses = 

**THE LACK OF INTEGRATED TRAIN AND BUS SERVICES, POOR SCHEDULING,
AND INSUFFICIENT CAPACITY FOR THE GROWING NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO NEED
TO USE THEM HAS **NEGATIVE IMPACTS** ON:**

THE WELLBEING OF STUDENTS,
who face **unpredictable and
unacceptably long journey times**
to and from school. Students
forego extracurriculars, activities
and work as a result.



**ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY
THE SCHOOL**

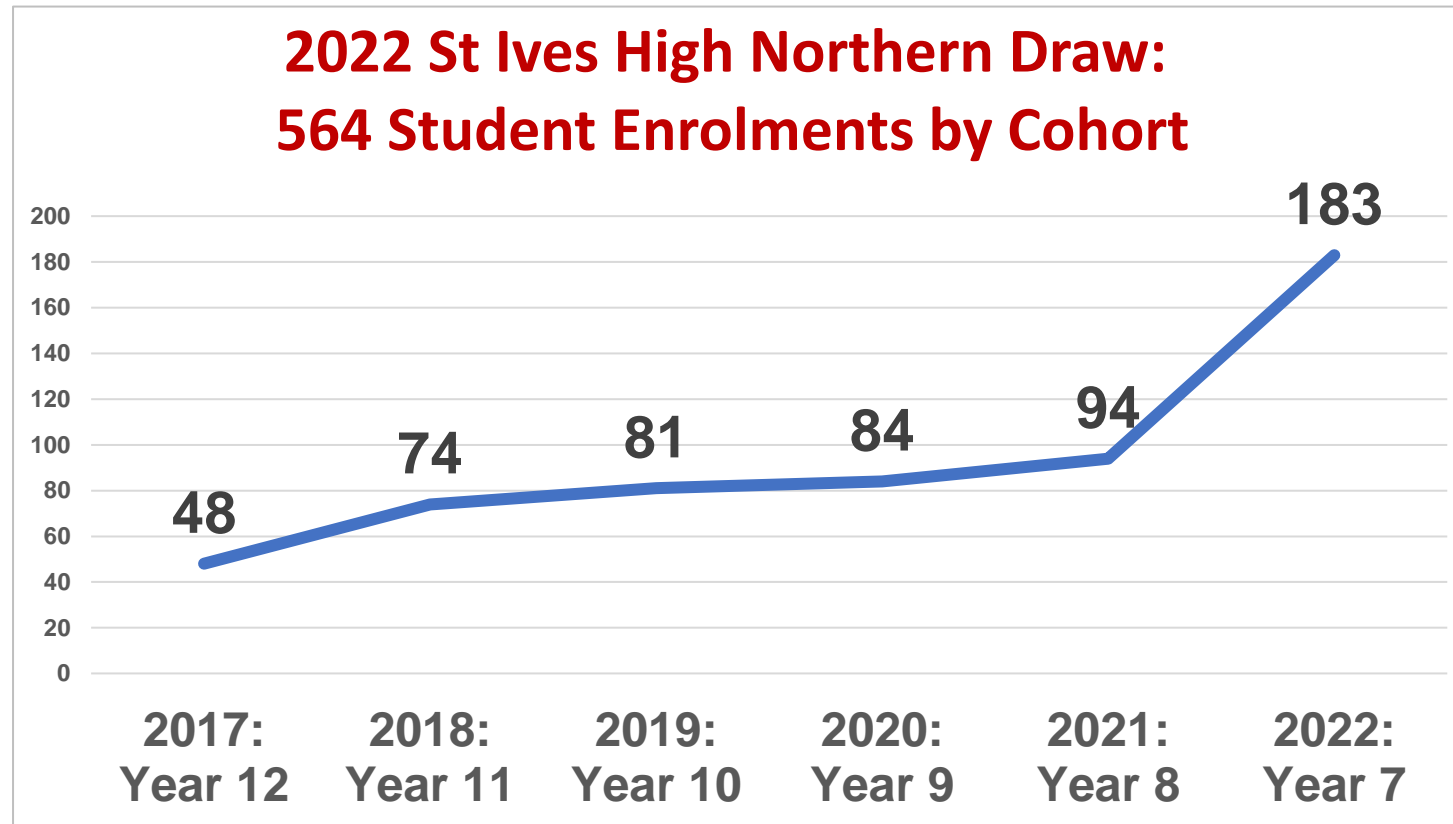
many students who want to take part in
extra-curricular activities that are part of
school life have no access to a viable
transport service and do not have anyone
to drive them to and from St Ives High.

SENIOR STUDENT TRAVEL
to mandatory **Period 0 and Period
6** outside of regular bell times.

THE ENVIRONMENT

Parents opt to drive their children
due to the lack of viable transport
options.

40% OF ST IVES HIGH STUDENTS LIVE IN THE NORTHERN DRAW WHERE THERE IS STRONG POPULATION GROWTH



**BETWEEN 2021 AND 2022 THE COHORT FROM THE NORTHERN DRAW HAS DOUBLED
OUT OF THE 314 YEAR 7 STUDENTS , 58% OF STUDENTS LIVE IN THE NORTHERN DRAW.**

2021 DATA – WEEKDAY ACTIVITY ON THE ST IVES HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS OUTSIDE OF REGULAR BELL TIMES



BEFORE AM BELL

248



St Ives High School Extracurriculars

267



St Ives High School Senior Period 0/6



AFTER PM BELL

121



St Ives High School Extracurriculars

154




St Ives High School Senior Period 0/6

596

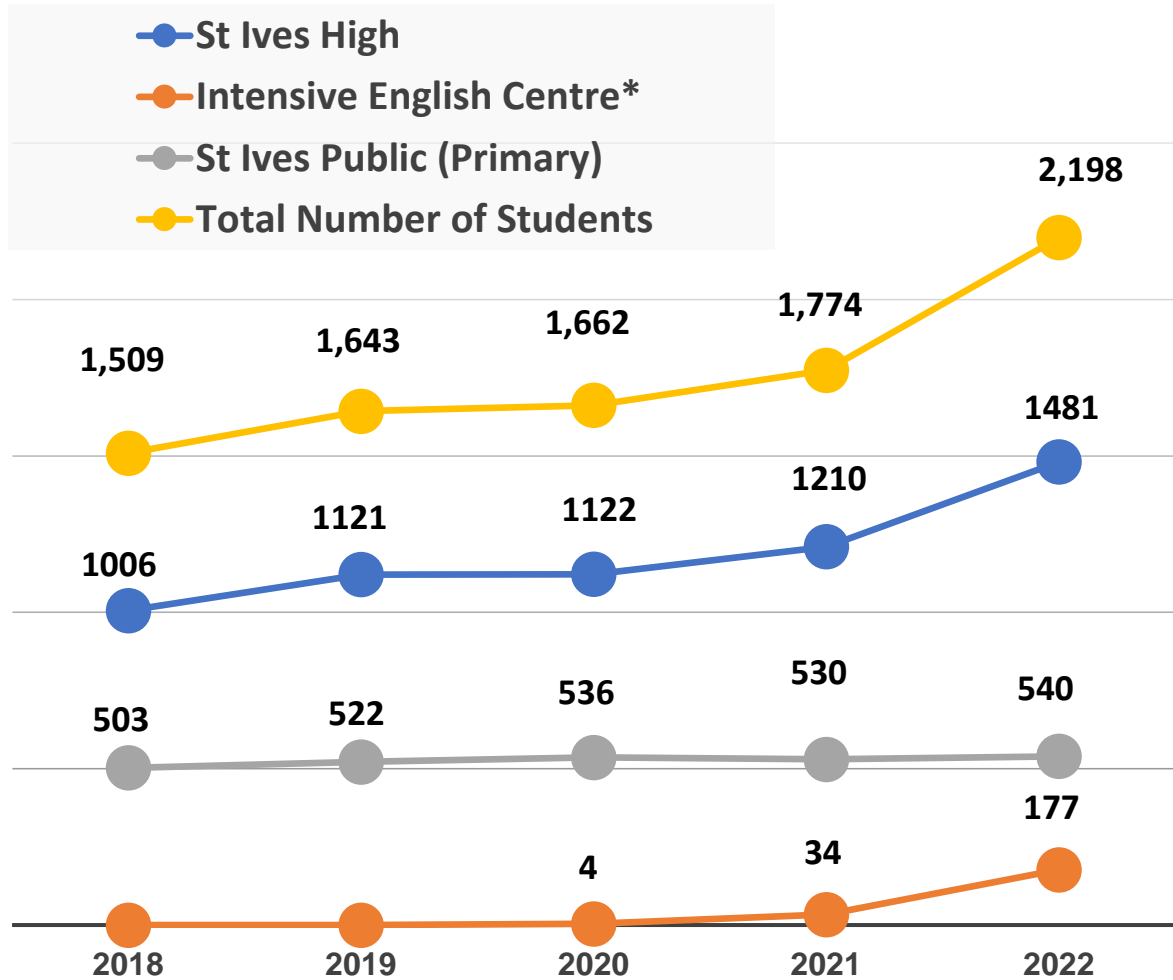


St Ives High School Campus - Activities Open to Public

Scale: 100 Students =  per week

ST IVES SCHOOLS PRECINCT - THREE SCHOOLS, **2,198** STUDENTS

STUDENT ENROLMENTS
YARRABUNG ROAD SCHOOLS PRECINCT 2018
TO 2022



Over **50% of high school students** in Yarrabung Road live in a suburb that requires them to catch **transport to and from school**. Many families resort to driving students so they can attend extracurricular activities.

Every week on the St Ives HS campus, **over 1,400 people participate in activities outside of regular school hours**. This includes SIHS mandatory senior Period Zero/ Six classes, SIHS extracurriculars and community before and after school activities.

The St Ives High community Indoor Sports Centre will be a major community hub operating until 11 pm at night. The **amended Ku-ring-gai Council Traffic Impact Assessment** for this development describes **public transport to this precinct as 'poor'** and **pedestrian amenity as only 'adequate' for adults**.

THANK YOU FOR MEETING WITH US TODAY

WILL YOU SUPPORT OUR AIMS?

NEXT STEPS?

TIMELINES?

POINTS OF CONTACT?