

## Transport and Traffic —SIHS Families

*Late buses after school or students unable to be on first buses results in missing the connecting Asquith train and arriving home half hour later. This reduces time for physical activity and homework or results in missed after school appointments. One of my boys started running from school to the train station to guarantee that he could make the first connecting train.*  
**Caroline, Asquith**

*Getting home from school on a normal day is ridiculous. The desperate rush to get on the first crowded buses to catch a train that is half an hour after the bell is bad enough but the fact **there is no guarantee students can get to a train that is an entire 30min after the bell is absurd.** The next train is 30 min later, so getting on a train an hour after the end of school is quite ridiculous. **It impacts other after hours activities like sport, music and homework time.** Significant disadvantage to students who have to rely on public transport.*  
**Lisa, Asquith**



*Since starting high school Jessica has had to stop all afternoon sporting commitments as **her arrival time is unknown and commuting time does not allow for activities and homework obligations.***  
**Jill, Asquith**

*Very limited before and after school transport options results in our children not being able to participate in these school run activities unless we drive them which is not always an option. **It comes across as very unequal or even elitist that the school offers before and after school activities, however, only the kids that live local or kids with parents that are able to drive them can access these opportunities.***  
**Caroline, Asquith**

*The last [train] timetable change gave the students who travel beyond Hornsby Station one earlier train (15:45), but then there is a 30 minute gap until the next train to Berowra. **The infrequency of trains travelling beyond Hornsby in the afternoon means unacceptably long journeys home for students who miss the 15:45 train.***  
**Liz, Asquith**

*Getting to school is generally good. However it is still too long and difficult for before school activities. **There need do be more buses from school to Gordon and they absolutely need to be on time. There also need to be more train options from Gordon to Asquith station. At the moment the kids get stuck waiting at Hornsby for long periods if they miss the first train. Additional reliable options would enable the kids to consider after school activities.***  
**Sandie, Hornsby**

*After school activities are prohibitive for us as there is no way to get home. Before school opportunities are possible for us because we can drop off on the way to work but if one parent has business travel or other commitments it's too difficult.*  
**Lisa, Asquith**

*Child doesn't participate in afternoon after school activities anymore as his time is consumed with returning home - can only commit to after 5pm appointments to ensure on time.*  
**Melinda, Asquith**

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For my son I have concerns about him being a pedestrian around the school, the **overcrowding associated with catching the bus and the lack of direct bus route to area.**

There should be traffic control to monitor driver and pedestrian behaviour that is concerning and the **council should provide more bus services to alleviate the overcrowding associated with catching the bus and ideally improve the bus routes to include greater area.**

Tracey, St Ives

**The bus timetable does not synchronise adequately with the start and finish of school.** Either there is one bus on the timetable that is too early or the other bus on the timetable that should take them to school just on time is frequently late, meaning he will be late for school. I end up driving him to school everyday. Heather, St Ives

**Infrequent buses, so needs to get to school quite early to ensure not late.**  
Stephanie, St Ives



[I would like to see a] **better Bus timetable to synchronise with start and finish of school.**

[I would like to see]

**Better crossing options for Hunter/Eastern Arterial.**

**Better crossing options for Yarrabung**

**An additional bus** - they currently use the 194 (or similar route) -service in the morning would be good.

**More regular rangers/police would be good.**

Sarah, St Ives

**There is no school bus stop near our house. At the nearest school bus stop buses usually don't stop, even if my son is standing there and signals.** Some mornings none of them stop so my son has to walk to school and gets there late. On the way home we have the same problem: buses don't stop at the station near our house, even though my son signals. **He has to go all the way to Gordon station and come back from there with another bus. He also has to wait a lot because kids who live further have priority.** Zsanette, Pymble

**1. Not enough buses to and from Gordon for students in the morning and afternoon.** ...difficulty getting on the bus. For those who **live past Hornsby the trains are less frequent** ... This makes for very **crowded buses**..... ..I think there would now be a lot more students given the increased number of dwellings in Asquith/Mt Colah.

**2. Not frequent enough buses for different start/finish times, e.g early classes, .. timetabled gaps.** To complete Extension Maths, we drive them to school 2 mornings a week. **There used to be a city bus at the right time for them to get to morning classes but this timetable was changed. [H594].**

**3. Environmental cost:** We have bought an extra family car exclusively for our children to drive to early classes at St Ives, and to exams that occur in the middle of the day, and travel home on days where their timetable finishes classes in the middle of the day.

Amy, Mount Colah.

We are 50-100m out of the free bus area so we have to drive every day. **It's not worth the time delays catching a bus when you can drive at the right time.**  
Jenni, Gordon

[I would like to see] **More reliable and functional bus services and Improved traffic management**

## Student Traspports Issues—SIHS Families

*..he does not qualify for a "push pass" he is relegated to the back of the line. As a result, if there is a missing bus he has had to wait There has been a situation, multiple times, on the early finish Tuesday, when he should be home by 4pm when I have his maths tutor scheduled to find me frantically wondering where he is .....The lack of adequate public transport means that they do not have equality in their ability to attend anything before or after school.....At the moment, there is no way my son will attend the "after the bell" homework session or any after school activity. There are simply not enough buses to guarantee that he can get home*

**SIHS Parent, Hornsby:**

*Bus from Gordon to SIHS - we require a teacher to be waiting at Gordon to ensure the bus WAITS for the students coming off the train. The bus should wait automatically.*

**SIHS Parent, Asquith**

*Sometimes the buses to school from the train station leave before the train gets there and on occasion he has had to walk (and often run to get to school on time) the some 3kms to school with a very heavy backpack*

**SIHS Parent, Asquith**

*There is no bus service on a Tuesday afternoon when school finishes at 2.15 pm. Since there is no available study space for after school at that time the children have to wait at the bus stop for the regular bus until 3.20pm. For that reason I usually try to pick them up by car.*

**SIHS Parent, Ingleside**



*If my child misses the school bus in the afternoon he gets home very late well after 4.30 and is then late for after school activities. The length of time that it takes him to get to school and get home is too long considering the distance from our home to the school is not that great and it is our "in area" school. By the time the children get home they are so tired that it is difficult to get them motivated to do any homework.*

**SIHS Parent, Asquith**

*There is zero bus transport options on Tuesday due to early end of day..... . This makes it incredibly difficult for working parents to coordinate pick-up and the walk home is long and unsafe due to the lack of sidewalks in St Ives*

**SIHS Parent , St Ives:**

*My only issue is on a Tuesday afternoon, when school finishes early. There are no buses to St Ives Chase until the regular school finish time of 3:15pm. The kids either have to walk to another bus stop, catch the 194, (which is way too overcrowded with the amount of kids trying to get home) and walk the rest of the way home, or I have to pick them up.*

**SIHS Parent, St Ives Chase**

*Insufficient buses leaving the school to make the 3.45 train from Gordon. My daughter Jessica, must run from her classroom every day to give herself the best chance of catching an early bus. She is unable to go to her locker or the bathroom , as even though she has a priority push pass to access the first buses, delay will mean missing the bus due to the volume of kids to buses, and missing the connecting train. Often buses are not waiting at the end of school, leading to a build up of children. Usually 3 buses make it to the connecting train, but not always.*

**SIHS Parent, Asquith**

*Integration of bus with Gordon station is horrific. Off peak is non existent.  
St Ives Resident—Memorial Ave*

*There is significant need for public transport or dedicated school buses to reduce car numbers. Better bus service to the train line, particularly to Gordon Station is definitely required. Lengthening the school day by having earlier start times and later finish times to all for after school activities would help to even out traffic flows.  
St Ives Resident—Athena Avenue*

*Agree that we need more buses around the area to service the schools (and KU preschool next to barra Brui oval) and to the city.  
St Ives Resident—Rosedale Road*

*Bus routes must be regularly reviewed to meet the needs. Students also travel to Killara HS using shared buses  
St Ives Resident—Lancaster Avenue*



*We need a more frequent bus service  
St Ives Resident -Rosedale Road*

*We live in walking distance to the school so my concerns are more about safe pedestrian access but as the school has a large catchment area I believe public transport for those travelling longer distances should be improved as this will also improve traffic congestion.*

*St Ives Resident—Eastern Arterial Road*

*194 to the city is very good. I think we need other buses to go to other areas such as Chatswood. The 582 is a disgrace. School kids have to take that and end up waiting around for 30 minutes at Gordon for it to arrive. And then it takes 30+ minutes to do what requires 10 minutes in a car. It needs to cater to other people not just retirees who have all the time in the world.*

*St Ives Resident—Melaleuca Drive*

*Public bus services are already being cut- so many of the children who catch buses into gordon, roseville and beyond are taking all seats and there is no provision for the general public. It's not the kids' fault, it's the dwindling number of buses available, especially at the peak hours and bearing in mind there is no hope of social distancing (many kids don't do that anyway)*

*St Ives Resident—Melaleuca Drive*

*Public transport only works if parents CAN'T drop there kids near the school. If they can then parents don't bother with public transport. So make the surrounding streets no stopping and clear ways.*

*St Ives Resident—Barra Brui Crescent*

## Public Transport—Local Resident Comments



## Traffic—Local Resident Comments

Waterhouse Avenue at the junction with Yarrabung. During school hours cars **park both sides creating a narrow funnel**. Particularly noticeable are the number of p plates as the year goes on. I have seen the **bus struggling to pass** on a number of occasions. When entering Waterhouse from Yarrabung **vision is obstructed so it is impossible to see vehicles entering the funnel from the other end**. Sometimes it becomes necessary to **reverse back out of Waterhouse Avenue**. Waterhouse **onto Yarrabung** to allow a less manoeuvrable vehicle to pass, which is quite dangerous. There is also **no pavement**, adding walkers and pedestrians to the mix. I suggest parking is restricted to one side of Waterhouse for at least 50 metres from the intersection. There is plenty of parking further down the street so should not be a trouble to those young year 12 legs!

St Ives Resident—Waterhouse Avenue

The parking and congestion in Horace Road and Amesbury Avenue are severe ....

Local Resident -Alvona Avenue

The top of Kelvin Road is an absolute bottle-neck at peak school times, with cars trying to turn in to Yarrabung. Equally, if not worse (and this is probably more related to the Primary School) the cars parked on both sides of Yarrabung, as it dips sharply down towards Melaluca, means that cars going in both directions cant pass each other. The top end of Torokina, towards Horace is near impossible to drive down if there is a bus coming up.

Kelvin Road

I would like to see traffic lights at the corner of Hunter Ave and Eastern Arterial. The traffic is dreadful and the poor students have no where to cross if they live South of Hunter Ave or West of Hunter Ave.

St Ives Resident—Hunter Avenue



They need to make Horace street a clearway, in front of the school, and make all drop offs', parking and buses etc go round to Yarrabung. They may need to upgrade the drop off zones and entry ways, in Yarrbung, to accomadate this. They also need to police the no parking areas, from earlier in the morning and actually fine a few people. I've seen people drop off their children by parking in front of the crossing ( blocking the view ), then leave the car and walk the child in. ( apparently putting your hazards on must make it safe and allow you to do this? ) I would put fencing down the street with a gap for the crossing. This would make it difficult for people to cross in the wrong areas. It would also make people find a proper drop off area.

Local Resident—Chapala Close

Traffic is often at a standstill on Yarrabung, while **parents stop, sometimes two abreast, to drop off their children**. There is almost always **parking on the rising (blind) bend at Yarrabung just before Torokina** which forces cars into the middle-seen quite a few near misses there, and **children dashing across the road there too**

Local Resident—Melaleuca Drive

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Local Resident—Kelvin Road

## Northern Draw Primary P&C Petition for Improved Student Transport to St Ives High

*It is critical to ensure that the infrastructure is in place to support the safe transportation to and from the school within the school intake area. This is more important given the mandate that children are supposed to attend their area mandated high school.*  
Jenny—Asquith PS

*With a lack of a co-Ed public high school in close vicinity it is vital that students have effective, accessible and integrated transport options to their designated co-Ed high school.*  
Josephine—Asquith PS

*Travelling to our catchment high school should be convenient and safe. Allowing our kids to take part in all the extra curricula activities that the school offers should not be discouraged because of lack of convenient transport options.*  
Melissa—Mt Ku-ring-gai PS



*Think about how many cars that will be off the road if better public transport is available*  
Phoebe—Asquith PS

*My son starts high school in 2022. It is such a shame that such a great school is so difficult to access, when it is our catchment high school!*  
Belinda—Mt Ku-ring-gai PS

*I understand St Ives High is a great school and better transport options would make it much more likely we would choose it as an option for both our children.* Ashley -Asquith PS

*I personally think this one is essential: The re-introduction of the 594H direct bus service from Hornsby Station to St Ives High School (cancelled a year ago), and/or, an extension of the existing 591 service between Hornsby and St Ives to include St Ives High before terminating at St Ives Shops.*  
Jack—Waitara PS

*If we don't get better transport, next year my son should be spending over 2.5 hours a day travelling. This is our local public school, in the biggest city in Australia. To save time, I am planing to tell my 12 year old, to ride his scooter unsupervised from our house to the 591 bus and from St Ives shops to the school (about 6km a day). If private schools can use government funding to pick up students from all over the city, surely our public transport system can work with our public schools to effectively and safely transport our school students. Given the large number of students at many of the primary schools in the area, this problem is going to get worse and affect more people and it is time to fix it. If he can save 1.5 hours a day – that's a full workday every week. Imagine what he could achieve with that time.*  
Emma—Waitara PS

*My children are starting at St Ives next year and it's disappointing that the bus and train services don't align more readily to allow the children on the Upper North Shore to make their journey home in a more efficient manner. Between buses arriving after trains have left and trains that don't stop at all stations they are left to wait for connecting transport.* Lisa -Mount Colah

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*Students need to be able to independently make their way to and from Asquith, Mt Colah and surrounding suburbs to their local co-educational public high school, St Ives High School, using a combination of bus and train services that cater for normal school hours plus extracurricular activities. The timetables should be integrated in a sensible way so children are not left waiting at public transport stops. I fully support increased services so the children in my son's primary school class can all safely attend this high school when they are older.* Stephanie—Asquith PS

*High quality public transit for school children would go a long way to reducing pressure on our local roads network, in addition to improving the quality of life for many of the families with children at St Ives.* Aaron, Hornsby North PS



*There needs to be a school bus service designated to service the catchment area of mount ku-ring-gai, mount Colah, asquith and waiters. St Ives is the co-ed high school and appropriate transport should be available for students to access their school in the safest most direct way. At the very least the hornsby station to St Ives high school bus should reinstated.* Lisa—Mount Colah PS

*Yes have already written a letter to Matt Kean he did respond and assure me that he was going to keep up the fight for transport issues!! Well that was 2 years ago?!* Toni—Asquith PS

*Supporting school kids in getting to and from their local school as efficiently and safely as possible is an important way to support them in getting the most out of their high school experience. Let's not let them down by making transport hard when it can be easier.* Lara—Asquith PS

*St Ives HS is such an amazing school. To allow their students to reach their potential it is vital to minimise their commute. Travel times of 2 or more hours per day, for a local school is unacceptable. Out of hours activities are cut and time for homework is reduced.* Craig—Hornsby North PS

*More frequent services during school travel times is a must. Been an issue for years Especially for train services from Hornsby - Berowra and the stops in between* Megan—Asquith PS

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*When Barker Collage can run a bus to Avalon paid for with government transport funding, St Ives high school should have a bus to and from Hornsby station and coordinated trains Eliza—Waitara PS*

*Lack of dedicated buses makes me nervous on how my son will cope starting year 7 next year. The time taken to travel to and from school due to lack of transport options is a real concern. Ruth—Asquith PS*

*My older son attends St Ives High school and suffers greatly as a result of the poor public transport system to and from Asquith and St Ives High. As a result, he does not partake in after school activities due to the poor network and time taken. If public transport improves, it will benefit my son socially, and will improve his options to further his education and extra curricular activities. We'd like to see the improvements implemented before our daughter completes primary school and commences attending high school Chris—Hornsby North PS*

*Preference for direct bus services from Hornsby Station to St Ives High School from 7am to 9am and direct bus services from St Ives High School to Hornsby Station from 3.15pm to 6pm Monday's to Friday's during school term. May— Hornsby North PS*



## St Ives Public School – Traffic & Pedestrian Survey

*KMC's map shows a bus route servicing our area but I cannot see that this is the case from checking Forest and Transdev bus timetables. We live on the St Ives end of Rosedale Road near Boutou & Vista, Pymble. I would be happy to have my daughter use the bus if there was a bus route servicing our area for SIPS*

*Regular bus services to and from Gordon station would make me less likely to drive my kids to school and more likely to walk them there before catching the bus.*



*I believe the free loop small bus for each zone can help to pickup and drop from home.*

*School should provide parking for visitors and offer better drop off and pick up times to collect children. **Public transport needs to be more regular with on site bus stop to minimise congestion.***

*The 194 public bus service has recently been improved and has a lot more buses running all day. This helps a lot with overcrowding particularly in the mornings.*

*However the school buses on the way home are still very crowded. The 245 is grossly overcrowded and needs at least one more bus to service the number of students who catch it. It is a fight for students to get on it and very intimidating for primary school students who need to catch this bus with high school kids.*

*I would like my children to ride their bikes to school as it is too far to walk. However, I don't believe it is safe for them to do this as there are too many people doing the wrong thing every day. I'm not prepared to take that risk. I believe there should be more presence from council or the police to help deter speeding, illegal u-turns, stopping in no stopping zones etc. **Once Covid settles down more I'll be happy for my children to catch the bus again however the over-crowding on the afternoon buses is a big concern and needs to be addressed.** Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns. My youngest child who is in year 6 will attend St Ives High next year so my concerns expressed here will remain valid for some time to come.*

*Morning service is often late. My daughter often walks rather than be late.*

*[We need a] More frequent and reliable [bus] service, specifically for school students during school arrival/ departure times..*

*The congestion is FAR worse since COVID as many parents are hesitant to send their children to school on public transport.*