



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

### Memorial Service for Sanad:

Thank you to our whole St Lucy's community of families and others from the wider community for attending the Memorial Service for Sanad Shahriar last week where we came together in solidarity and loss. Over 200 people attended and some came from interstate. We had many notes of support and remembrance from those who were not able to attend, reminding us that they were praying for Sanad's family as well as the school.

It was an opportunity to pray for Sanad's family. To give thanks for our own first responders on staff who were quickly joined by the emergency services that afternoon.

We continue to be so grateful for the support of so many in the days that have followed.

Although a sad time, it was also an opportunity to reflect on the joy that Sanad brought to our school and remember him as a kind, cheeky, vivacious, clever and beautiful boy. We continue to pray for his family at this time and ask God to help relieve their sorrow.

### Opportunities for Engaged Learning:

As we have begun to return to more normal activities, it is pleasing to report on the great opportunities for engaged learning that have been taking place through the year, two examples of which follow.

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Phonics and Writing: These classes have been working on phonics and writing skills. In Camellia Class students have been learning about letter-sounds and building Consonant, Vowel, Consonant words. In Magnolia class, students have been working on a range of writing skills including practising letter formation for name writing, organising ideas for news writing and formulating an opinion. Both stages use a range of ways to help students engage with their learning, including the use of hands-on materials, technology and pen and paper.



24 November 2023

ST LUCY'S SCHOOL

RAFFLE!

Scan the QR Code  
to purchase tickets



LESS THAN 3 WEEKS  
TO GO.. DON'T MISS OUT!

**Monday 27th November**  
Last day for canteen 2023

**Tuesday 28th November**  
Rainbow Obstacle Course

**Friday 1 December**  
Year 6 Graduation Ceremony

**Friday 8 December**  
Final Assembly 10.00am

**Tuesday 12 December**  
Carols Concert/last day of Term



### Robotics and PLC Pymble

Robotics also occurred this week. Once again, our students thrived in this technology space and built great collaborations with their mainstream visitors. The engagement and shared learning was so wonderful to observe.

Over the past 3 terms, a small group of our Stage 3 students have been working closely with a Stage 3 group of PLC students on Robotics. Each week the girls came and taught a new skill to our students, who mastered them in minutes. At the same time, we taught the PLC girls how to Key Word Sign (KWS) and use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) to communicate with their peers.

As staff, we learned so many things – the biggest was that when we use technology there are NO BARRIERS for our students.

Some of the favourite activities were: designing catapults on the DASH Robots to fling ping pong balls; using Lego to design fork-lifts for the DASH robots; and designing obstacle courses for the Robots to move through.

Ms Grimmond, our Head of Curriculum and Pedagogy K-6 said *“This Robotics was some of the deepest connection to mainstream students as well as to deep learning I have seen in my career with 100% engagement. The PLC girls presented their learnings to their junior school and it was the friendships made that they valued most of all. We have big plans for this program and can’t wait to share more with you.”*

### Combined Arts with Abbotsleigh

This week included a final visit for 2023 from our Combined Arts partners from Abbotsleigh School. We have been delighted to have this important program back on the school calendar after a 3-year hiatus due to Covid-19. Over several months, St Lucy’s and Abbotsleigh students created artworks and Dance choreography together during a series of workshops designed to offer a shoulder-to-shoulder experience. Students had the opportunity to forge connections that we hope will make a long-lasting impact on all who participated.

### Men’s Night at St Lucy’s:

We had a very enthusiastic group of 20 dads and grandparents attend the school from St Lucy’s and St Edmunds last night. Anna Schwarz, our former school psychologist presented on the topic of Building Resilience and Coping Skills for Challenging Times. Thanks to Warren Hopley for organising this event.

### The Veritas Lift Repairs:

It is important for parents to be aware that SafeWork has an obligation to return the Veritas lift to safe working order. I want parents to be reassured that the school will not be using the lift this year even when it is handed back to us and certified as safe and ready for use. The lift will continue to be hoarded up until at least the start of next year.

David Raphael  
Principal





## COVID PROCEDURES

We continue to ask parents to be especially vigilant about Covid as we come to the end of the term. If your child is displaying any cold/flu symptoms, regardless of if they're testing negative to Covid, they need to remain at home until symptom free to break the cycle of illnesses being spread. Our current school policy remains that if your child tests positive to Covid they must isolate for 7 days and return a negative RAT on day 6 in order to return after 7 days. If someone in your household tests positive, then your child is deemed a close contact and must isolate for 5 days and return a negative RAT prior to returning to school.

Kathleen Walsh

First Aid and Medication Administrator



We warmly invite you to join us for Christmas Carols on the Oval.

Tuesday 12 December 2023 • 10.30am doors open • 11.00am Christmas Carols commence

21 Cleveland Street, Wahroonga

At the conclusion of the event, parents may collect their child.

**Strictly 2 adults per St Lucy's Student. RSVP 8th December 2023**

<https://www.trybooking.com/CNNMP>





# HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Last Friday night, Year 10 attended their end-of-year V.I.P formal here at school. Attending with their families and close friends, our students all dressed to impress for this magical and star-studded event. Everyone enjoyed a delicious sit-down dinner, posed for photos in front of the student-decorated photo wall, and then danced the night away to some of the latest hits as well as some favourite classics.

All our students were absolute stars, and it was so wonderful to see them experience this special occasion.

A big thank you must go out to Karuka in Year 9 and Immy Leon, for giving up their time to be the official photographers of the night. Also, a big thank you to Domino's for our pizzas and to My Little Cupcake in Neutral Bay for supplying our amazing cupcakes for dessert.



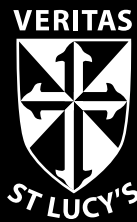


# HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Karuka is currently enrolled in the Certificate I in Workplace Skills and as an aspiring photographer, she was given the opportunity to complete some work experience as a photographer at the Year 10 Formal. She was mentored by Immy, our Workplace Teacher's Aide who is also a photographer outside of the workplace. She was guided by Immy on composition but quickly grasped this and was able to demonstrate her creative flair independently. Karuka used a digital camera to capture the many memories you see below.







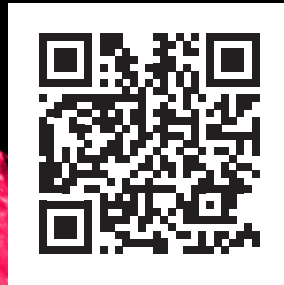
# RAINBOW OBSTACLE COURSE!

## Tuesday 28 November 2023

Support your child by sponsoring them in this fundraising event to raise funds for Mathematics Resource Kits.

Sponsoring your child can be done via Give Now or scan the QR code

<https://givenow.com.au/stlucys>



Please register your child on The Parent Lounge:

<https://stlucys.nsw.tass.cloud/parentlounge/>

Students to bring a white t-shirt on the day

**\$10  
Admission Fee  
INCLUDES:**



**\$10 Admission Fee** (to be paid via <https://stlucys.nsw.tass.cloud/parentlounge/>) includes entry, chalk, protective glasses and a hot dog for lunch. Those students that don't eat hot dogs are to bring their own lunch on the day.

**PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR CLASS SESSION TIMES**

Our Work Education students in Years 9 and 10 are excited to be helping host our 'Rainbow Obstacle Course' day this year. Students will participate in a variety of ways such as helping the PDHPE team set up the obstacle course, supporting the students in primary school as they complete the course, forming a cheering squad, helping to squirt the coloured powder as the students move through each coloured station and helping to clean up the oval at the end of the event. This is a great opportunity for our students to understand 'volunteering' as an unpaid work option.



# RAINBOW OBSTACLE COURSE!

## Tuesday 28 November 2023

### SESSION TIMES

Class Name	Time Slot
<b>First Session Parents arrive - 9:10am</b>	
Azalea, Camellia, Cosmos Frangipani, Jasmine, Magnolia	9:25 – 10:00
Aconite, Bluebell, Buttercup Peony, Violet	10:00 – 10:30
<b>First Session Parents leave – 10:30am</b>	
<b>Second Session Parents arrive 10:45am</b>	
Firethorn, Freesia, Sunflower	11:00 – 11:30
Lotus, Orchid, Tulip	11:30 – 12:00
<b>Second Session Parents leave – 12:00pm</b>	
<b>Third Session parents arrive – 12:30</b>	
Clover, Gardenia, Grevillea	12:45 – 13:15
Anemone, Aster, Iris	13:15 – 13:45
Acacia, Marigold, Waratah, Zinnia	13:45 – 14:15
<b>Third Session parents leave – 14:15</b>	

#### IMPORTANT NOTES

- Parents enter via Gallery entrance.
- Parents arrive 15 minutes prior to each session starts and leave only once session is finished and all classes are off the oval.
- Once session starts gates will be locked and no visitors will be allowed to enter the oval.
- Parents are welcome to 'run' the course with your child.
- Students can run the course more than once as the course is shorter due to building works.
- A hot dog will be provided to all students during their break.

With thanks to St Vincent de Paul Society for sponsoring this event.





## SUNFLOWER CLASS EXCURSION TO SYDNEY ZOO

Sunflower class visited Sydney Zoo on Monday. We had lots of fun seeing the animals. Our favourites were the crocodile and the sharks!



## RECENT REUNION WITH PAST STUDENTS FROM 2015

Young students who were in Year 5/6 at St Lucy's in 2014/2015 gathered together on Saturday 18 November. We shared many memories of the past and we listened to stories of what each young graduate is currently doing. A special time was had by all!

Next time we meet, these young students will be turning 21! Congratulations young men and women you shone at St Lucy's and continue to shine in the community.

**Vivienne Gold, Classroom Teacher**







## STAR OF THE WEEK PRIMARY AWARDS



### STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 6)

Aconite	Josiah Wormald	Grevillea	Corey Beadman
Azalea	Ruby Daddia	Jasmine	Jade Merrett
Bluebell	Elliot Dinsdale	Lotus	Cruz Candelori
Buttercup	Jamie Hunter	Magnolia	Xavier Adams
Camellia	Natalie Eng	Orchid	Ethan Mbereko
Cosmos	Caleb Frizelle	Peony	Talha Tanzeel
Firethorn	Tyler Witton-Smith	Sunflower	Kaitlin Sinnott
Frangipani	Austin Cameron	Tulip	Gabriel Cheah
Freesia	Rosie Heath	Violet	Izzy McDonald

### STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 7)

Aconite	Naomi Baumgartner	Grevillea	Max Macgugan
Azalea	Leo Donath-Hale	Jasmine	Isabel Jefferson
Bluebell	Sawyer Langan-Stark	Lotus	Luke Donaldson
Buttercup	Stella Shen	Magnolia	Xavier Adams
Camellia	Billy Garrod	Orchid	Edward Price
Cosmos	Xavier Thorpe	Peony	Lucas Cheung
Firethorn	Julian Mrvica	Sunflower	Chloe Elder
Frangipani	Daisy Bradbury	Tulip	Sophia Dixon
Freesia	Daniel Shim	Violet	Claudia McWilliam



## HIGH SCHOOL MERIT AWARDS



### MERIT AWARDS WEEK 6

Acacia	Christian Ding	Iris	Sofia Shepherd
Anemone	Oliver Zawodny	Marigold	Hugh Weschler
Aster	Joshua Lawrence-Slater	Waratah	Gidon Budai
Clover	Noel Ansulam & Tayla Tobin	Zinnia	Patrick Sweeney
Gardenia	Charli Dimmick		

### MERIT AWARDS WEEK 7

Acacia	Maggie Noonan	Iris	Sofia Shepherd
Anemone	Hugo Le Roy	Marigold	Joshua Gill & Oscar Hay
Aster	Tiarnan Malone	Waratah	Michelle Law
Clover	Austin Sproats	Zinnia	Livia Maltby
Gardenia	Gavin Hunter		



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE



As you would be aware, each year at Easter we have a special fundraising project called Project Compassion. This annual event is coordinated by Caritas – The Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development.

As the situation in Gaza continues to deteriorate, Caritas Australia is continuing to respond, and have asked schools to share information about the ways the Australia community can support this vital humanitarian work. We would appreciate your support in sharing the information below.

## 1. Service of Solidarity (Webinar) – Next Monday 27 November 2023 at 4:30 pm AEDT

An opportunity to come together in love, prayer and support as we share messages of hope. Hear from Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Sally Thomas (Caritas Australia's Humanitarian Lead) and Michael McGirr (Caritas Australia's Mission Facilitator).

### Monday 27 November • 4:30 to 5:00 pm AEDT

Everyone is welcome.

Please register in advance for this webinar:

[https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg6lZg](https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg6lZg)

(After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.)

## 2. Ceasefire Petition - Stop the humanitarian crisis in Gaza

Every day in Gaza, more people are being killed. People are suffering without access to aid, proper healthcare and humanitarian assistance. A path to peace and justice for all must be prioritised. Human dignity must be upheld, and human suffering must stop. Join the call to Foreign Minister Penny Wong for an immediate ceasefire and increase humanitarian assistance in Gaza.

Learn more and sign the petition at: <https://www.caritas.org.au/act/ceasefire-now/>

## 3. Gaza Crisis Appeal

The sudden escalation of hostilities in Israel and Gaza since 7 October has seen unimaginable impacts for the people affected by this conflict. The human toll has been devastating with over 12,000 deaths across Israel and Palestine. Around 1.5 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

With your compassionate generosity, we can support our partners and their local networks on the ground to provide emergency support to people displaced and affected by the hostilities. This vital support will help families meet basic needs and cope with trauma.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413



## Service of Solidarity with Gaza and the Holy Land

Let us come together in love, prayer and support as we share messages of hope.

The Australian Catholic Bishops have said: 'Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.'

4:30 to 5:00 pm AEDT  
Monday November 27, 2023

Everyone is welcome.

[Register here](#)



## GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the conflict.



**DONATE NOW**  
[www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza)  
1800 024 413





# ST LUCY'S SCHOOL

## RAFFLE!

### 9 FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON!

Please support St Lucy's School by purchasing tickets in our 2023 raffle. The aim of the raffle is to raise funds for our Central Coast Bus.



#### 1ST PRIZE PALM BEACH 2 NIGHT STAY



INCLUDES \$100 voucher at the Boathouse Group

Two nights' accommodation for 10 guests in a 5 bedroom stunning house that is 400m to beach. **Valued at \$2600!**

#### 2ND PRIZE 2 NIGHT STAY IN MANLY



Includes \$500 cash to spend

Two nights' accommodation in a 1 bedroom Harbour View Apartment at Quest Manly PLUS \$500 cash. **Valued at \$1675!**

#### 3RD PRIZE LADIES RELAXATION PACKAGE



A stunning collection of Palm Beach Collection products, 2 sets of Embedded blooms coasters and other pamper items. **Valued at \$500**

#### 4TH PRIZE F1 DRIVING EXPERIENCE



Anglo Racing Academy 2 X 2 seater F1 driving experience. **Valued at \$438!**

#### 5TH PRIZE \$200 VOUCHER



\$200 garden and homewares voucher. **Valued at \$200!**

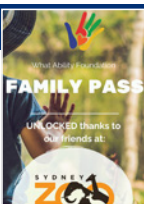
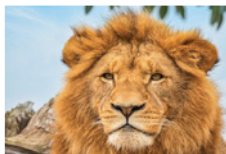
#### 6TH PRIZE \$200 HUGOS MANLY VOUCHER



#### 7TH PRIZE | SYDNEY ZOO FAMILY PASS

Sydney Zoo family pass (4 tickets: 2 adults & 2 children).

**Valued at \$185!**



#### 8TH PRIZE | LEGO CITY

Box of Lego to be sure to keep a 7-12 year old busy!

**Valued at \$140**



#### 9TH PRIZE | VOUCHER

Butcher's Block Wahroonga dining voucher

**Valued at \$100**



**1 Ticket for \$10 | 3 Tickets for \$25 | 10 tickets for \$75 | 15 tickets for \$100**

Please visit: [rafflelink.com.au/stlucysraffle2023](https://rafflelink.com.au/stlucysraffle2023) or scan the QR code to purchase your tickets. Drawn on 12th December 2023 at 11am.





## MUMS NIGHT

**When:** Thursday November 30, 2023  
6.30pm – 8.30pm

**Where:** St Lucy's School, 21 Cleveland Street, Wahroonga

**RSVP:** Monday November 27, 2023

**Dani FitzGibbon**

(P&F President) 0416 464 413

**Justine Spurrs**

(Family Support Worker) 0456 681 710



## SAHARA SERVICES WE CARE WITH PASSION SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

JAN 2024

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### Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre

Get ready to dive into a splatstastic school holiday at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

Time: 09:00 - 15:30  
Activity Cost: \$17.00 + \*BYO Lunch/Money (\*bring your own)

09

### Bowling at Holey Moley Castle Towers

Bowling off the school holidays with fun and laughter at Holey Moley in Castle Towers.

Time: 09:00 - 15:30  
Activity Cost: \$20.00 + \*BYO Lunch/Money (\*bring your own)

10

### Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden

Explore the garden and participate in a nature scavenger hunt.

Time: 09:00 - 15:30  
Activity Cost: \$15.00 + \*BYO Lunch/Money (\*bring your own)

11

### Science Day at the Hub

Grow crystals or build volcanos with fun science experiments.

Time: 09:00 - 15:30  
Activity Cost: \$23.00 + \*BYO Lunch/Money (\*bring your own)

12

### Koala Park Visit

Get ready to spend your day cuddling koalas.

Time: 09:00 - 15:30  
Activity Cost: \$26.00 + \*BYO Lunch/Money (\*bring your own)

15

### Blaxland Riverside Park & Picnic

Get ready to spend your day cuddling koalas.

Time: 09:00 - 15:30  
Activity Cost: \$10.00 + \*BYO Lunch/Money (\*bring your own)

16

### The Rocks Discovery Museum

Learn the interesting story of The Rocks and enjoy interactive exhibits.

Time: 09:00 - 15:30  
Activity Cost: \$10.00 + \*BYO Lunch/Money (\*bring your own)

17

### Water Games at Fagan Park

Get your swimsuits, sunscreen, hats and water shoes ready, because we will have a blast at water park.

Time: 09:00 - 15:30  
Activity Cost: \$10.00 + \*BYO Lunch/Money (\*bring your own)

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### Clifton Gardens Reserve

We will enjoy our day at this gorgeous spot for a harbour swim and play at the beach. Bring your swimsuits, sunscreen, hats, water shoes.

Time: 09:00 - 15:30  
Activity Cost: \$10.00 + \*BYO Lunch/Money (\*bring your own)

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### Sydney Zoo

Explore Sydney Zoo which is home to over 4,000 animals, including awe-inspiring and endangered species from all around the world.

Time: 09:00 - 15:30  
Activity Cost: \$28.00 + \*BYO Lunch/Money (\*bring your own)

22

### Chinese Garden of Friendship & Tumbalong Park

Let's explore the beauty of the Chinese Garden of Friendship and have fun at Tumbalong Park.

Time: 09:00 - 15:30  
Activity Cost: \$18.00 + \*BYO Lunch/Money (\*bring your own)

23

### Parramatta Aquatic Centre

We will visit the newly opened Parramatta Aquatic Centre and explore the facility.

Time: 09:00 - 15:30  
Activity Cost: \$15.50 + \*BYO Lunch/Money (\*bring your own)

24

### Peak Pursuit Indoor Climbing Gym

Get your climbing shoes ready as we will enjoy Kungfu jumps, rope climbing, big drop slide and more.

Time: 09:00 - 15:30  
Activity Cost: \$33.00 + \*BYO Lunch/Money (\*bring your own)

25

### Arcade Games at Holey Moley

Spend the day playing fun arcade games and enjoy some friendly competition with your friends.

Time: 09:00 - 15:30  
Activity Cost: \$20.00 + \*BYO Lunch/Money (\*bring your own)

OR BOOKING CONTACT: SAHARA HEAD OFFICE • 0284060842, ENQUIRIES@SAHARASERVICES.COM.AU





**CMcare.**  
Disability Support Services  
Phone: 0488 266 551



CHARLIE H  
AT TREE TOPS  
ADVENTURE  
PARK!

**MUNCHKINS HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**FRIDAY 15th Dec**

CITY SLICKIN DAY

CBD 9AM-2PM



**TUESDAY 18th Dec**

BOWLING

DEE WHY 9AM-2PM



**WEDNESDAY 20th Dec**

JUMPD

BROOKVALE 9AM-2PM



**TUESDAY 9th Jan**

BEACH POOL SWIMMING

MANLY 9AM-2PM



**THURSDAY 11th Jan**

TREE TOPS ADVENTURE PARK

ST IVES 9AM-2PM

**SATURDAY 13th Jan**

AQUATIC CENTRE

RYDE 9AM-2PM



**TUESDAY 16th Jan**

BEACH POOL DAY

DEE WHY 9AM-2PM

**THURSDAY 18th Jan**

PUTT PUTT MINI GOLF

WARRIEWOOD 9AM-2PM



**SATURDAY 20th Jan**

KAYACKING/SWIM

NARRABEEN 9AM-2PM

**WEDNESDAY 24th Jan**

TRU NINJA PARK

PENRITH 9AM-2PM



**SATURDAY 27th Jan**

ARTS N CRAFTS

AVALON





1:1 Support  
Centre  
Based  
Program

**LUZ ALL ABILITIES  
2024**

*Programs*



- Early Intervention
- After School
- Weekend (Saturday / Sunday)
- School Holidays
- School Leavers (SLES)

**\*\* CHECK TRANSPORT AVAILABILITY  
FROM SCHOOL TO LUZ CENTRE\*\***

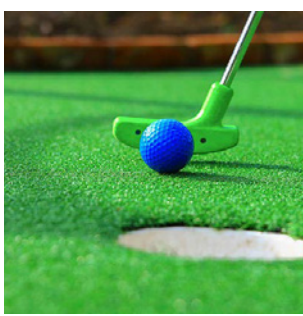

Find more information at  
[www.luzallabilities.com.au](http://www.luzallabilities.com.au)





Northern Beaches **AbilityOptions**

Please click here to view the Ability Options  
**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Contact Arpit on 0438 781 087

Disclaimer: While we are aware of and are happy to let you know about support services, we are not endorsing these services and cannot promise you that the services are suitable for your child or family's needs. It is up to you to make your own enquiries and decide whether a service is suitable for your child and your family.



## How it works

The Social Worker will discuss your public transport needs and plan the safest route with you. They travel with you as you learn a route, with repeat practice sessions, until you can travel independently with confidence. The service is personalised and flexible, helping you deal with any challenges. Our training methods and programs are tailored to suit your needs and learning styles.

## The cost

Living Skills Training is a NDIS provider, with Social Workers delivering travel training and skills development. Services are covered under the NDIS or can be self-funded.



## Living Skills Training

**Social Workers teaching travel training to teenagers and adults with disability.**

For bookings and more information, contact us:

**0427 082 392**

[www.livingskillstraining.com](http://www.livingskillstraining.com)

Email: [info@livingskillstraining.com](mailto:info@livingskillstraining.com)

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## Travel Training by Social Workers



## Living Skills Training

Public transport travel training experts

*Public transport made easy*

**0427 082 392**

[www.livingskillstraining.com](http://www.livingskillstraining.com)



NDIS Provider



## What is Travel Training?

Being able to travel safely on your own using public transport is an important life skill and gives people independence and the ability to get around in the community. Someone with a disability may need extra training and support to learn this skill. This is where travel training comes in.

If you want to catch public transport to get to school, post-school options, study, work or leisure activities, travel training will help you develop the confidence and skills to make it happen.

## You can learn about:

- catching trains, buses and ferries
- Opal cards and other ways to pay
- how to plan trips
- safe road crossings
- which services to catch
- where to get on and off
- accessible services
- travelling safely
- strategies to deal with emergencies
- what to do when things go wrong
- using public transport apps
- managing behavioural challenges



***"My son can now do the whole trip to work himself. He is confident travelling alone."***

– Mum of a young man with an intellectual disability



## About Us

Living Skills Training provides specialist travel training to teenagers and adults with disability, delivered by Social Work professionals. We have been delivering travel training since 2011 and have a high success rate with enabling people to travel independently. It is a Neurodiverse Affirming Service.

## Who is it for?

The service is based in Sydney. We assist teenagers and adults with autism, intellectual disability, anxiety, learning delays, mental health issues and mobility issues. It is for anyone who wants to travel confidently on public transport on their own. No referral is needed.

***"This has been wonderful for Robert! Thank you for giving him this opportunity to live an independent life."***

– Special Education Teacher of a student with autism

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# you're included

**igniting inclusion**  
04 december 2023

**achieve**  
australia

**What:** Join us for Igniting Inclusion, an evening of laughter of the Tim Ferguson kind, an art exhibition of the inclusive kind and action of the game changer kind about a breakthrough in disability employment.

**When:** 4 December 2023 from 6pm to celebrate International Day of People with Disability.

**Where:** CommBank Stadium Parramatta

**Tickets:** \$20  
[achieveaustralia.org.au](https://achieveaustralia.org.au)



**achieve**  
australia

**a night of laughter, art and action**

**igniting inclusion**  
04 december 2023

Igniting Inclusion is a celebration of creativity, commentary and change with something for everyone this International Day of People with Disability.

Top billing of the night is thought-provoking social and political satirist Tim Ferguson.

Tim uses his whip-smart mind and comedic mastery to bring a modern perspective as he navigates life from a wheelchair, thanks to his MS.

There will be more than 50 artworks from the 2023 Artful Art Prize on display, and you'll have the chance to meet some of the winning emerging artists, and even purchase some artworks for yourself.

You'll also hear from The Achieve Foundation who are working on an exciting and innovative project set to deliver 600 jobs in open employment for people with disability in the next 2 years and how you can get involved in this exciting initiative.

Canapes and drinks will be served and are included in ticket price.

Tickets are \$20 and are available to purchase on Eventbrite

**When:** 4 December 2023 from 6pm **Tickets:** \$20

**Where:** CommBank Stadium Parramatta

**Tickets:**  
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**laughter...**  
of the tim ferguson kind

**art...**  
of the inclusive kind

**action...**  
of the game-changer kind





### Program Enrolment Form

Bus Stop Films' Accessible Film Studies Program runs from February to December and enrolment is for the full year. Locations in Paramatta and Moore Park.

Please be aware that Bus Stop Films is not an NDIS provider and that for participants wanting to utilise NDIS to cover the cost of the program you'll need to ensure that this is discussed and captured within their plans.

Program information can be found [here](#).

### Accessible Arts Newsletter

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the Accessible Arts Newsletter



### Your teenager and Medicare and Centrelink



Association for  
Children with a  
Disability

Click here to read about your teenager and Medicare and Centrelink:

<https://www.acd.org.au/your-teenager-and-medicare-and-centrelink/>





# *Wahroonga Village Fair*

**Sunday 3rd Dec 2023**

**9am-4pm**

**Railway Avenue & Carpark - Wahroonga**



Australian made products, Art, Craft, Clothes, Jewellery, Food, Christmas gifts, French linen & bespoke items. Local shops open.

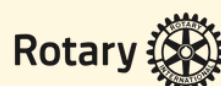
Entertainment includes Knox Pipe Band, Music, singers, dancers, & more



**McCarroll's  
Volkswagen**



**REMOVALS & STORAGE**



Club of  
Wahroonga



As we approach the festive season, it's that time of year when we come together to celebrate the spirit of Christmas and share joy with our community. This year, we want to make sure that the holiday season is a time of inclusivity and warmth for everyone. In that spirit, we are excited to announce an expansion of our "Sensitive Santa Photo Sessions."

To accommodate the needs of our community, especially those with sensory sensitivities, special needs, or any other requirements that may make a traditional visit with Santa challenging, please visit the link below to see the extended session times starting on 28<sup>th</sup> November.

<https://www.warriewoodsquare.com.au/news/santa-bookings-2023>

We will also be hosting a "Sensitive Santa's Afternoon Tea." This event is specially designed to provide a unique and memorable experience for individuals with sensory and special needs.

Here's what you can expect at the Sensitive Santa's Afternoon tea:

Roaming Santa:

Our beloved Santa Claus will be on-site, moving throughout the event to interact with children and families. Santa will create a warm, welcoming, and safe atmosphere, making sure every child feels comfortable and valued during their encounter.

Balloon Twisting Elf:

Our Balloon Twisting Elf will add an extra layer of fun to the event. They will create intricate and playful balloon sculptures while ensuring a sensitive and enjoyable interaction with each child, while prioritizing a noise-sensitive approach. This will be a unique experience that children are sure to remember.

Dancing Ballerina:

Our graceful Dancing Ballerina, dressed in a full tutu and pointe shoes, will provide a visually enchanting performance. Her elegant movements will captivate and delight all attendees, adding a touch of magic to the occasion. With Bubbles of course!

To ensure your child's enjoyment, we kindly request you to bring a small snack pack tailored to their preferences for them to enjoy during the show.

**WHEN:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**TIME:** 4pm

**WHERE:** The new "kids corner" Located next to Just jeans off the Food court.

We are committed to creating an environment that is both entertaining and sensitive to the needs of our special guests. Our priority is to ensure that every child has a positive and enjoyable experience during the Sensitive Santa's Afternoon tea. Our goal is to ensure that every child and family feels welcome and comfortable during this holiday season.

Secure your ticket by visiting our Warriewood Squares event page

<https://www.warriewoodsquare.com.au/whats-on>

(These tickets will go live on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> December). Every ticket purchase contributes to our local Charity, Fight on the beaches, supporting the fight for a cure for cancer.

Wishing you all a wonderful and inclusive holiday season.

Our goal is to ensure that every child and family feels welcome and comfortable during this holiday season.

Kind regards,

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