

## **Campaign for Better Public Transport to the Yarrabung Road Schools Precinct: St Ives High, St Ives Public & Intensive English Centre**

### **591\_582 Bus Campaign Survey Report June 2021**

#### **A St Ives High P&C Transport, Traffic & Road Safety Working Group Initiative**



*Both my daughters will be going to St Ives in the future and will be heavily reliant on public transport that is safe, does not require long wait times and reliable both during school hours and for extra curricular activities on weekdays and weekends.*

*As a law abiding tax paying citizen I think what is being asked as part of this survey is not unrealistic and will help massively the community that are not around St Ives.—*

Future SIHS Parent

*Schools away from public transport are a blight for so many reasons. Traffic snarls, mothers excluded from the workforce, kids unable to be independent, parents choosing private over public because they can get the kids there.*

*I have two elderly neighbours whose main mode of transport is the old bus route to the city. The cancellation has made it impossible for them or myself to get to the city without taking 2 or more public transport modes. I am advocating for them as well as my family*

Local Community Member

### **We are asking:**

That the **public bus route 591** (Hornsby to St Ives Shops via Waitara), currently terminating at St Ives Village, **be extended to include a 'St Ives High Yarrabung Road loop'**

**And**

**For more frequent 582 bus services** between Yarrabung Road and Gordon Station.

*On average it currently takes me over an hour to get home from school when it would be less than 10 minutes to drive. I live really close....At the moment, the majority of my time between the bell and arriving at home is spent waiting to be allowed into the bus line because so many people have push passes\* because they all live in the Hornsby area.*

SIHS Student

*We are Masada parents and spend a truck load of time driving our kids around and having to pay for a private bus to school because the public bus system is so infrequent. We are strong supporters of your campaign The increase in the regularity of the 194 and 195 has been welcome but it is still skewed towards city commuters rather than school kids heading the other way. I also suspect that with more people working from home you may get support from this group too Thank you for your efforts*

Masada College Carer

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## Campaign Survey Report, June 2021

This campaign survey was designed and conducted by the St Ives High P&C Transport, Traffic and Road Safety Working Group. It opened on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 and closed on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 2021. There were **702** responses

Respondents were asked to sign a petition advocating for:

**Extending the 591 Hornsby to St Ives Shopping Centre (via Waitara) bus to include a 'St Ives High loop' via Yarrabung Road, and**  
**More frequent 582 buses to and from Gordon Station,** with a focus on meeting increasing demand outside of regular bell times.

The petition was followed by a short survey which gathered community feedback from Mt Ku-ring-gai to St Ives, demonstrating community support for improved public bus services to and from the Yarrabung Road Schools Precinct to St Ives Shops, Gordon Station and Hornsby. Specific feedback was also sought as to which bus stop patrons would use for an extended 591 service.

### Summary

**702** people signed the petition for improved bus services. Signatories were from the wider community, including the St Ives High, St Ives Public, Masada College and Hornsby Girls High school communities.

98% responses came from across the three state electorates of **Hornsby (46%)**, **Ku-ring-gai (22%)** and **Davidson (30%)**. No single electorate 'owns' the St Ives problem of poor public bus services; this affects residents in all three electorates.

There is a high level of community frustration with the current lack of a viable bus services from other transport hubs to the precinct. Due to inadequate bus services, parents are forced to drive their children for regular bell times, mandatory senior classes and extracurriculars. The growing reliance on private transport over public en route to and around the precinct is fuelling traffic congestion and further impacting pedestrian safety. Parents and students lose many productive hours to this issue.

Students who do not have transport alternatives are frustrated at missing out on extracurriculars, which are vital to positive high school experience.

As student numbers in the precinct continue to soar and the demand for bus services outstrips supply, high school student commutes are becoming excessive: students from beyond Hornsby can spend up to three hours a day commuting, and students who live between Hornsby and St Ives can spend up to two hours a day commuting.

**There are insufficient bus services to accommodate the number of commuters at key times of day. The answers are simple and popular.**

Out of of 634 respondents:

**74% chose an extended 591 Hornsby to St Ives Shops service**

**&**

**64% chose more frequent 582 bus services to Gordon Station**

## Did you know.....

There are currently over **1700** students at school in Yarrabung Road. This represents a **35%** increase on 2014 enrolments. Over **70%** of enrolled students on the St Ives High Campus need to take transport to get to and from school. The expansion of bus services has not kept pace with this increase.

A high proportion of **Future St Ives High Parents** from the electorates of **Hornsby (27%)** and **Ku-ring-gai (32%)** are concerned by the lack of frequent and reliable bus services to their catchment co-ed public high school.

A consistent percentage of carers from each electorate have **to drive students to school for SIHS extracurriculars at 7.30 am** because there is no viable public transport alternative (**Hornsby 32% - Ku-ring-gai 34% - Davidson 33%**)

A consistently high percentage of carers **drive to collect students from the St Ives High Campus between 3.15 and 6 pm** because there is no viable public transport alternative (**Hornsby 58% - Ku-ring-gai 60% - Davidson – 75%**).

**74% of respondents from Davidson** are most likely to drive their students to **school for regular bell times**.

**Respondents from all electorates observed that scheduled bus services currently only cater for regular bell times, are overcrowded and insufficient to cater for the number of students.**

Students from the **Hornsby electorate** can often spend up to three hours a day commuting to and from their catchment public, co-ed high school because of inadequate bus services and the low frequency of train services between Gordon and Berowra. There are not enough bus services for students and the train and bus schedules are not integrated.

Students from the **Ku-ring-gai electorate** can spend up to two hours commuting to school. They are most likely to live at a distance from a train station, so the train/bus combination is very inefficient. Many students have to get two buses and a train for a journey that would take less than 20 minutes by car. Buses between St Ives and Hornsby are commonly dangerously overcrowded because there are not enough for the number of students.

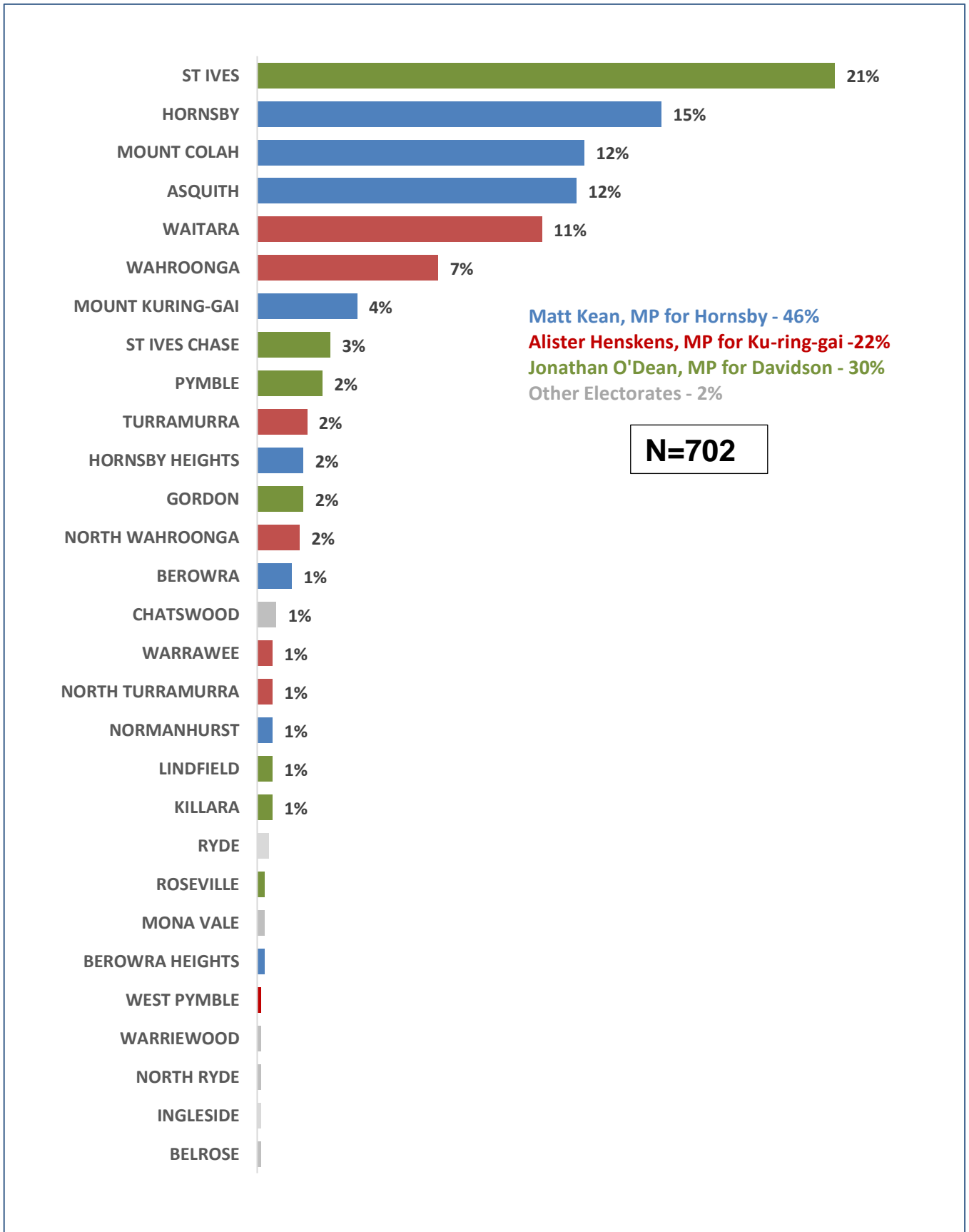
In the **Davidson Electorate**, the **biggest group of survey respondents by suburb live in St Ives – 21%** [n=150]. There are not enough buses for the number of students, and services are frequently overcrowded. Students from St Ives Chase are frequently unable to get on the bus they are zoned for because other students get on this bus to get to St Ives Shops to catch connecting services. The timing of the 582 bus is 'awful', and frequently late. Carers want better services, so they don't have to drive their children to school; they recognise that more buses would also help to reduce the traffic congestion in the area and help improve pedestrian safety. The proposed opening hours of the **planned St Ives High School Community Sports Hall** are **4 pm to 11 pm during school term**, and **7 am to 11 pm during school holidays**. This community facility will need public transport services to match the proposed opening hours to make this facility accessible to all.

# Survey Data Report

## All Respondents

### Q1 Which Suburb do you live in?

Answered: 702 Skipped: 0



**All Respondents****Q1 Which Suburb do you live in?**

Answered: 702 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES (Sorted High to Low)	
ST IVES	21%	150
HORNSBY	15%	105
ASQUITH	12%	83
MOUNT COLAH	12%	85
WAITARA	11%	74
WAHROONGA	7%	47
MOUNT KURING-GAI	4%	26
ST IVES CHASE	3%	19
GORDON	2%	12
HORNSBY HEIGHTS	2%	12
NORTH WAHROONGA	2%	11
PYMBLE	2%	17
TURRAMURRA	2%	13
BEROWRA	1%	9
CHATSWOOD	1%	5
KILLARA	1%	4
LINDFIELD	1%	4
NORMANHURST	1%	4
NORTH TURRAMURRA	1%	4
WARRAWEE	1%	4
BELROSE	0%	1
BEROWRA HEIGHTS	0%	2
INGLESIDE	0%	1
MONA VALE	0%	2
NORTH RYDE	0%	1
ROSEVILLE	0%	2
RYDE	0%	3
WARRIEWOOD	0%	1
WEST PYMBLE	0%	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>702</b>

## Petition Signatories for Better Bus Services to the Yarrabung Road Schools Precinct, St Ives

Answered: 702 Skipped: 0

### Q2 Provide name and email address to sign the petition

By participating in this survey, respondents added their names to the petition for better public transport services to the Yarrabung Road Schools Precinct, St Ives.

The petition (including names and email addresses) will be presented to their elected State representative and the Minister for Roads and Transport, Hon Andrew Constance MP.

### Breakdown of Petition Signatories by State Electorate:

State MP / Minister / Premier	Number of Petitioners	%
<b>Matt Kean, Minister for Energy and Environment, Member for Hornsby</b>	326	46%
<b>Jonathan O'Dea, Member for Davidson</b>	209	30%
<b>Alister Henskens, Member for Ku-ring-gai</b>	154	22%
<b>Other</b>	13	2%
<b>Gladys Berejiklian, Member for Willoughby, Premier of NSW [5]</b>		
<b>Rob Stokes, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Member for Pittwater [4]</b>		
<b>Victor Dominello, Minister for Customer Service, Member for Ryde [4]</b>		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>702</b>	

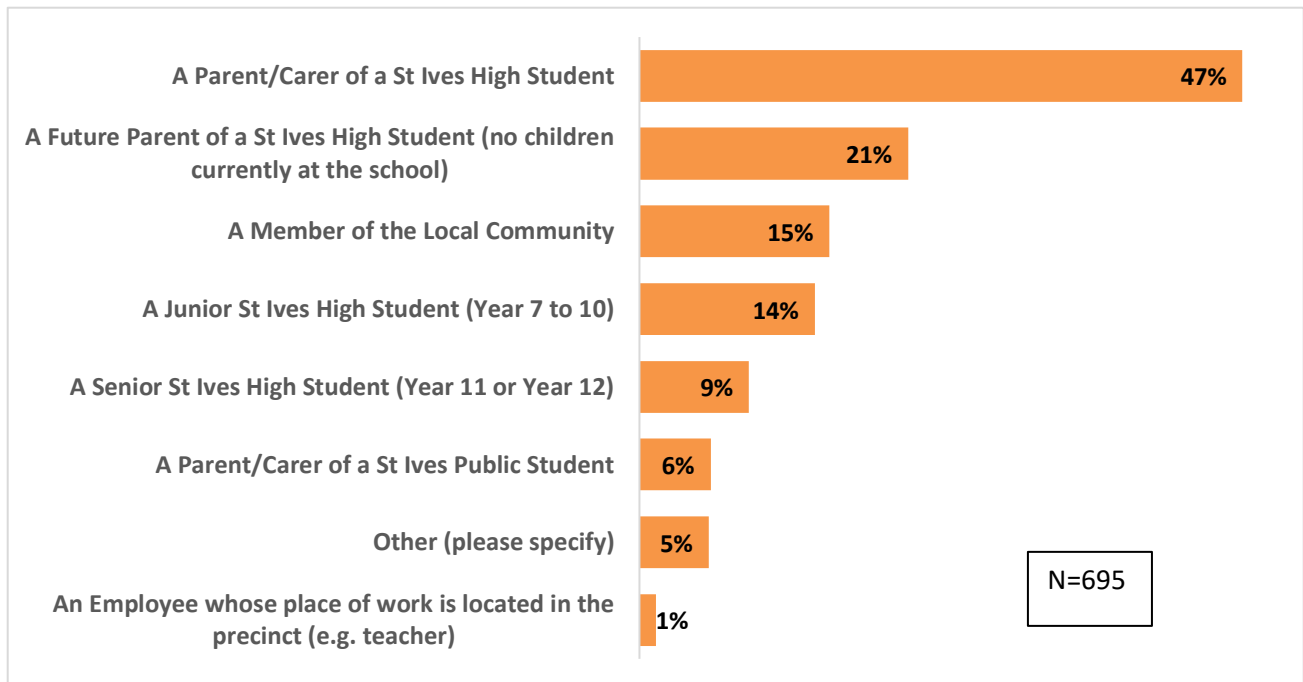


**All Respondents**

**Q3 Are You:**

Please tick all that apply

Answered: 695 Skipped: 7

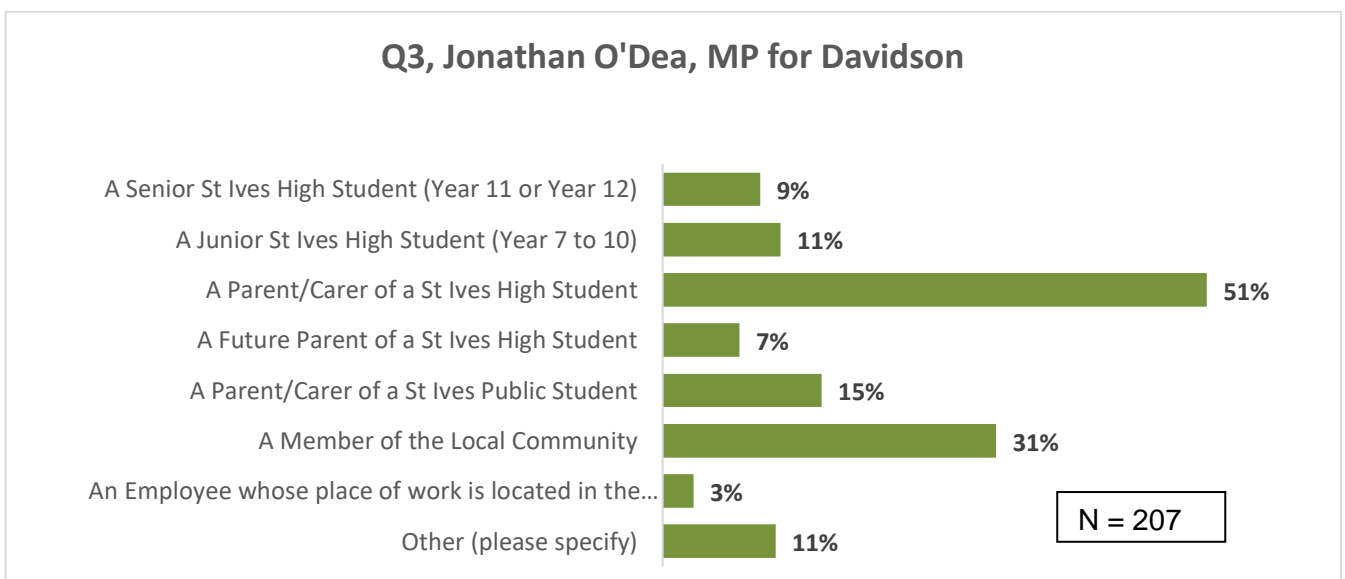
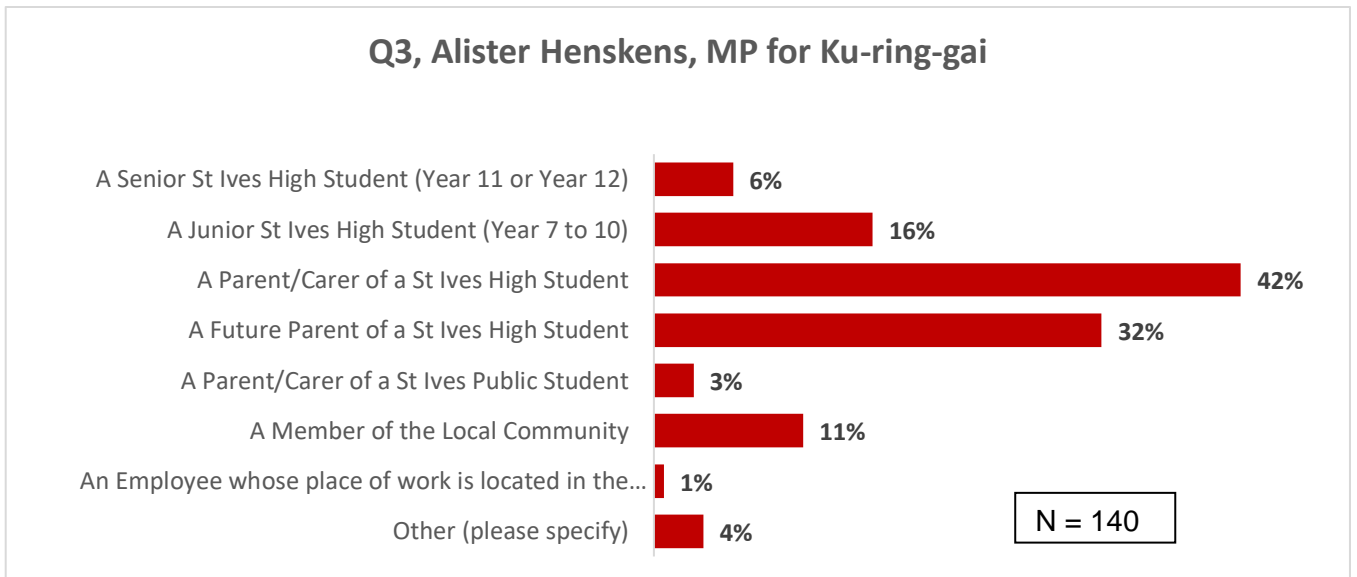
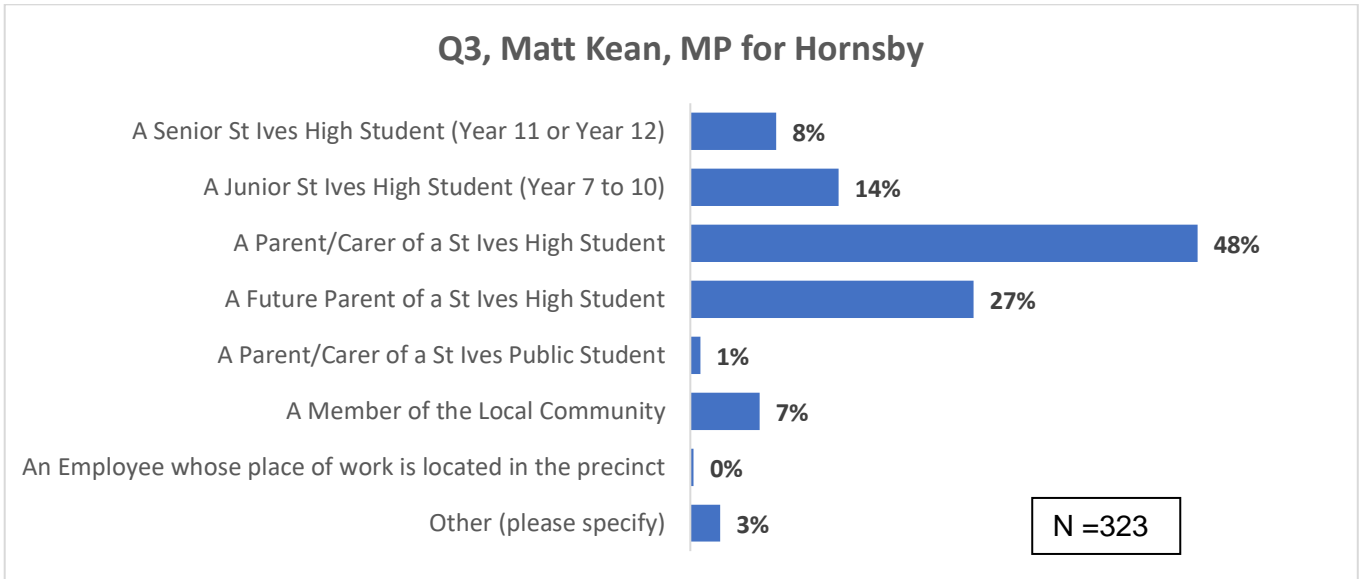


ANSWER CHOICES (Tick All That Apply)	RESPONSES	
A Parent/Carer of a St Ives High Student	47%	330
A Future Parent of a St Ives High Student (no children currently at the school)	21%	147
A Member of the Local Community	15%	104
A Junior St Ives High Student (Year 7 to 10)	14%	96
A Senior St Ives High Student (Year 11 or Year 12)	9%	60
A Parent/Carer of a St Ives Public Student	6%	39
An Employee whose place of work is located in the precinct (e.g. teacher)	1%	9
A resident of the Yarrabung Road Schools Precinct (live in the immediate surrounding streets)?	0%	0
Other (please specify)	5%	38
<b>Total Respondents: 695</b>		

**Other:**  
Includes Masada College Parents [12], Hornsby Girls High parent/carers [2], University students, grandparents of students attending St Ives High and St Ives Public, and local residents.

**Respondents by Electorate**

**Q3 Are You:**

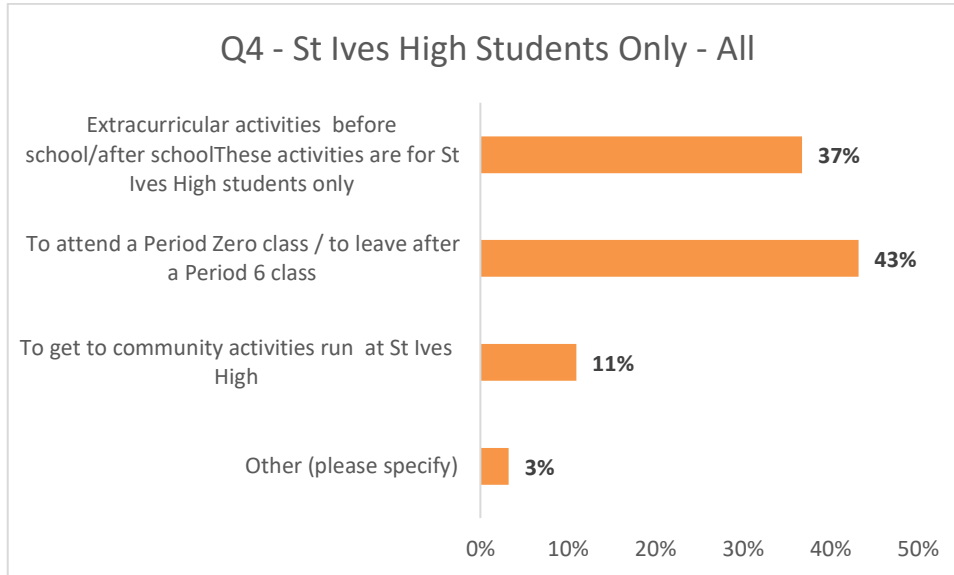


**All St Ives High Student [only] Respondents**

**Q4 St Ives High Students [Only]**

**Why do you currently travel to and from the St Ives School Precinct in Yarrabung Road?** Please tick all that apply

Answered: 155

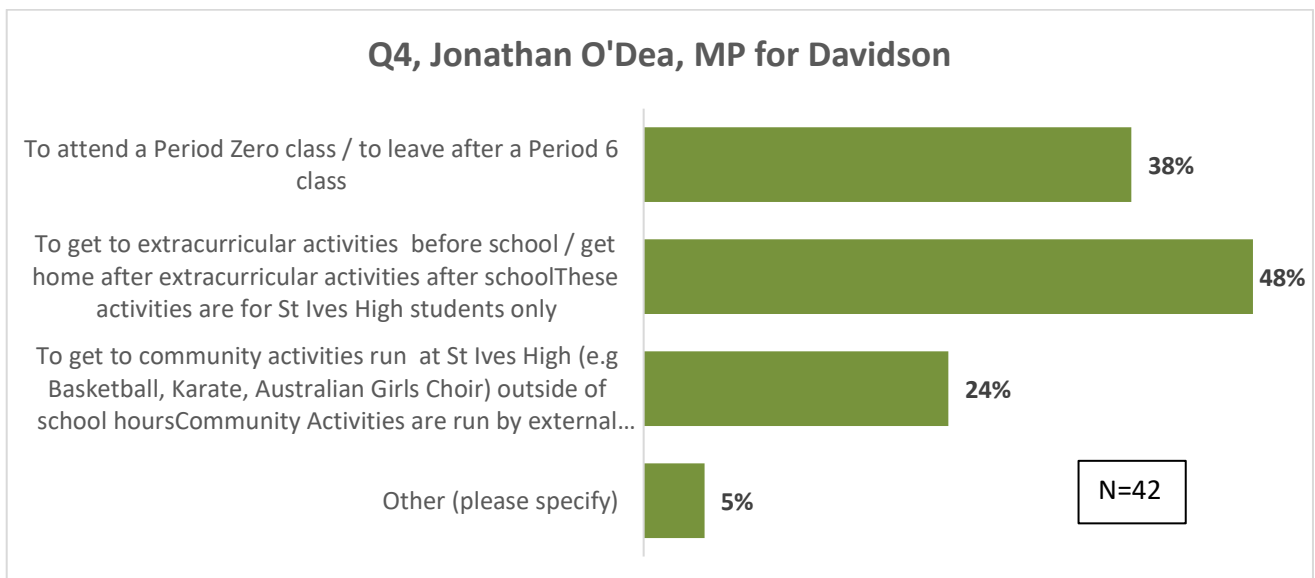
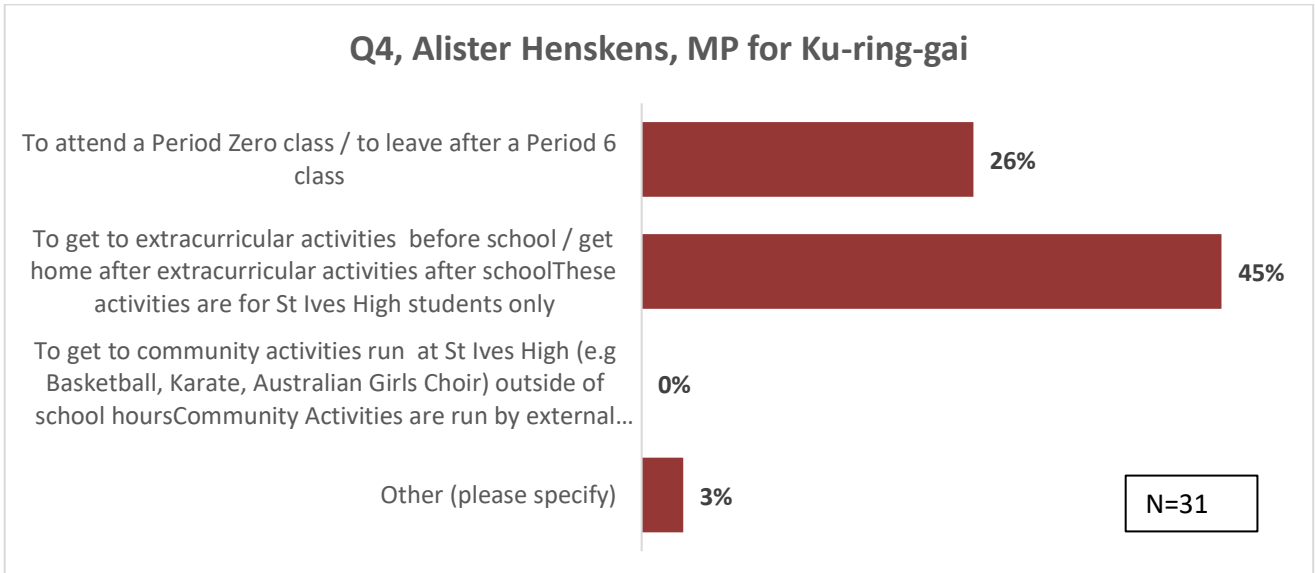
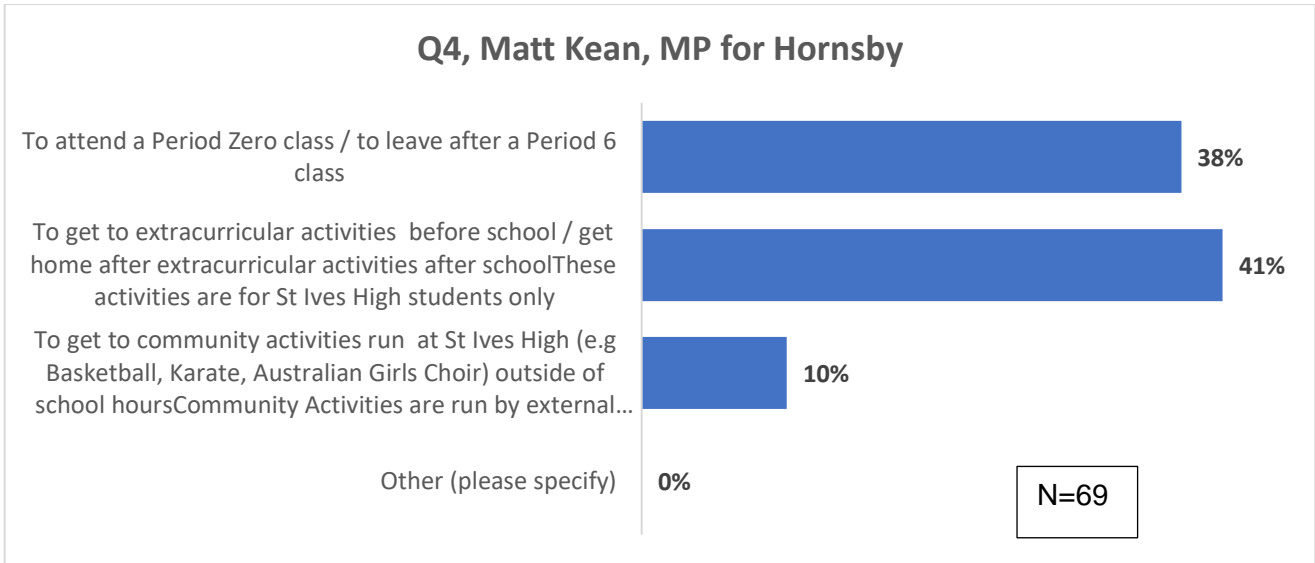


ANSWER CHOICES (Tick All That Apply)	RESPONSES	
To attend a Period Zero class / to leave after a Period 6 class	37%	57
To get to extracurricular activities before school / get home after extracurricular activities after school	43%	67
To get to community activities run at St Ives High (e.g Basketball, Karate, Australian Girls Choir) outside of school hours. Community Activities are run by external providers who hire St Ives High as the venue for their activities and open to all	11%	17
To get to school for regular bell times	89%	138
<b>Total Respondents: 155</b>		

**St Ives High Student Respondents by Electorate**

**Q4 St Ives High Students [Only]**

**Why do you currently travel to and from the St Ives School Precinct in Yarrabung Road?** Please tick all that apply



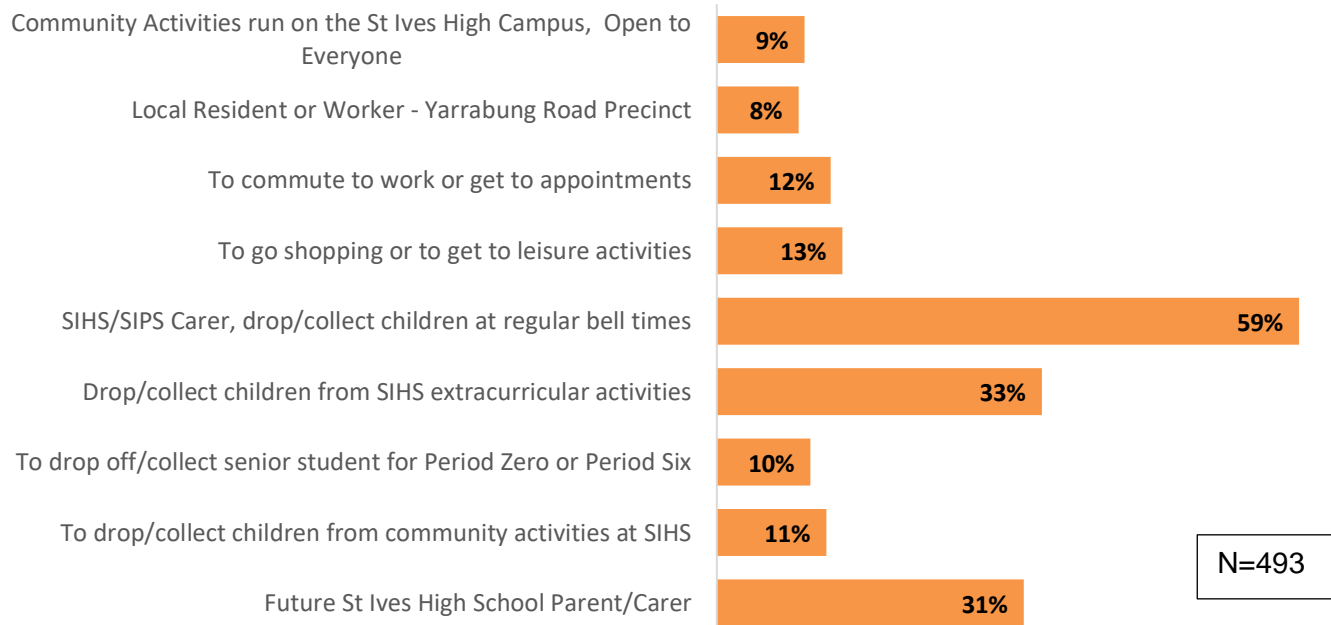
**All Other Respondents [excluding SIHS Students]**

**Q5. Why do you currently travel to and from the St Ives School Precinct in Yarrabung Road?** Please tick all that apply

Answered: 493

Skipped: 209

**Q5, All Respondents - [Excludes SIHS Students]**



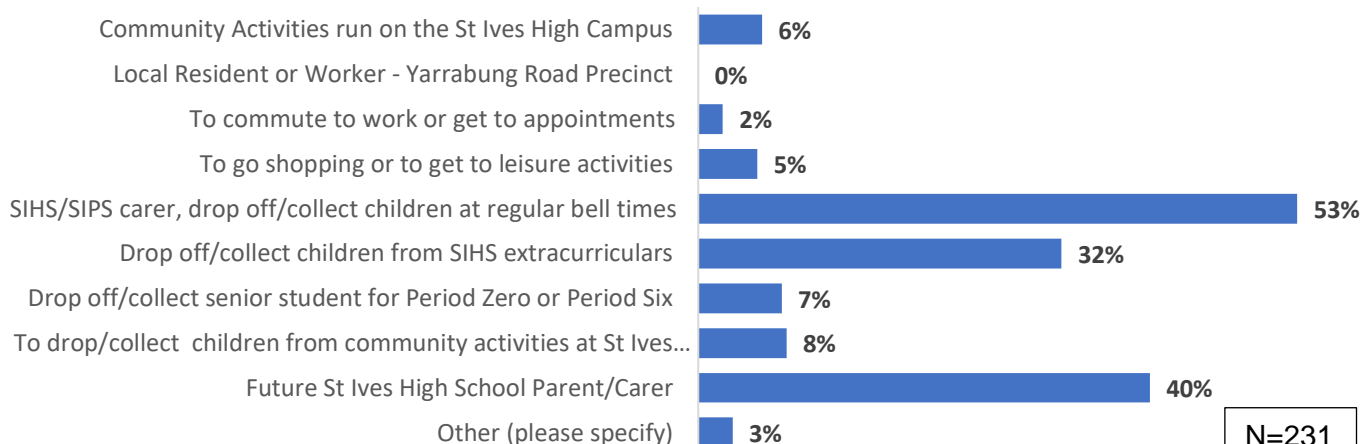
ANSWER CHOICES (Tick All That Apply)	%	RESPONSES
Community Activities run on the St Ives High Campus, Open to Everyone <small>everyone participate in community activities held at St Ives High, e.g. Basketball, Karate (Community Activities are run by external providers who hire St Ives High as the venue for their activities)</small>	9%	44
Local Resident or Worker - Yarrabung Road Precinct <small>I live in the Yarrabung Road Precinct (or surrounding streets)</small>	8%	41
To commute to work or get to appointments	12%	57
To go shopping or to get to leisure activities (e.g. sport, meeting friends)	13%	63
Parent / Carer of St Ives High / St Ives Public Student To drop off/collect children from school at regular bell times	59%	292
To drop off/collect children from extracurricular activities run by the School <small>(These activities are run by St Ives High for their students and are not available to the wider community)</small>	33%	163
To drop off/collect senior student for Period Zero or Period Six	10%	47
To drop/collect children from community activities held at St Ives High, e.g. Basketball, GKR Karate etc. <small>(Community Activities are run by external providers who hire St Ives High as the venue for their activities)</small>	11%	55
Future St Ives High School Parent/Carer <small>I am a prospective St Ives High School parent/carer and do not currently have any children at the school but am concerned by the poor transport to the Yarrabung Road Precinct</small>	31%	154
Other	4%	22
<b>Total Respondents: 493</b>		

**Q5 – All Other Respondents [excluding SIHS Students] by Electorate**

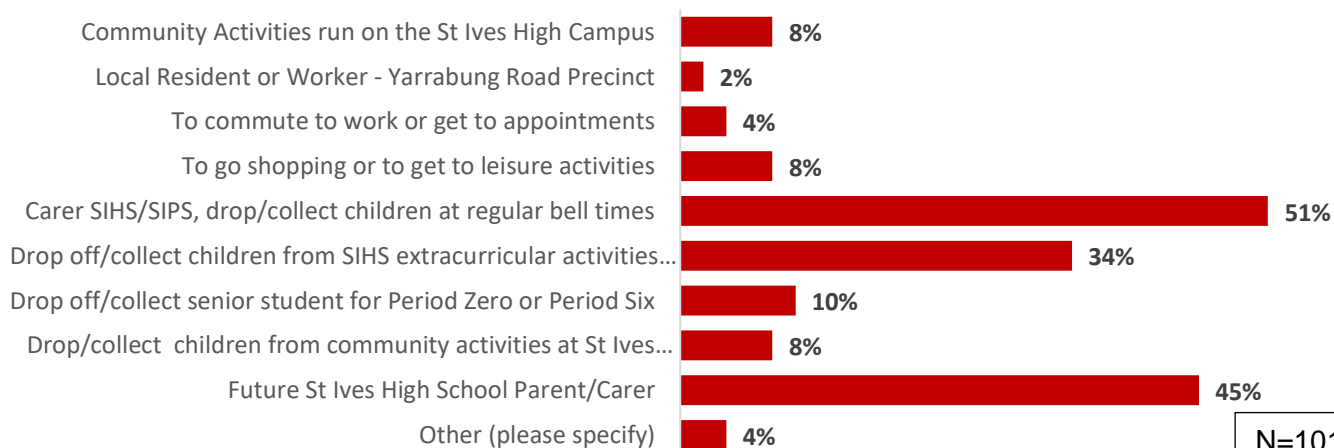
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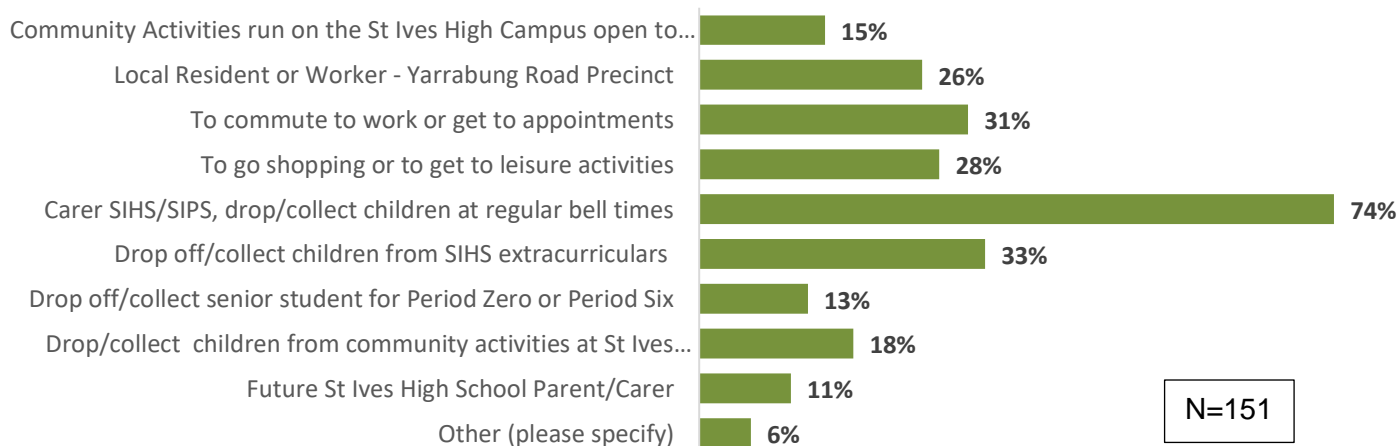
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**Q5, Alister Henskens, MP for Ku-ring-gai**



**Q5, Jonathan O'Dea, MP for Davidson**

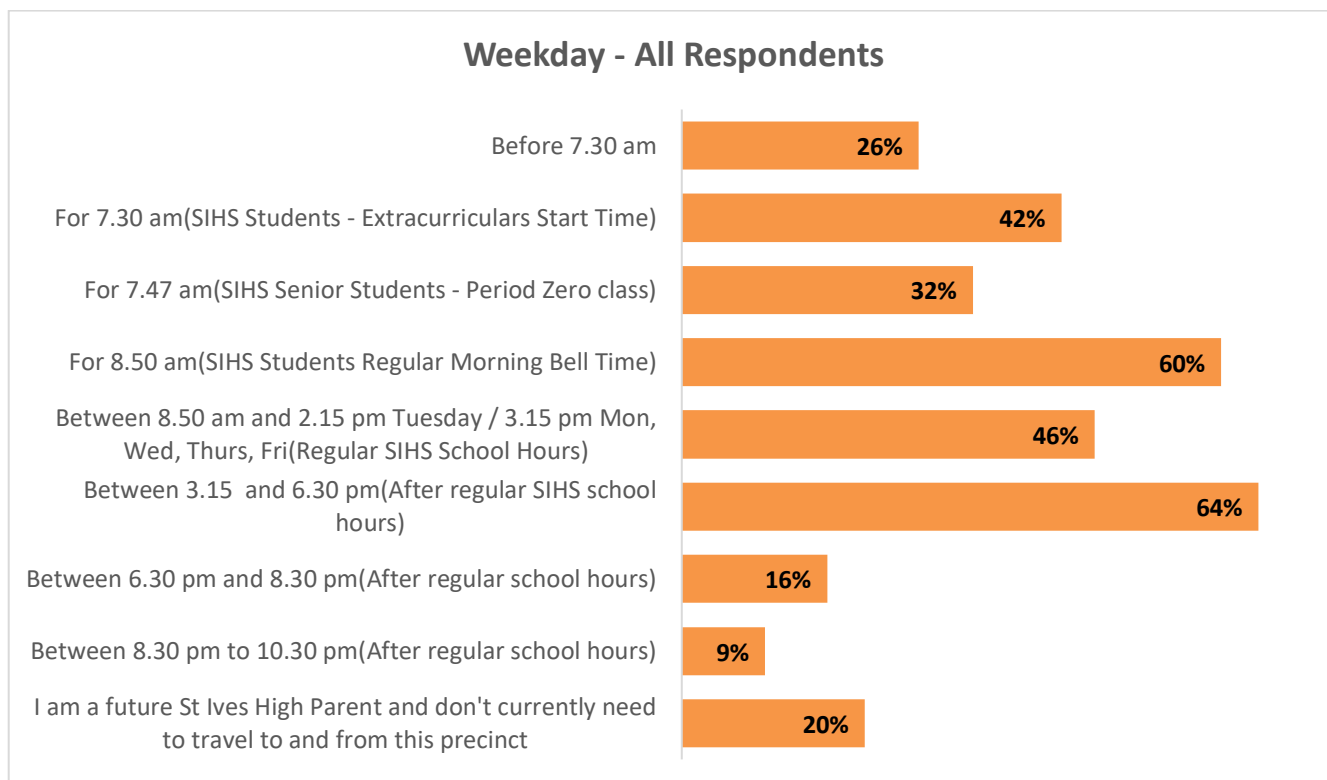


**All Respondents**

**Q6 When do you need to travel to and from Yarrabung Road?**

Please tick all that apply

Answered: 647 Skipped: 55

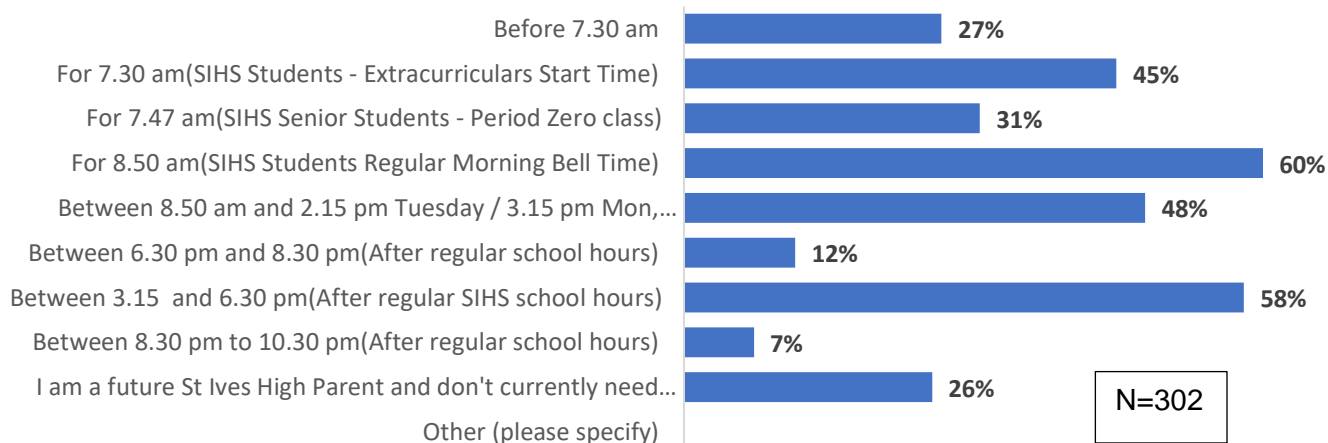


When do you need to travel to and from Yarrabung Road? (Tick All That Apply)	WEEKDAY	WEEKENDS	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
<b>Before 7.30 am</b>	96% 171	12% 21	178
<b>For 7.30 am</b> (SIHS Students - Extracurriculars Start Time)	99% 274	6% 17	276
<b>For 7.47 am</b> (SIHS Senior Students - Period Zero class)	99% 210	3% 7	212
<b>For 8.50 am</b> (SIHS Students Regular Morning Bell Time)	99% 389	3% 12	391
Between 8.50 am and 2.15 pm Tuesday / 3.15 pm Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri ( <b>Regular SIHS School Hours</b> )	98% 298	7% 22	304
<b>Between 3.15 and 6.30 pm</b> (After regular SIHS school hours)	99% 416	8% 32	420
<b>Between 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm</b> (After regular school hours)	94% 105	25% 28	112
<b>Between 8.30 pm to 10.30 pm</b> (After regular school hours)	92% 60	31% 20	65
I am a <b>future St Ives High Parent</b> and don't currently need to travel to and from this precinct	100% 132	14% 19	132
<b>Total Respondents: 647</b>			

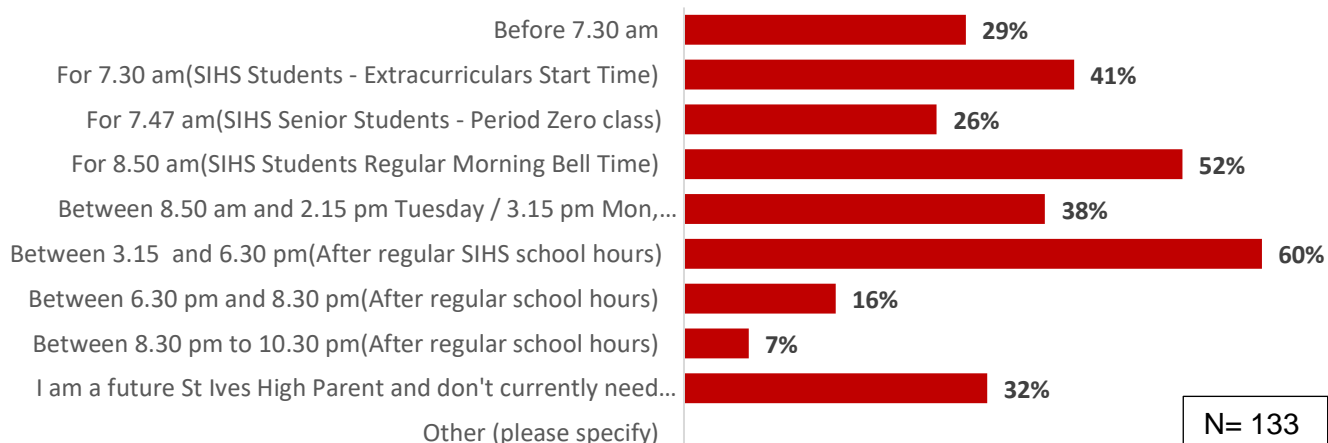
### Q6 Weekdays - When do you need to travel to and from Yarrabung Road?

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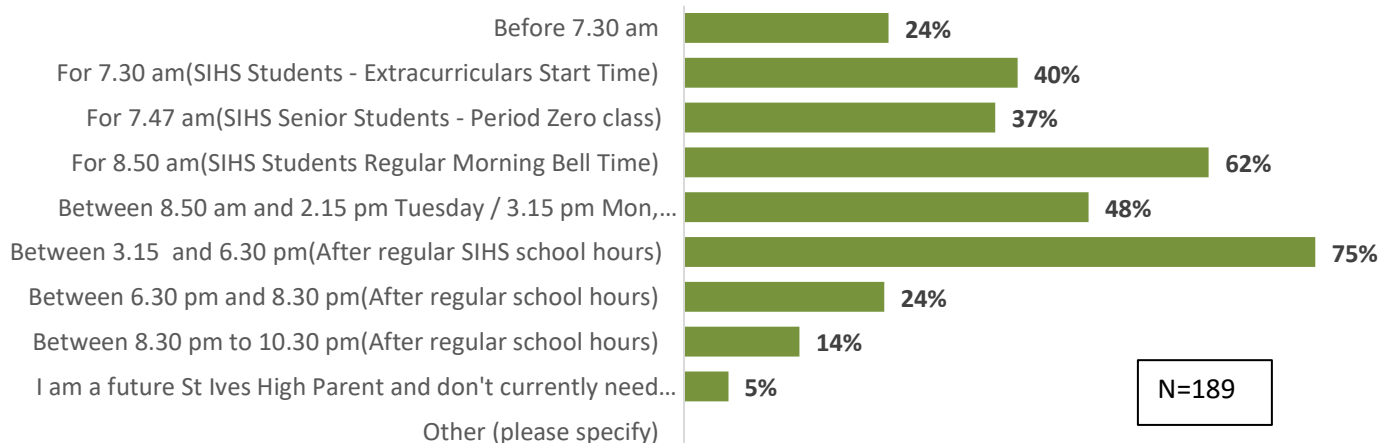
#### Q6, Weekday, Matt Kean, MP for Hornsby



#### Q6, Weekday, Alister Henskens, MP for Ku-ring-gai



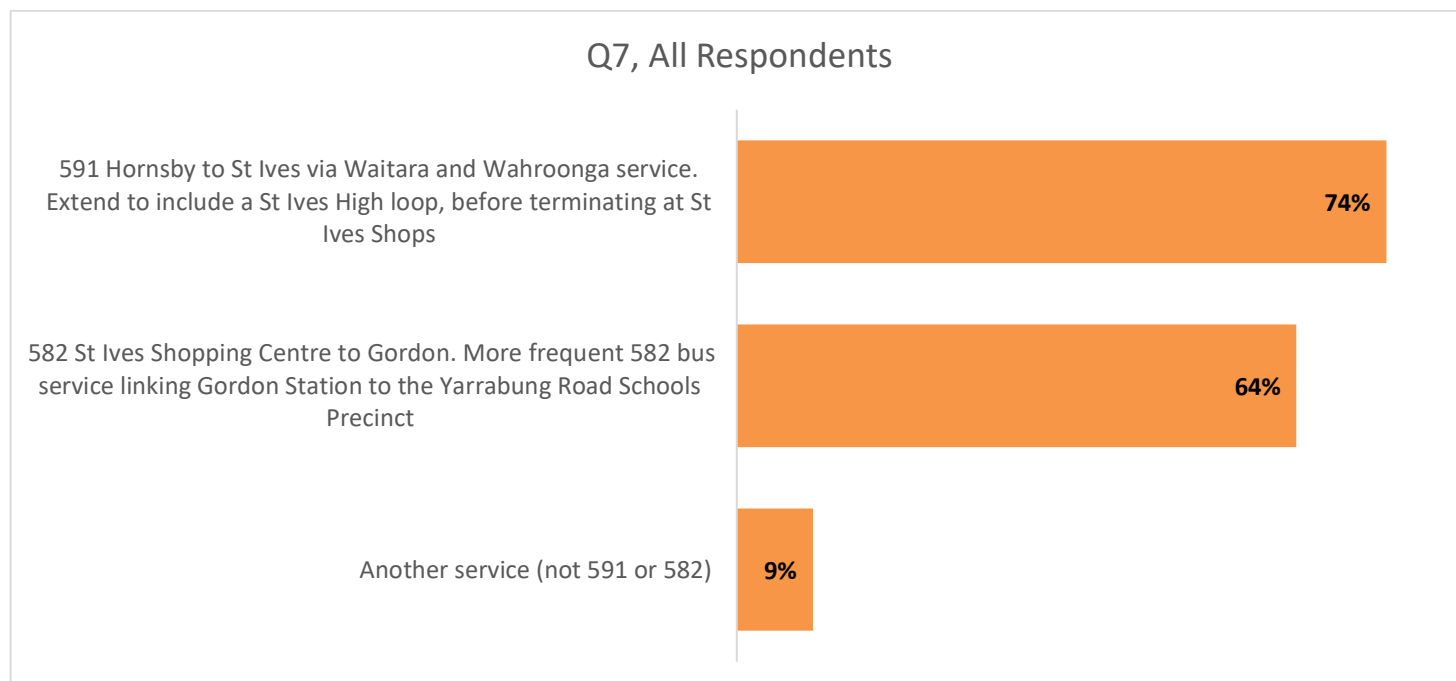
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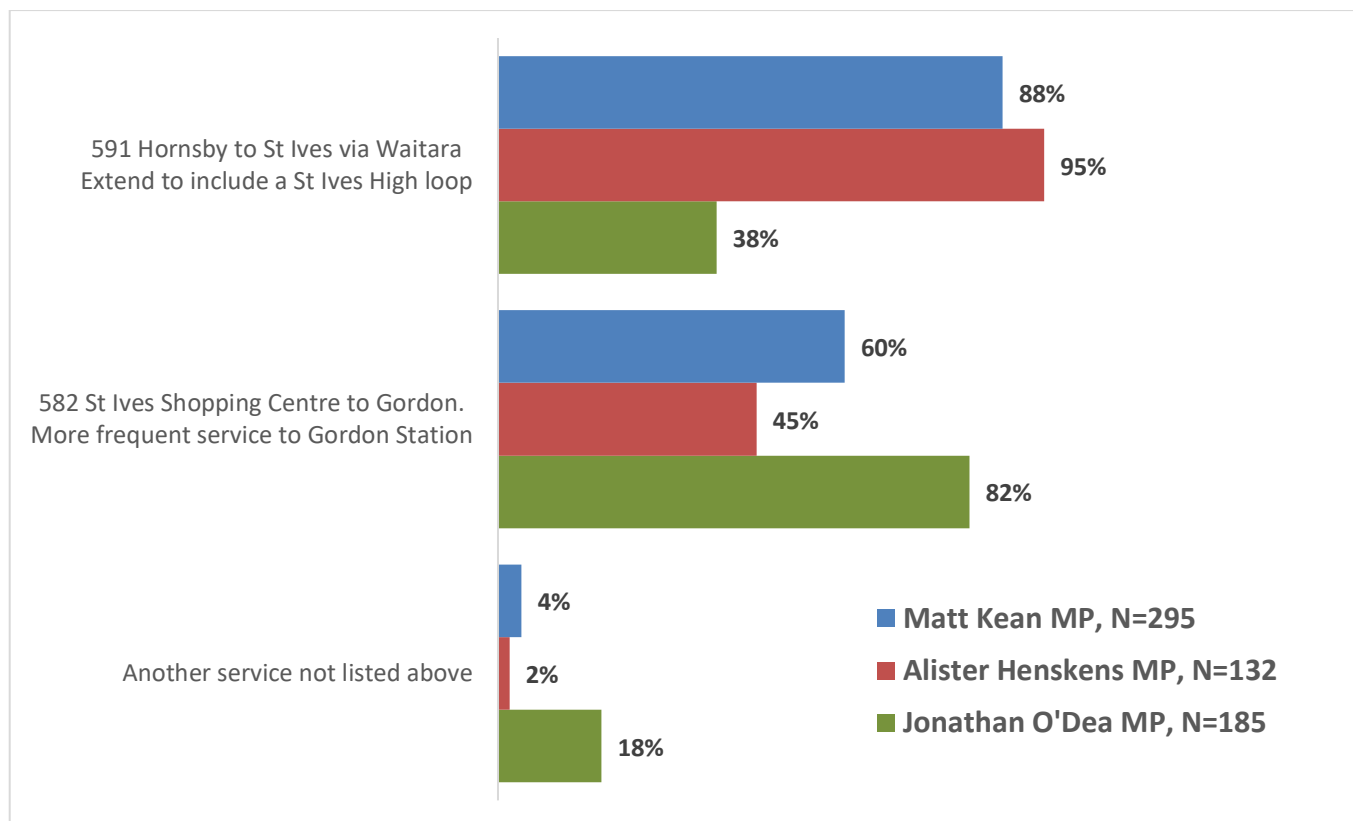
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Please tick all that apply.



ANSWER CHOICES (Tick All That Apply)	RESPONSES	
<b>591 Hornsby to St Ives via Waitara and Wahroonga service</b> Extend to include a St Ives High loop, Yarrabung RoadSchools Precinct before terminating at St Ives Shops	74%	470
<b>582 St Ives Shopping Centre to Gordon</b> More frequent 582 bus service linking Gordon Station to the Yarrabung RoadSchools Precinct	64%	405
<b>Another service not listed above</b> (please give the operator, bus number and route if possible)	9%	55
<b>Total Respondents: 634</b>		

**Respondents by Electorate**

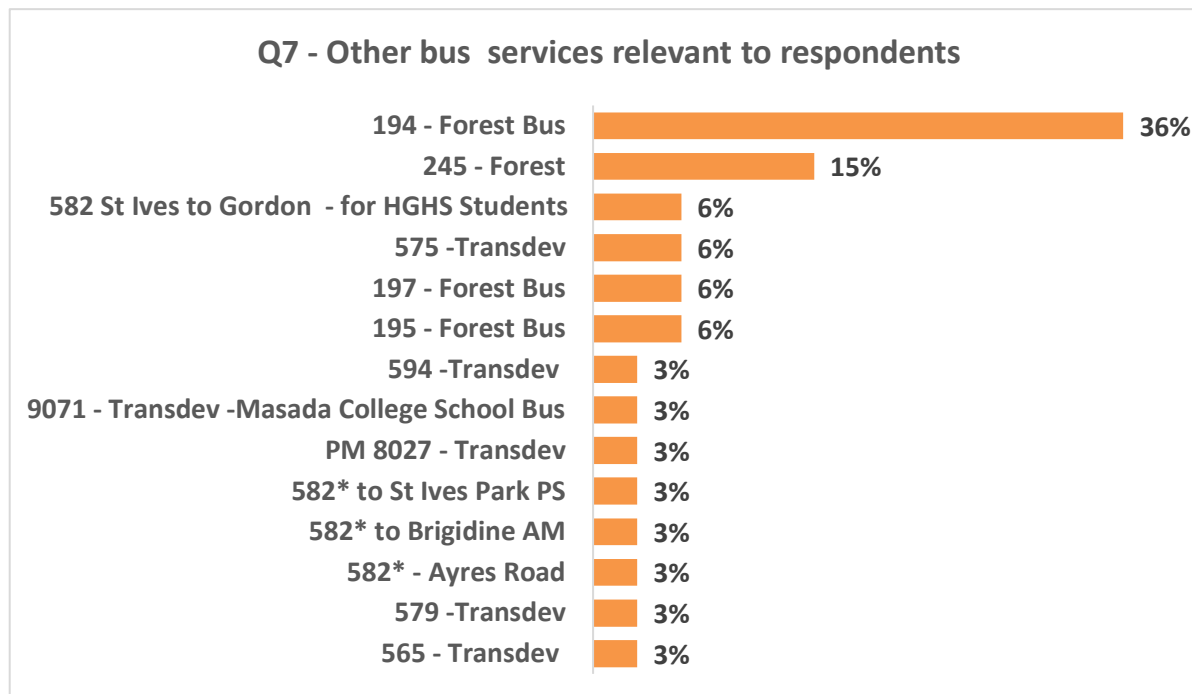
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Please tick all that apply.



## All Respondents

**Q7 Thinking about which suburb you live in, please tick the improved bus services that would be relevant to you when travelling to and from the Yarrabung Road Schools Precinct in St Ives**

### Other relevant bus services mentioned by respondents:



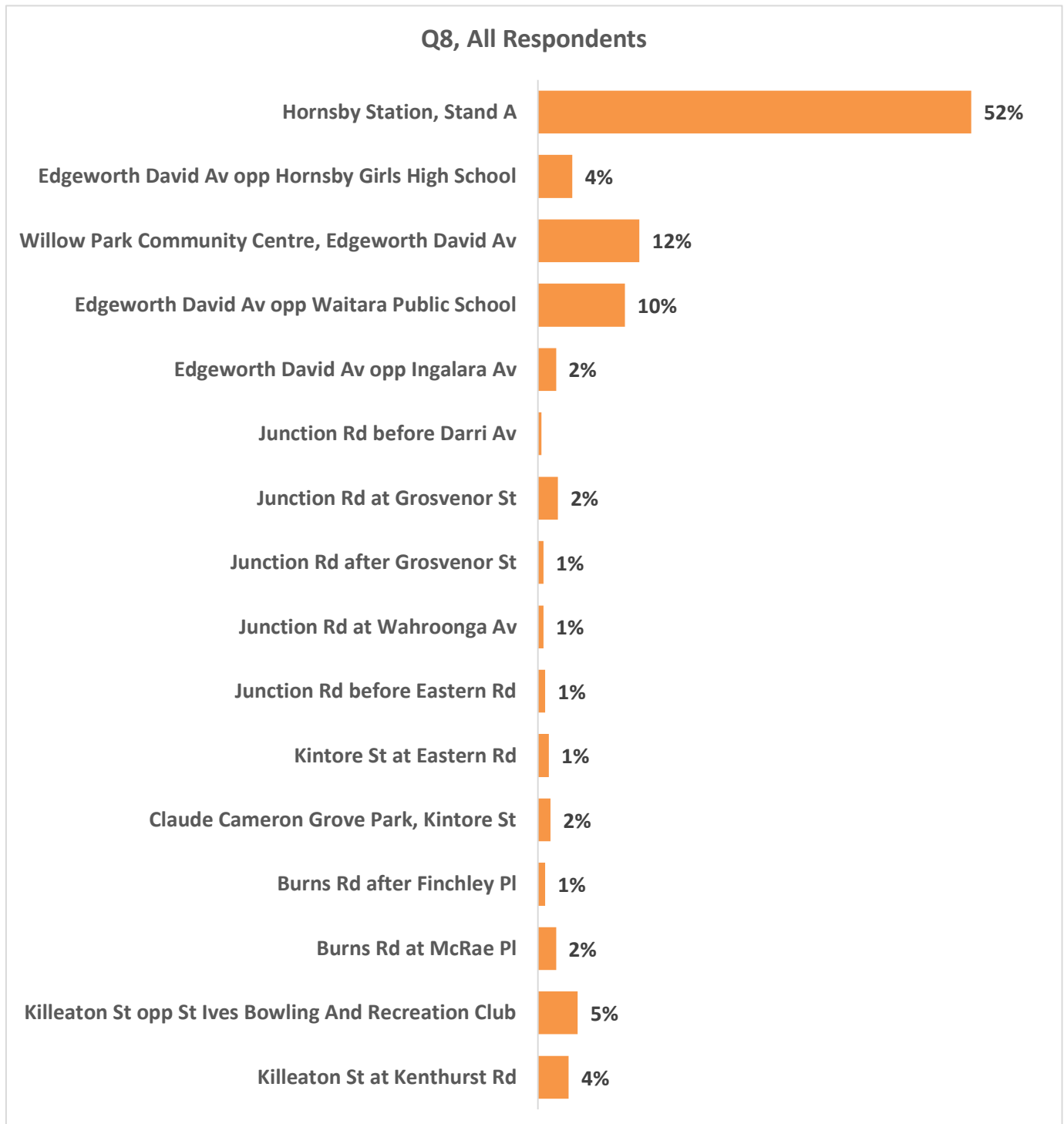
Other bus services mentioned	Count	%
194 - Forest Bus - St Ives Chase to City	12	36%
195 - Forest Bus -Macquarie University & Gordon to St Ives Chase & Mona Vale (via St Ives Shops)	2	6%
197 - Forest Bus -Macquarie University & Gordon to St Ives Chase & Mona Vale (via St Ives Shops)	2	6%
565 - Transdev - Chatswood to Macquarie University via Chatswood, Roseville, UTS Kuring-gai, Lindfield, West Lindfield, Macquarie Centre and Macquarie University - Effective 19 Apr	1	3%
245 - Forest -TO ST IVES CHASE – VIA (L)TOROKINA, (R)HORACE, LINK, KILLEATON, (R)CARBEEN, (R)WARRIMOO, TO MILBURN. THEN VIA WARRIMOO, (L)DALTON, (R)COLLINS, (L)MUDIES, WOODBURY, (R)MONA VALE ROAD	5	15%
575 -Transdev -575 - Macquarie University to Hornsby via West Pymble, Pymble, Turramurra, Wahroonga East and Waitara	2	6%
579 -Transdev -579 - Pymble to East Turramurra Loop service	1	3%
582 - Ayres Road	1	3%
582 to Brigidine AM	1	3%
582 to St Ives Park PS	1	3%
PM 8027 - Transdev -Pymble Station to St Ives HS	1	3%
9071 - Transdev -Masada College School Bus	1	3%
582 St Ives to Gordon - for HGHS Students	2	6%
594 -Transdev - North Turramurra to City via St Ives, Killara, East Lindfield & East Roseville	1	3%
<b>Total Responses for 'Other': 33</b>		

**All Respondents**

**Q8 If the 591 service is extended to include a St Ives High loop before St Ives Shops, which bus stop would you be most likely to use? Please tick one.**

**The stops below are listed in order of travel from Hornsby to St Ives**

Answered: 461 Skipped: 241



**All Respondents**

**Q8 If the 591 service is extended to include a St Ives High loop before St Ives Shops, which bus stop would you be most likely to use? Please tick one.**

The stops below are listed in order of travel from Hornsby to St Ives

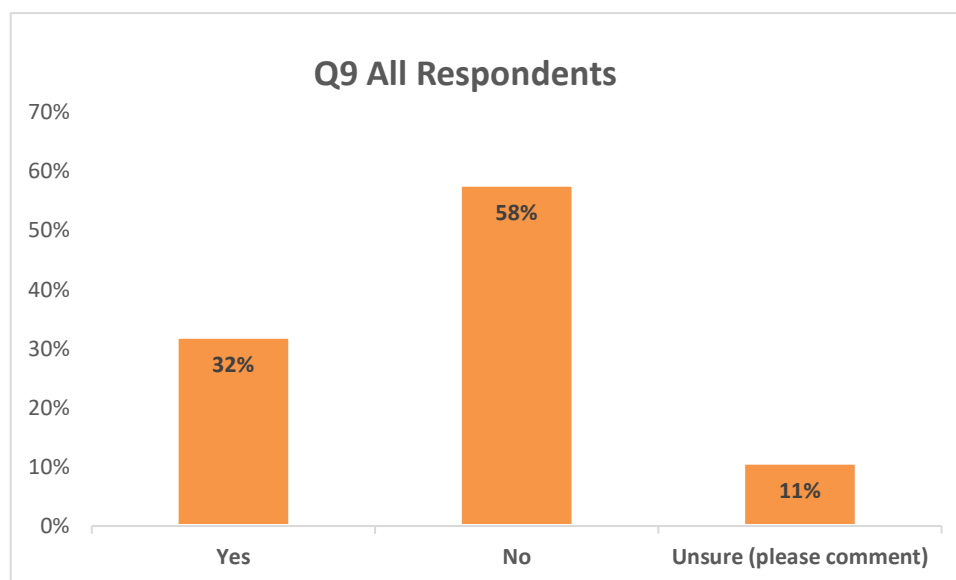
Answered: 461 Skipped: 241

ANSWER CHOICES (Please Tick One)	RESPONSES	COUNT
Hornsby Station, Stand A	52%	239
Edgeworth David Av opp Hornsby Girls High School	4%	19
Willow Park Community Centre, Edgeworth David Av	12%	56
Edgeworth David Av opp Waitara Public School	10%	48
Edgeworth David Av opp Ingalara Av	2%	10
Junction Rd before Darri Av	0%	2
Junction Rd at Grosvenor St	2%	11
Junction Rd after Grosvenor St	1%	3
Junction Rd at Wahroonga Av	1%	3
Junction Rd before Eastern Rd	1%	4
Kintore St at Eastern Rd	1%	6
Claude Cameron Grove Park, Kintore St	2%	7
Burns Rd after Finchley Pl	1%	4
Burns Rd at McRae Pl	2%	10
Killeaton St opp St Ives Bowling And Recreation Club	5%	22
Killeaton St at Kenthurst Rd	4%	17
<b>Total Respondents</b>		<b>461</b>

**All Respondents****Q9 Would you use the 591 bus service at weekends?**

The 591 bus service does not currently run on Saturday or Sunday. If this service was extended to include a St Ives High school loop, would you use this service on weekends, assuming it ran to the same hourly weekday timetable commencing at 7 am?

Answered: 459 Skipped: 243



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	32%	147
No	58%	265
Unsure (Please comment)	11%	49
<b>Total Respondents</b>		<b>459</b>

**Unsure:** Many respondents commented that whether they would use a weekend service would depend on their child's weekend **sporting commitments** at St Ives High or other **extracurriculars** (such as the School Musical). This is an important point. When the **St Ives High Community Sports Hub** is finished (the second hall has been built) there will be more weekend activities run on the St Ives High Campus. The latest information from School Infrastructure NSW states the proposed hours of operation:

**During School terms: Monday to Friday 4 pm to 11 pm / Weekends 7 am to 11 pm**

**During school holidays: Monday to Friday 7 am to 11 pm / Weekends 7 am to 11 pm**

Some respondents commented that a weekend service would enable their student to visit classmates from the St Ives High's other drawing area.

Potential weekend useage would depend on frequency of service

## Responses by Electorate

**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to share about public transport options between Hornsby and St Ives and around St Ives in general?**

Matt Kean, MP for Hornsby Comments from Respondents in Hornsby Electorate	
Data	Responses
1	Direct route reduces dependence on interchange on Killeaton Rd, big gap if service is cancelled.
2	Sometimes there are early days where our son may finish at 1 pm; there is very limited transport options to get back to Gordon to catch the train to Asquith.
3	I really appreciate it that is possible, because I think it's easy for the students and safe.
4	Organise more and quicker buses for after school, especially on Tuesdays when there is no Chase bus because there are many <b>push pass*</b> students and we have to wait around 10-15 minutes sometimes, which is quite disappointing
5	Just to go straight to st ives high school first before changing to st ives
6	Having a set line certainly makes it convenient and safer for children to travel. It is ludicrous young adults/teens are expected to not only travel this distance through various methods but also the time they are travelling when they should have the opportunity to be at home doing home work and being kids.
7	Regular buses from st Ives to Gordon to ensure that all past Hornsby can get home in time for after school activities
8	There is a very long commuting for students living beyond Hornsby sometimes it takes up to 1 1/2 hr to get to the school in the morning
9	Being in the catchment area of St Ives high school and not having a direct bus route to school is ridiculous. These school students would greatly benefit from this service
10	The buses are always late
11	Buses are always late
12	We have experienced issues with not enough buses going from St Ives High School to Gordon Station after school. There have been some days (especially Tues) when my son could not get on a bus. It then took 2 hours to get home.
13	Even more regular service. My eldest complains that he has missed the train to Berowra (3.45 pm) in the afternoon because all the juniors fill the bus up first even thou he has a <b>push pass</b> , this tells me there needs to be more buses for this service in the PM as every one is leaving at once
14	Currently, my kids will have to use train from Hornsby to Gordon, then change [to a] school bus from Gordon to St Ives High School in the morning and cost too much time.
15	I don't think there is enough buses going to and from Gordon Station, as well as that when catching an earlier train for extracurricular activities in the morning, you often have to wait a long time for a bus to come.
18	Morning 582 buses are scheduled for 7:11 am and 7:45 am. It would be great if there were more in between (at least one) because 7:11 is too early for period 0s (25 minutes early), but 7:45 is too late (15 minutes late).  Many seniors finish period 3 on Tuesdays and those that wish to go to Gordon catch a bus from Horace that goes to St Ives shops and from St Ives shops another bus to Gordon. This is tedious, time-consuming and therefore disruptive to our studies, especially if we have a long way to travel from Gordon (eg have to wait for bus to come at Horace then wait 10-20 min for bus to Gordon from opposite St Ives shops). If there was a 582 bus that went to Gordon in between the scheduled 12:32 pm and 1:32 pm times, it would be much more convenient.
19	More trains or buses from Mt Colah to Hornsby.
20	Currently, there are very limited options surrounding school hours. Especially next year, being a senior getting to and from period 0 and 6 as well as extracurricular activities assisting me in my studies.  The regular school bus services to and from Gordon station are consistently crowded, and not enough busses get to Gordon by 3:45 resulting on numerous occasions missing the connecting Berowra train.

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## Comments from Respondents in Hornsby Electorate

21	<p>they are very limited public transport options, specifically, options that can get me to school before normal bell times (e.g. for before school activities/period zeros when I'm in year 11 next year) as well as leaving the school using public transport after normal bell times (e.g. after school activities/period sixes next year).</p> <p>They are also very limited options on weekends as well</p> <p>Since I live in Hornsby, a direct bus from Hornsby station to school would be extremely helpful for both before and after school activities.</p> <p>These extra buses would also be helpful for the issue of bus overcrowding, as well as issues in the afternoons when there aren't enough buses and I miss the Berowra train, as I normally get off at Asquith</p>
22	It would be nice if the buses came about every 20 minutes in-between; otherwise too many people need to take a single bus.
23	Please also ensure buses come at 3:15 pm, especially on Friday. It has gotten a lot better comparing to previous years so thank you so much!
24	PLEASE ADD MORE BUSES BECAUSE IT BECOMES SO CROWDED AFTER THE END OF THE SCHOOL.
25	If there could possibly be a bus running from Berowra to St Ives high school because some students may not be able to get to Hornsby to catch the bus in the morning and having a bus from Berowra to the high school would make it a lot easier for us students and the bus to pass Hornsby station to pick up more students. If this could happen that would be great for me and other students that live in the Berowra to Hornsby kids
26	I have to travel from Hornsby to St Ives High early on the morning during not only the week days, but weekends for rehearsals.
27	<p>I have spoken with many parents from the Asquith area whose kids go to St Ives High School. The lack of bus options from Gordon Station and Hornsby force many parents to drive to St Ives to get kids to extra curricular activities as there is only 1 public bus from Gordon and 0 from Hornsby that will get their kids to school on time for the activities to start (7:30 am).</p> <p>Transdev statistics will not accurately show demand as many kids are driven due to lack of viable alternatives. I strongly believe that participation in extra curricular activities before and/or after school is critical to the high school experience and is one that many North Draw students miss out on.</p> <p>Having a 7am bus from Hornsby to St Ives High School would allow North Draw families to drop their kids off at Hornsby station to get the bus.</p> <p>Having a 591 service from St Ives High School back to Hornsby would also provide relief to students from the North Draw as an alternative to getting a bus to Gordon station and from there to Hornsby and other North Draw stations.</p>
28	Public transport between Hornsby, St Ives and Gordon Station is terrible. There is a desperate need for viable public transport to the St Ives Schools Precinct to serve the current patrons. When the new sports hall is built this will attract even more community members. Open and equal access to this facility will only be achieved if public transport services are put in place. Congestion in and around Yarrabung Road and on the road network to and from Hornsby mean some roads are nearly at a standstill in peak hour. Having decent public transport will also help to alleviate traffic congestion, reduce pollution and give all students at SIHS fair access to educational, social and sporting activities on offer.
29	<p>The transport issue from Asquith to St Ives High School is a major concern for my family, and will be a deciding factor on the school choice.</p> <p>Transport to the only co-ed school should be accessible and useable for all catchment areas.</p>
30	It is much safer for new year 7 children and in fact all children, to be able to get to school safely with a minimum number of transport changes and, therefore one bus to Hornsby is safer than a train and bus service. Several children travel north of Hornsby and therefore have to get (at the moment) a third mode of transport to get to and from home.
31	It has been very hard for my children to get to timetabled lessons and extra curricular before and after school over the last 8 years. When my daughter started in 2013 she caught the 591 for band before school then it stopped so we moved to rent in St Ives. We couldn't afford to stay so moved back to Mt Colah and drove her to early classes. We bought an extra car, once she had her Ps. Same story with my son, but no 591 for him. Government needs to provide transport under an hour for students to get to their local public school's timetabled lessons to save traffic and pollution and support student and parent mental health.



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32	<p>Both my daughters will be going to St. Ives in the future and will be heavily reliant on public transport that is safe, does not require long wait times and reliable both during school hours and for extra curricular activities on weekdays and weekends.</p> <p>As a law abiding tax paying citizen I think what is being asked as part of this survey is not unrealistic and will help massively to the community that are not around st.ives.</p>
33	<p>The Upper North Shore,</p> <p>Desperately need better transport, for families who have kids attending St Ives High.</p> <p>This is a Co-Ed school, that I would like to be sending my boys too. But I worry about them catching multiple forms of public transport to get to school.</p> <p>I worry about what happens if they miss the bus.</p> <p>This school is our Co-Ed catchment school, it makes sense to provide, better means of transport, which will also mean, less cars on the road.</p> <p>Our community on the Upper North Shore, need these buses!</p> <p>Thank you for your time</p>
34	Thank you
35	<p>It seems that transport for St Ives High School students has not responded to increased student numbers at the school. It also doesn't cater well for students in the Hornsby part of the school catchment.</p> <p>The need for a 'push-pass' system is evidence of the pressure on the current limited services.</p> <p>Learning to manage the complex transport interchanges is daunting and frequently traumatic for year 7 students and their parents. Having students left on the side of the road when buses fail to connect is unacceptable and dangerous.</p>
36	More buses in the afternoon from St Ives High School to Gordon station
37	<p>I think it's really important to facilitate easy and direct travel for our kids to get to and from school - both school days and extra curricular activities.</p> <p>They have enough on their plate without having to stress about missing connections and having to wait extended periods to get home</p>
38	<p>Completely support faster transport of the student's to their homes. I have been shocked at the amount of time students have been wasting getting from school to Gordon station. We have been struggling to manage homework, team sport and athletic commitments.</p> <p>A combination of more efficient transport and perhaps a 10-15min earlier school start and end times would help immensely.</p>
39	The proposed St Ives High School loop is absolutely needed
40	It would be a great time saving for St Ives students who are living in Hornsby area if there is a direct bus service to the school from Hornsby.
41	Please request more buses for the students
42	A regular bus that covers all areas will be good . Currently kids are catching a train n bus . If they have a bus from Hornsby which goes straight to school that will be awesome
43	I think it is great to give our high school students the independence of being able to use public transport, but their safety is at risk if we don't have adequate services.
44	I will be so glad if the bus service is direct from Hornsby to St Ives school. Will save lots of time and that time can be used in other productive activities.
45	-It would be preferable if an express bus service would be provided from Hornsby and terminating at either Chatswood or the City via St Ives. This service would only stop at selected stops, and will stop at SIHS between 7:30am-4:30pm.
46	Really need public transport options to get my son to school at 7:30 in the morning and for him to get home via public transport in the afternoon outside of normal school hours

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47	<p>Transport between Hornsby and St Ives High School is currently not adequate. Even extending the 591 (if no more frequently) travel time would still be over an hour each way, due to the long walk required to get to the 591.</p> <p>While this would be better than nothing, it's still a substantial amount of travel which disadvantages students from Hornsby compared to other students in Sydney.</p>
48	<p>Ideal scenario is a bus that picks up Mt Colah and asquith kids and takes them directly to and from school.</p>
49	<p>It would be great to have bus from Hornsby to St Ives high, to cut down the commute for children attending who live in hornsby and beyond. Its a long daily commute, and if they miss the bus, they are further delayed. One direct bus would be a great option.</p>
50	<p>I am driving my year 7 student to school every day because there is no direct bus from Hornsby to St Ives High. I direct, one bus solution would be of enormous help.</p> <p>We need this also for our environment. There are far too many cars on the road.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
51	<p>I think this is badly needed and would allow children to spend less time getting to and from school. I strongly support this initiative</p>
52	<p>My daughter currently misses out on extra curricula school activities due to lack of transport options.</p>
53	<p>Thank you for working so hard for our students</p>
54	<p>A bus between Hornsby and SIHS is needed urgently.</p> <p>We live north of Hornsby and there used to be a bus from Hornsby to SIHS that stopped operating.</p> <p>The school area is chaotic with frustrated parents dropping kids off with much congestion.</p> <p>A bus service would help alleviate this issue.</p>
55	<p>My children have not been able to participate in some extra curricular activities ie band due to the lack of public transport options.</p> <p>I have had to take time off work to drive my child to/from school activities due to a lack of transport options.</p>
56	<p>AS a mum who has a student at st ives i cannot drive so having the 591 from hornsby station to st ives high would be fantastic especially if i would like to attend something at the school that requires a parent or i need to pick up my daughter as she is sick.</p> <p>Also i prefer a bus as its only one direct way without using multable forms off transport and as an sydney trains eemployee for 21 years i know when trains get stuffed up for various reasons then there are severe delays therefore no train dont run for ages and if they turn up its overcrowded</p>
57	<p>My daughter really wants to go to at Ives high currently in public transport it is likely to be 2 buses and a train and a walk and could take an hour ridiculous for what should be an easy journey and worrying for a parent having children on numerous public transports with the risk of missing connections and being late or stranded somewhere</p>
58	<p>My daughter left school at 3.15pm on Thursday afternoon and only managed to be at 4.40pm at home. We live in Hornsby. This includes 2 bus rides and a train. For a 25 minute car drive, where is the incentive to use public transport and reduce traffic congestion?</p>
59	<p>Currently having to drive my daughter to extra curricular activities at SIHS twice a week in the morning, due to no bus options that early.</p> <p>That adds an hour to my morning before I rush off to work.</p>
60	<p>The bus from Gordon station to St Ives high school is regularly late or does not turn up. The amount of buses in the afternoon is inadequate and my child is left standing, sometimes for an hr before being able to board a bus to Gordon station. The limited times this bus runs also impacts my child's options for participating in extracurricular activities. This is a weekly issue and my child is late to school at least two times per week, despite leaving home the same time every morning. Waiting for a bus 40 mins over the scheduled bus time table, is unacceptable! This service is currently completely inadequate for the demand, to and from Gordon station to St Ives High.</p>

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61	<p>A bus service from SIHS to Hornsby would give us an alternative option.</p> <p>It is frustrating that we cannot have friends come home on the bus/train because they do not have push-passes.</p> <p>My son enjoys the Friday morning boot camp which is now possible with the increased buses.</p> <p>The more options we have the more we enjoy school.</p> <p>Thank you for your efforts :-)</p>
62	Currently it is difficult for my SIHS child to be involved in the before school extra curricular activities like run club and boot camp because morning buses from Gordon station to school are not helpfully scheduled.
63	More frequent buses before and after school will quite simply unlock access to a number of the valuable extracurricular activities offered by SIHS to my kids.
64	We would much prefer public transport options to driving for earlier start times - period 0, etc
65	I travel 2 hours and 20 minutes per school day. This is extremely excessive.
66	Please improve bus service from Hornsby to St Ives schools. It saves a great deal of time for students rather than taking 3 transports to school
67	There are currently lots of students from Asquith, Mount Colah, and Mt Ku-ringai areas. It will be safer and convenient to have direct school bus pick up at Asquith station to accommodate children living in this areas.
68	My child typically waits at school for at least 30 mins before he allowed on a bus, as we don't have a <b>push pass</b> since we live at Hornsby. My husband and I have both had to adjust or work schedule to take him to school 2 x week for 730sm band rehearsals as there is NO public transport option. SIHS is his local high school, and he is currently at a disadvantage compared to St Ives local as he can not effectively participate in extra curricular activities, including the Writing Centre, fitness classes or Beyond the Bell homework support.
69	The current transportation arrangements for St Ives High students who live in the Hornsby area and surrounds are completely inadequate. Please improve the bus service as a CV matter of urgency.
70	The 591 bus is about a 15 minute walk from home, but it's still a better option than catching a bus to Hornsby and going by train. A connecting bus in the afternoon would also be a good idea.
71	At this stage poor transport options from mt colah mean that our children will not be able to attend st ives High which is their co ed school
72	We have a bus stop out the front of our house for kuringai HS on parklands rd mount colah - YET this school is no longer our catchment school and hasn't been for a few years. I believe it was introduced when it was. They should be able to also introduce one for St Ives, it doesn't make sense that they would do it for one school and not the other. My daughter currently gets 2 buses and a train to get to school or a 30 minute walk, a train and a bus.. we are not rural.. this makes no sense?
73	The bus service before and after school hour from and to will be very helpful for parents and students.
74	Most of the time the buses are late and children are late to go to school or going home from school
75	<p>The buses need to guarantee kids get there BY 7:30am, not AT 7:30am or just after 7:30am. Thus needs to be scheduled to arrive at 7:15 or 7:20am to account for traffic. Kids need to be able to rely on these services to get to their activities on time.</p> <p>In the same way, it needs to guarantee kids arrive at school ON TIME, thus needs to plan to be at the school 15 minutes before the bell, to again account for traffic problems. There is no point scheduling something like a bus that is subject to traffic conditions, to arrive exactly on time.</p> <p>Incidentally, if you put these services in, I bet you would be needing multiple services, not just one bus, as the demand would be huge. I currently drive my son four out of five mornings a week to attend extra curricular activities. I am sure I am not alone.</p>

**Push Passes:**

St Ives High students who live beyond Hornsby or who have another connecting service to catch from Gordon Station are provided with a Push Pass. This gives the student priority boarding on PM buses to Gordon Station so that they can catch the 3.45 pm Berowra train or other connecting service..

In 2021 St Ives High has 1210 enrolled students. Of these, 996 qualify for opal cards (82% of enrolled students), and 232 push passes have been issued (23% of Opal Card holders).

## Responses by Electorate

**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to share about public transport options between Hornsby and St Ives and around St Ives in general?**

Alister Henskens, MP for Ku-ring-gai Another service not listed above (please give the operator, bus number and route if possible)	
1	Much needed service from Hornsby as there large number of students travelling from Waitara/ Hornsby. The students spend 1 hour one way which can be used more productively.
2	School buses dangerously overloaded
3	the 591 more often would be amazing
5	<p>On average it currently takes me over an hour to get home from school when it would be less than 10 minutes to drive. I live really close, in Turramurra, so it's frustrating that my morning school bus route can't just be mirrored in the afternoon. This could also lighten the amount of students taking buses to Gordon.</p> <p>Another good idea is, considering how many students travel to Hornsby/Asquith/Berowra, getting more direct routes there (which seems to be the goal with the 591 idea). At the moment, the majority of my time between the bell and arriving at home is spent waiting to be allowed into the bus line because so many people have <b>push passes*</b> because they all live in the Hornsby area. If these students had their own bus that didn't go via Gordon, both Hornsby students and everyone who lives close to school would be able to get home in a much more timely manner.</p>
6	<p>Although many use the buses to go to the shops, there are around 30 - 40 students, including me and my brothers, who need to get there to catch a bus that comes once an hour. We often get kicked off the bus from school, because they think we just want Mcdonald's.</p> <p>It is also very infuriating that my siblings, friends and I don't get <b>push passes</b>. We live in North Wahroonga, which is out of catchment for school, but not in catchment for <b>push passes</b>. We could get home / to extracurricular activities at least 3x quicker if this wasn't the case. Currently, we take about 2 hours to get home, which is incredibly inconvenient for activities and general homework / study time.</p>
7	It would be much more convenient for me to get to school with one bus than two buses and a train. It will save me a great deal of time.
8	It would be great to have a school bus from Hornsby to St Ives considering the number of children that attend the schools there and live in the area
10	It would be very useful because I don't have to rely on the school bus getting to the bowling club on time to get home otherwise it takes me 40 minutes from the bowling club to get home
11	Currently it is really inconvenient to travel between Hornsby and St Ives, especially to St Ives High School.
12	We definitely need St Ives High School bus loop! There are lots of students that goes to SIHS from Hornsby & beyond which requires extended travel time as there is no direct bus service to the school! There is huge traffic congestion in the morning & afternoon peak hours.
13	One of my three children currently attending SIHS has a sport commitment in Hornsby from 4pm three afternoons each week. It is very difficult for her to be on time for this commitment because there are not enough buses travelling from SIHS to Gordon station in the afternoons.
14	Good public transport system for students are very important because they are not mature enough to handle accidents.
15	We will appreciate if the bus 591 can run more often , between Hornsby , St Ives High School and surrounds.
16	Please provide the bus service from horns to St ives school for safety of our kids and reduce congestion on roads. Its nightmare now to get through st ives during peak hours around school time.
17	It will give all the students and parents lot of convenience, especially for the families which have before school age kids. It also will be much safer for kids who are currently take train to Gordon then bus to st Ives high.
18	It would be helpful to have a reliable bus service which drops the kids at school at least 10-15 minutes before the bell, and an afternoon bus option which comes all the way up to North Wahroonga. Currently, our son gets a lift to the bus stop at North Turramurra or on Band mornings, gets driven to school. In the afternoons, he either gets the North Turramurra bus or a Gordon bus and then train to Waitara. A dedicated bus each way would make the journey a lot more straightforward.
19	Burns Rd between Hornsby and St Ives is a great transport route and alternative to train line. It's so busy with cars but if there were more frequent buses I'm sure we could reduce the traffic too. Please provide more frequent bus services here.
20	Public transport is best whenever available. The proposed improvements will definitely help children and parents and take traffic and worries out!

## Alister Henskens, MP for Ku-ring-gai

## Another service not listed above (please give the operator, bus number and route if possible)

21	We need more 591 bus services in after school hours for children to go back from schools, like Waitara public school to their home.
22	It will be great . Thank you so much.
23	We need to dedicate an St Ives high school bus for the today's and future students from Waitara Public School. This would promote the safety of children and the public who commute to work on the current shared public transport (especially with the recent development of health concerns like COVID).  If we would like to also look after the environment and reduce cars on the road, this is extremely important.
24	It goes without saying that making students commute easier and safer would benefit their welfare both mentally and physically. Students can have more time to enjoy other activities or just simply relax to recharge. I fully support the plan to enhance and improve current public transport between Hornsby and St Ives. It would be even better to include the Hornsby hospital area (Northcote road, Balmoral street etc.) as there is a big cohort of students currently going to Waitara public for primary education and they will need transport to support the high school education in St Ives.
25	The 591 is fantastic for my son to catch in the mornings to get to school from Turramurra to Waitara Public. Unfortunately in the afternoons the bus drives past the school at 3:05pm and the bell goes at 3:10pm meaning none of the kids can catch it. The next bus is not for another hour which means it is not a viable option as the kids cannot stay on school premises to wait for it. This forces me to have to pick him up adding to all the traffic congestion on Burns Rd and Junction Road.
26	Extending the 591 bus service would mean one bus journey instead of a bus-train-bus and be significantly quicker.
27	I feel for students travelling to their local zoned public school a maximum of 1 hr each way is acceptable.
28	The bus lines are simply ridiculous (if you can even manage to get on one)
29	Invest in a fleet of smaller busses to prevent using large inefficient buses for small numbers of passengers
30	I have two elderly neighbours whose main mode of transport is the old bus route to the city. The cancellation has made it impossible for them or myself to get to the city without taking 2 or more public transport modes. I am advocating for them as well as my family.
31	I would like a school bus that is not a public bus, to pick up my son from Wahroonga which is within catchment, and take him to school.
32	More buses from St Ives to Hornsby are urgently needed because my daughter often reports that she couldn't get a seat on this route. For safety reasons this is unacceptable!
33	A great campaign to encourage the use of public transport, student and public safety, reduce car traffic, carbon emissions, and promote student interaction. This would also drive productivity as parents can focus on other important aspects.
34	More routes via eastern road heading to Turramurra station would be ideal
35	St Ives High School's catchment area is St Ives as well as the 'northern draw' which includes Hornsby, Asquith, Mt Colah. The current and future students from the northern draw should be provided with adequate public transport options so they can get to and from school efficiently. They desperately need help because at the moment their travel times are ridiculous. An improved bus service can solve this problem with minimal cost.
36	If the school has a catchment that includes the suburbs north of Hornsby then it is only fair to have a school bus service from Hornsby to school and back.
37	The 591 extension would help thoroughly with students who live in the currently serviced areas as it is very difficult for them to arrive to school on time and to get home with enough time to study, due to the ridiculous travel times from these areas. this extension would benefit the students on the current 591 as well as students travelling to St Ives Chase who currently have to contend with students who have to transfer to the 591 from St Ives Shops, as the current 245 service gets very overcrowded with these students
38	Really need more transport options. Buses are overcrowded. To have a service from Hornsby would be amazing as trips to school currently takes an hour each way on bus & train.
39	It is very close if driving, but it takes so long by train and bus if no car. It will help a lot of SIHS students if there is a bus service directly fro Hornsby to school.
40	Being able to get a bus to school directly from Wahroonga to st ives high school would be fab & mean my son could attend more pre & after school activities

**Alistar Henskens, MP for Ku-ring-gai****Another service not listed above (please give the operator, bus number and route if possible)**

41	Having this bus route will help save time for the children in the st lves catchment area which is around Hornsby and Waitara
42	It's big convenient for us for next six years to stop rush every day, thanks God
43	Please bring back the 594H service through to Hornsby
44	We really need this bus service for families whom have children currently attending st lves high school and also for families whom wish to send their children to lves high school in the future. St lves High school is our catchment Highschool, so it makes perfect sence that we should undoubtedly be provided with a school bus to transport our children saftley to and from school- it is a no brainer!!!  PLEASE!!!!
45	Suburb of St lves currently does not have a train line or a reliable transport. My child struggled a lot to get to school especially the days of zero period. It would be useful for the kids who travel to St lves High if frequency of 591 services were increased especially during the morning hours starting 6:30 to 9 am. It would definitely reduce the stress as I know how much my child suffered during the senior years. Hope this would change the operations of services of 591 and 582. A request to the transport department whether they could provide at least one bus service directly to the St lves school precinct in the mornings. This would help the community. Thanks
46	My son travels by train and bus spending nearly 2 hours + per day. A direct or more frequent buses from St lves to Hornsby /Waitara and Gordon will help reduce his travel time and allow him to do more extra curricular activities both at school and once he's back home

**Push Passes:**

St lves High students who live beyond Hornsby or who have another connecting service to catch from Gordon Station are provided with a Push Pass. This gives the student priory boarding on PM buses to Gordon Station so that they can catch the 3.45 pm Berowra train or other connecting service..

In 2021 St lves High has 1210 enrolled students. Of these, 996 qualify for opal cards (82% of enrolled students), and 232 push passes have been issued (23% of Opal Card holders).

## Responses by Electorate

## Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to share about public transport options between Hornsby and St Ives and around St Ives in general?

Jonathan O'Dea, MP for Davidson	
Another service not listed above (please give the operator, bus number and route if possible)	
1	It would be great if 591 bus increases its service more frequently during morning (7:30-9:30) and afternoon (3:00-4:30) peaks, for example, every half hourly or even every 15 minutes.
2	One more added convenience would be if the 194 bus could go via Roseville station - that would be a great option. In the meantime, a more frequent bus service between Gordon and St Ives would be a huge improvement.
3	Need more to get students to and from school in timely manner and for extracurricular activities. More buses will reduce cars and create safer environment for all
4	It's nearly impossible to get my child to school for a period zero class using public transport .
5	<p>Yes, the timing of the 582 bus is horrendous... specially the bus just before school everyday...</p> <p>It is often late, with the children getting late to school and we, parents receiving a "explain why your child was late"</p> <p>Mon-Wed-Thu-Fri number of 582 buses departing in either direction FROM the school should be increased, or increase the size of the bus.</p> <p>Similarly on Tuesday at 2:15</p>
6	Dangerous drivers in Yarrabung precinct. Sometimes leads to cranky bus drivers according to my children, Heavy congestion especially at end of day. My children have to race to get bus, otherwise a 45 min wait for next one
7	Schools away from public transport are a blight for so many reasons. Traffic snarls, mothers excluded from the workforce, kids unable to be independent, parents choosing private over public because they can get the kids there.
8	<p>We used to live Mount Colah area before moving to Gordon last year.</p> <p>We moved only because my daughter started year 7 in st. Ives high school this year.</p> <p>If there was better transport systems we wouldn't have done it.</p> <p>So at the moment I am hoping more buses between Gordon station and the school but also i think there should be better transport systems for the students living around hornsby area.</p>
9	Need more buses so we don't have to drive the kids. They often have to wait for several buses to finally get a spot and then are late.
10	Bus service 582 is irregular, untimely and unreliable. Children are being driven to and from school and before/after school activities as a result, leading to dangerous traffic congestion.
11	Not frequent enough buses linking to a station and not covering st ives properly
12	We are Masada parents and spend a truck load of time driving our kids around and having to pay for a private bus to school because the public bus system is so infrequent. We are strong supporters of your campaign The increase in the regularity of the 194 and 195 has been welcome but it is still skewed towards city commuters rather than school kids heading the other way. I also suspect that with more people working from home you may get support from this group too Thank you for your efforts
13	Parents get upset that i am constantly late to school even though i only live a couple km away. The 582 is 9 out of 10 times 10 minutes late and that causes me to be late very often.
14	<p>During school zone times could we turn Horace Street into a 10kph shared pedestrian zone?</p> <p>Actually, get the police to do some monitoring of cars running red lights at the pedestrian crossing outside the primary school. Frightening some times. It is only a matter of time before a small child gets killed. I see it time and time again waiting for the bus in the morning.</p>

## Jonathan O'Dea, MP for Davidson

## Another service not listed above (please give the operator, bus number and route if possible)

15	I used to go to St Ives High. Found it very stressful knowing the bus to Gordon only came every hour and if a class went over you would miss it. I would walk but it's too hilly with a huge, heavy backpack. One of my peers used to catch a taxi to get to Gordon! Completely inadequate buses.
16	If we are investing so much into amazing infrastructure like the new indoor centre then we need the transport to match!
17	Improving the bus services will reduce the current traffic congestion in the mornings and afternoons and reduce the risk of a serious accident. Like many parents I have to drive my child because the bus services are not adequate.
18	The 245 bus becomes very full on Friday's particularly (even though it is a double bus). An additional service would probably help relieve this. Especially if students who need to get to Hornsby can do so without getting on this bus, getting back off on Killeaton and waiting for a further bus.
19	Hghs needs to have a bus in morning from St Ives and return in the afternoon
20	Whilst we live in St Ives and my Son currently travels to and from school by bus that goes via St Ives Chase, we are still impacted by lack of other bus services because students regularly crowd onto our bus to get off at the shops to join other services and/or make other arrangements to get home. This often means that those students who live in the St Ives Chase area cannot fit onto the bus that they are zoned for and get home late missing after school commitments such as sport and work.
21	We really miss the 594x it went all the way from Hornsby to the city.  It would also be great to have more regular 582 buses in general. Having them on the half hour at peak times is not ideal.
22	More buses - especially for the Hunter Ave, Warehouse loop. Buses need to start earlier so that they can collect students and workers from this area to arrive at St Ives Shopping Village in order to catch a connecting service on Monvale Rd. The same applies in the afternoon, but in the reverse.
23	It is very inconvenient now commuting between St Ives and Hornsby, especially go to training on weekends, firstly take bus, then change to a train, wasting a lot of time.
24	If the 3:20 245 school bus could depart a few minutes later, so that more students have time to get onto it, please?
25	Can 591 timetable fit in school time of Hornsby Girls High as well?
26	I fully support the improvement of bus services in this area to reduce the number of cars on the road, to enable students to attend extra curricular activities to enhance their education as well as providing a better service for local users such as the elderly
27	There is a definite need for better transport options between St Ives and Hornsby that doesn't involve a train. The congestion on Killeaton/Burns/Eastern Rds etc is proof of this.  A bus loop from the St Ives shops to the schools precinct is the missing link.
28	Please consider this extension, it would really make life so much easier and safer for the children
29	there should be at least direct express bus to Asquith, Hornsby area from St Ives High - and vice versa
30	No cars parked on the street in Torokina Avenue would greatly improve traffic flow. Numerous times the bus is gridlocked due to traffic coming down Torokina while the bus is trying to travel up Torokina Avenue with parked cars blocking the flow of traffic.



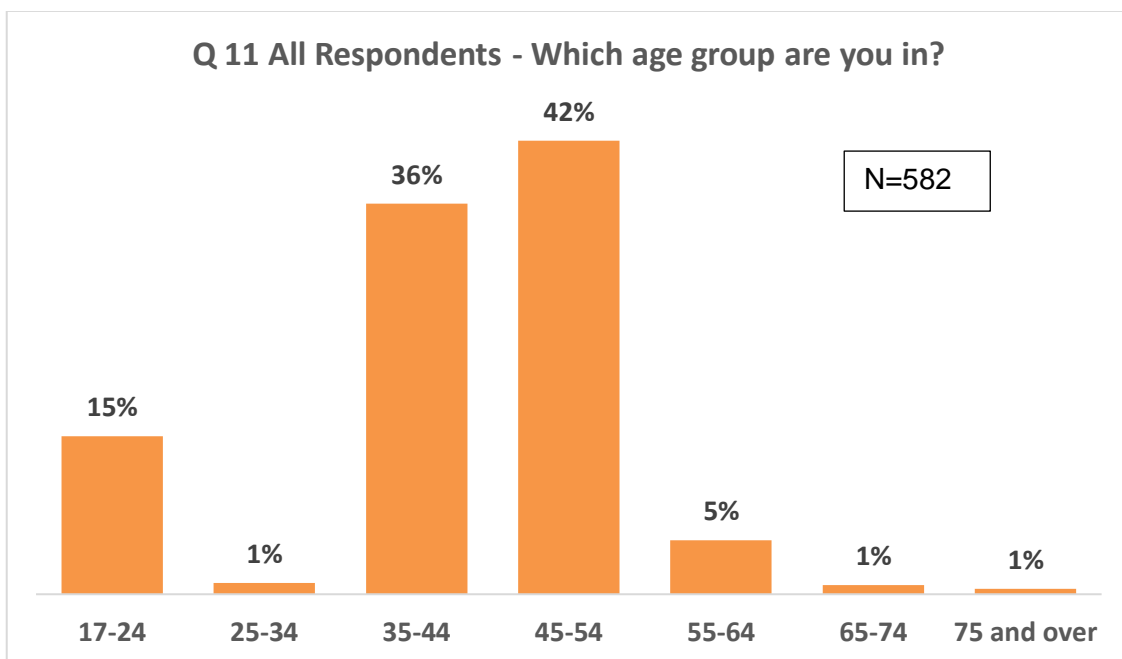
**Gladys Berejiklian, Member for Willoughby, Premier of NSW  
Comment from respondent in Willoughby Electorate**

1	Need direct buses linking st lves with Chatswood
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**Victor Dominello, Minister for Customer Service, Member for Ryde  
Comments from respondents in Ryde Electorate**

1	sometimes have to wait forever for a bus, if i don't want to be late, i will have to take the earlier bus, then i will have to wait a long time before the designated time
2	Definitely need to have more bus transport services for students and commuters at St lves higha do its surroundings. There is great concern and stress for our children and families missing important school, activities and employment due to lack of buses or being too crowded.
3	More buses so i can get home before 6pm

**All Respondents**  
**Q11 Which Age Group Are You In**



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
17-24	15%	85
25-34	1%	6
35-44	36%	210
45-54	42%	244
55-64	5%	29
65-74	1%	5
75 and over		3
Tota Respondentsl		582

**END OF SURVEY**

## **The Following Documents are For Reference**



**Petition for  
Better 591 and 582 Bus  
services to St Ives High  
School Precinct**



**We are asking:**

- **That the public bus route 591 (Hornsby to St Ives Shops via Waitara), currently terminating at St Ives Village, be extended to include a 'St Ives High Yarrabung Road loop' before terminating at St Ives Shops, and**
- **For more frequent 582 bus services between Yarrabung Road and Gordon Station.**

**Every week** on the St Ives High campus, over [1,400 people participate](#) in activities outside of regular school hours, [from 7 am to 10.30 pm](#). The majority travel by car.

The new [Indoor Sports Centre at St Ives High](#) is a major community hub. It is vital that public transport is part of this development to make it accessible to all members of the local community and avoid even more traffic congestion in the area.

**Daily there are 1,800 student at school on Yarrabung Road.** That's **3,600 student movements each school day**. The majority need to take transport to get to and from school.

Many students spend up to **3hrs/day** commuting to their 'local' co-ed public high school from beyond Hornsby. Many St Ives students cannot get on the **overcrowded buses** to get home from school.

**There are not enough buses to meet demand**

Poor transport connections and the lack of frequent and reliable bus services to and from major hubs, such as Gordon Station, St Ives Shops and Hornsby, **force families to drive**, fueling traffic congestion and creating pedestrian safety issues.

**Students without travel alternatives miss out on extracurriculars** such as free homework help before and after school.

**Services that run from 7 am through to the afternoon bell and beyond are desperately needed.**

**Frequent and reliable bus services to this precinct mean fair and equal access to education for ALL students. We want a public transport service that is accessible to all age groups and matches the travel needs of the community.**

**St Ives High P&C – Transport, Traffic and Road Safety Working Group**

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**Campaign for Better Public Transport to the Yarrabung Road  
Schools Precinct:**

**St Ives High, St Ives Public & the Intensive English Centre**

**We would like 5 minutes of your time to answer 10 questions....**



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**Sign up Now! Connect St Ives Yarrabung Road Schools Precinct and New Sports Centre with Regular, Reliable Public Transport to St Ives Shops, Gordon and Hornsby & Reduce Traffic Congestion in St Ives**

This survey aims to gather community feedback from Mt Ku-ring-gai to St Ives to demonstrate the need for improved bus services to and from the Yarrabung Road Schools Precinct to St Ives Shops, Gordon Station and Hornsby. These improvements will benefit BOTH the school and broader community. This survey gives you the opportunity to sign our petition to help us lobby State and local government for these improvements to public transport in the area.

### We are Advocating For:

Extending the 591 Hornsby to St Ives Shopping Centre (via Waitara) bus to include a 'St Ives High loop' via Yarrabung Road  
More frequent 582 buses to and from Gordon Station with a focus on meeting increasing demand outside of regular bell times

- Better public transport equals less cars, less congestion, less pollution, and much improved pedestrian safety.
- Better public transport will increase community and student participation in activities offered within the precinct.
- Better public transport connects people and builds communities.

### Growing Demand:

In line with its Community Strategic Plan, we want Ku-ring-gai Council to advocate to Transport for NSW and private transport companies to improve the 591 and 582 bus services to meet the current community travel needs.

Demand for these bus services will continue to grow with increasing student numbers in the Yarrabung Road Precinct, completion of a second Community Sports Hall. Frequent and reliable public transport to this precinct SHOULD BE INTEGRATED into the plans for this development, to optimise its availability and community use.

### Did You Know...

- Students living in the Hornsby Local Government Area [LGA] must travel to the Ku-ring-gai LGA to attend a public co-educational high school.
- Transdev rely on tap on/tap off data to determine frequency and demand for services. This is a flawed model as it doesn't account for those who want to take public transport but can't because the existing bus schedule and frequency is inadequate. Therefore they either cannot participate or have to be driven to, for example, St Ives High extracurricular activities such as homework help at Before the Bell.
- Many St Ives High students are regularly commuting for up to three hours a day because bus and train services are not scheduled appropriately.
- Every week, activities before and after school attract more than 1,400 participants to the St Ives High School campus. The majority travel by private transport as public transport will not get them to & from campus for the right times.



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**\* 1. Which Suburb do you live in?**

The information you supply will only be used for the purposes of our campaign.

Other (please specify)

**\* 2. Your Contact Information**

When you supply your contact information here you are signing our petition for better public bus services to St Ives High, St Ives Public and the Intensive English Centre in the 'Yarrabung Road Schools Precinct'.

**Name**

**Email Address**



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**\* 3. Are You:**

**Please tick all that apply**

If you are a St Ives High Student but NOT in Year 11 or Year 12, please ask your parent/carer to complete this survey too

- A Senior **St Ives High Student** (Year 11 or Year 12)
- A Junior **St Ives High Student** (Year 7 to 10)
- A **Parent/Carer** of a **St Ives High Student**
- A **Future Parent** of a **St Ives High Student** (no children currently at the school)
- A **Parent/Carer** of a **St Ives Public Student**
- A **Member** of the **Local Community**
- An **Employee** whose **place of work** is located in the precinct (e.g. teacher)
- Other (please specify)





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**4. Why do you currently travel to and from the St Ives School Precinct in Yarrabung Road, St Ives?**

Please tick all that apply

- To get to school for **regular bell times**
- To attend a **Period Zero** class / to leave after a **Period 6** class
- To get to **extracurricular activities before school** / get home after extracurricular activities **after school**  
These activities are for St Ives High students only
- To get to **community activities run at St Ives High** (e.g Basketball, Karate, Australian Girls Choir) outside of school hours  
Community Activities are run by external providers who hire St Ives High as the venue for their activities and open to all

Other (please specify)



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**5. Why do you currently travel to and from the St Ives School Precinct in Yarrabung Road?**

Please tick all that apply

- Community Activities run on the St Ives High Campus, Open to Everyone**  
I participate in community activities held at St Ives High, e.g. Basketball, Karate  
(Community Activities are run by external providers who hire St Ives High as the venue for their activities)
- Local Resident or Worker - Yarrabung Road Precinct**  
I live in the Yarrabung Road Precinct (or surrounding streets)
- To **commute** to work or get to appointments
- To go **shopping or to get to leisure activities** (e.g. sport, meeting friends)
- Parent / Carer of St Ives High / St Ives Public Student**  
To **drop off/collect children from school** at regular bell times
- To **drop off/collect children from extracurricular activities** run by the School  
(These activities are run by St Ives High for their students and are not available to the wider community)
- To **drop off/collect senior student** for **Period Zero or Period Six**
- To **drop/collect children from community activities** held at St Ives High, e.g. Basketball, GKR Karate etc.  
(Community Activities are run by external providers who hire St Ives High as the venue for their activities)
- Future St Ives High School Parent/Carer**  
I am a **prospective St Ives High School parent/carers** and do not currently have any children at the school but am concerned by the poor transport to the Yarrabung Road Precinct

Other (please specify)



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\* 6.

- **When do you need to travel to and from Yarrabung Road?**

Please tick all that apply

We are requesting:

- more frequent 582 services, catering for demand at regular bell times and outside of regular bell times (7.30 am to 8.50 am and after 3.15 pm)
- to add a 'St Ives High loop' to the 591 route. This would enable students living between Mt Ku-ring-gai and St Ives Shops get to school for 7:30 am extracurriculars or Period Zero

	Weekday	Weekends
Before 7.30 am	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For 7.30 am (SIHS Students - Extracurriculars Start Time)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For 7.47 am (SIHS Senior Students - Period Zero class)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For 8.50 am (SIHS Students Regular Morning Bell Time)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 8.50 am and 2.15 pm Tuesday / 3.15 pm Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri (Regular SIHS School Hours)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 3.15 and 6.30 pm (After regular SIHS school hours)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm (After regular school hours)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 8.30 pm to 10.30 pm (After regular school hours)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am a future St Ives High Parent and don't currently need to travel to and from this precinct	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)



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**\* 7. Thinking about which suburb you live in, please tick the improved bus services that would be relevant to you when travelling to and from the Yarrabung Road Schools Precinct in St Ives**

**Please tick all that apply**

[Click here to see the current 591 route map.](#)

[Click here to see the current 582 route map](#)

- 591 Hornsby to St Ives via Waitara and Wahroonga service**  
**Extend to include a St Ives High loop, Yarrabung Road Schools Precinct *before* terminating at St Ives Shops**
- 582 St Ives Shopping Centre to Gordon**  
**More frequent 582 bus service linking Gordon Station to the Yarrabung Road Schools Precinct**
- Another service not listed above (please give the operator, bus number and route if possible)**



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**\* 8. If the 591 service is extended to include a St Ives High loop *before* St Ives Shops, which bus stop would you be most likely to use?**

Please tick one.

The stops below are listed in order of travel from Hornsby to St Ives in two columns (move down column one then across)

If you would like to see an existing route map, [click here](#)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hornsby Station, Stand A                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Junction Rd at Wahroonga Av                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Edgeworth David Av opp Hornsby Girls High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Junction Rd before Eastern Rd                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Willow Park Community Centre, Edgeworth David Av | <input type="checkbox"/> Kintore St at Eastern Rd                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Edgeworth David Av opp Waitara Public School     | <input type="checkbox"/> Claude Cameron Grove Park, Kintore St                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Edgeworth David Av opp Ingalara Av               | <input type="checkbox"/> Burns Rd after Finchley Pl                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junction Rd before Darri Av                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Burns Rd at McRae Pl                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junction Rd at Grosvenor St                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Killeaton St opp St Ives Bowling And Recreation Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junction Rd after Grosvenor St                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Killeaton St at Kenthurst Rd                         |



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**9. Would you use the 591 bus service at weekends?**

The 591 bus service does not currently run on Saturday or Sunday. If this service was extended to include a St Ives High school loop, would you use this service on weekends, assuming it ran to the same hourly weekday timetable commencing at 7 am?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure (please comment)



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**10. Do you have any comments you would like to share about public transport options between Hornsby and St Ives and around St Ives in general?**

Please type your comments in the box below



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11. Which age group are you in?

- 17-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75 and over





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12. If you would like to receive campaign updates please supply your name and an email address below:

If you would like to contact our campaign team [click here](#)

Name

Email Address

**Thank you for taking part!**

The information you have supplied will only be used for the purposes of our campaign. **Our survey and petition will close on Sunday 13th June 2021 at 10.00 am.** We will be presenting our petition for improved public transport to Yarrabung Road, St Ives along with the survey data report to:

### **The Minister for Roads and Transport, The Hon Andrew Constance:**

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### **State MPs**

**Matt Kean** Minister for Energy & Environment, Member for Hornsby , Facebook: @mattkeanMP

**Alister Henskens** Member for Ku-ring-gai, Facebook: @AlisterHenskensMP

**Jonathan O'Dea** Member for Davidson, Facebook: @jonathancodeamp

### **Local Government:**

#### **Hornsby Shire Council:**

Mayor **The Honourable Philip Ruddock AO**

General Manager - **Steven Head**

Deputy General Manager and Infrastructure and Major Projects Director - **Robert Stephens**

Ward C, **Cllr Michael Hutchence**, Chair Local Traffic Committee

[Click here the Hornsby Shire Councillors contact list](#)

#### **Ku-ring-gai Council:**

Mayor, **Jennifer Anderson**

Director Operations, **George Bounassif**

Manager Urban & Heritage Planning, **Andrew Watson**

Manager Traffic and Transport, **Deva Theva**