Iramoo Primary School

Newsletter

Friday, January 30, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1 2026

Tuesday, February 3
- Prep Special lunch order day
- Year 6 Information Evening at 5:00 PM - BER

Monday, February 9
Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:15-6:00 PM

Monday, February 16
- Preps commence full time
- School Council Meeting 5:30 PM

Tuesday, February 24
Werribee District Swimming Carnival - selected students

Thursday, February 26
Year 3-6 House Cross Country

March 2 - 4
Year 6 Camp

Friday , March 6
Pupil Free Day

Monday, March 9
Labour Day
Public Holiday

Friday, March 20
- National Ride 2 School Day
- Year 6 Summer Sport Gala Day

March 11-23
NAPLAN

March 23 - 27
Cultural Diversity Week

March 24 & 25
Whole school photos

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http://www.iramoo.ps.vic.edu.au
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Raquel Tweedley

WELCOME TO THE 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome back to all our families and a very warm welcome to our new students and their families – you are now part of our Red and Blue family.

I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and restful summer break.

Our thoughts are with all those across the state who have been affected by the recent fires and floods. We extend our sincere gratitude to the emergency services who bravely faced challenging conditions to support others and keep our communities safe.

It has been wonderful to see all of our students begin the year with confidence, smiles and excitement.

The year has begun with a calm and positive atmosphere and we are very much looking forward to another rewarding and successful year of learning, growth and connection for everyone in our community.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Each Victorian government school is entitled to four pupil-free days per year. The first pupil-free day for all schools this year was Tuesday, January 27. The remaining pupil-free days, determined by our school and school council, will be:

- **Friday, March 6**
- **Tuesday, June 9**
- **Monday, November 2**

Please mark these dates in your calendars.

STUDENT INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Our teaching staff will be available on **Monday, February 9, from 3:10 pm – 6:00 pm** to meet with parents and carers who wish to share information that may help teachers better understand and support their child(ren).

Online bookings will be open from Friday, January 30 until Friday, February 6 and will be allocated on a 'first in' basis.

In addition to the twice-yearly parent-teacher interviews, Iramoo parents also receive fortnightly year-level newsletters. These updates will be posted on Compass, and include:

- Specific information about the curriculum covered each fortnight.
- Details on special events or activities relevant to each year level.
- Practical tips on how you can support your child's learning at home.

We look forward to working together to support our students' success!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Our students have numerous opportunities each year to take on leadership roles within our school, with the most significant being School Captains.

Congratulations to **Eva Jerkovic** and **Archer Drohomirecki** on their appointments to School Captains, and to **Nandikaa Selvakumar** and **Rai Khattra**, our Vice-Captains for 2026.

We also congratulate the following students on their appointments to the 2026 Junior School Council: **Year 5: Charlotte Scicluna, Maheya Sisodia, Year 4: Noah Catalbas, Molly Robinson, Year 3: Ailla Sela, Zac Lockyer, Year 2: Holly McShane, Finn Bury.**

Additionally, our 2026 Year 5 Flag Monitors have been appointed and will be trained by our current monitors over the coming weeks. Congratulations to: **Hastha Veerappan, Dah Blut Say, Lucy Woodyard, Hunter Knight, Georgia Pisani, Khaleesi Cizauskas.**

In the coming weeks, our Year 6 students and teachers will determine our House, Arts, Music, and STEM Captains for 2026.

We look forward to seeing these students lead and contribute to our school community!

CAMPS,SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) & SCHOOL SAVING BONUS

The **Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)** is again available to families with a current health care/ concession card and will provide $400 per child per annum. The CSEF will automatically be directed to the school and can be used for student activities such as **camps, sport, excursions and visitors to the school** such as our annual Performing Arts production. The CSEF cannot be used for uniforms, books, school photos, etc.

Each year an application for the CSEF needs to be submitted. If you hold a current health care/concession card, you have access to the CSEF from the first day of this term. **Please ensure that we have a copy of your card as soon as possible as applications will be processed from our office.** Information from the Department of Education regarding the CSEF is available at CSEF Application Form.

BALLAN ROAD INTERSECTION UPGRADE - MAJOR WORKS STARTING
We will continue providing updates from The Ballan Road Intersection Upgrade Project Team as we receive them.

PEDESTRIANS

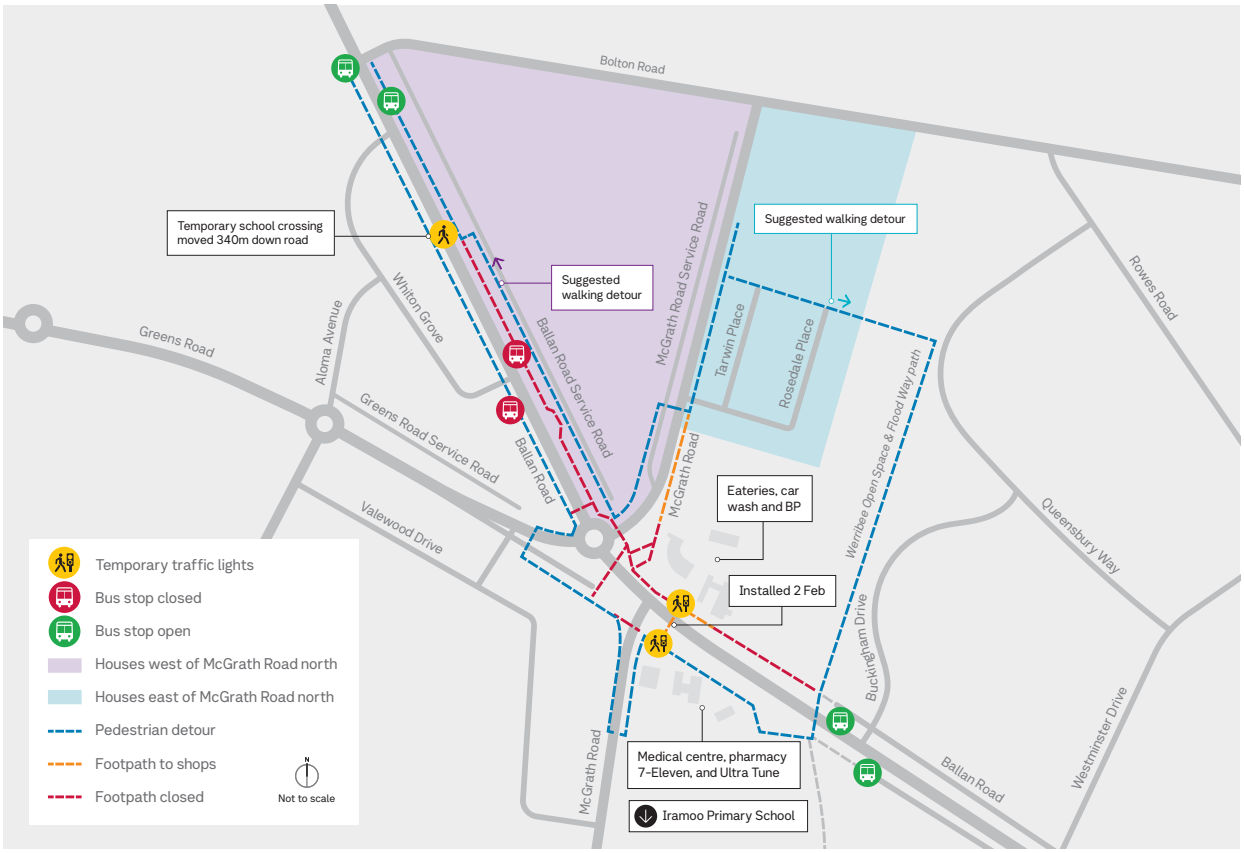
From Monday, 2 February, you'll be able to use new temporary push-button pedestrian lights near the medical centre to cross Ballan Road. Please allow extra walking time and follow detour signage to help you get to where you need to go.

We'll install pedestrian detours and signage to guide you through the area. For added safety, the school crossing on Ballan Road will be relocated about 300 metres away from the roundabout and our works.

Attached is the latest works notification outlining the impacts associated with the stage 1 works set up.

This includes the long-term closure of the McGrath Road north entry point. This will affect most of us travelling to and from Iramoo Primary School. It will be important for us to stay up to date and plan our detours.

Stay up to date on the Ballan Road Intersection Upgrade, sign up to receive regular updates to your inbox at bigbuild.vic.gov.au/roads-subscribe. You can also sign up to receive SMS updates on the Ballan Road Intersection Upgrade by texting BALLAN to 0499 073 073 to get the latest news delivered straight to you.



EXTREME WEATHER

Please note that children are never sent home early without parental permission or without being collected and signed out by an authorised adult.

During extreme weather conditions, we modify activities at school to ensure student safety, but classes are not dismissed before 3:00 pm.

If the weather is particularly hot, as it often is in February and March, some parents may choose to collect their child(ren) early. On very hot days, by 1:20 pm is an ideal time for early collection, as this allows students to be signed out from the school office.

Please note that all of our learning spaces are air-conditioned, ensuring a comfortable environment for students throughout the school day.

SAFETY REMINDERS

Students in Year 3-6 are permitted to ride bicycles to school and are required, by law, to wear approved safety helmets. The law also requires that these bicycles be in a roadworthy condition.

Bicycles must be parked in the bike racks provided. The school accepts no responsibility for these bicycles.

Children in Years Prep/1/2 are **NOT** to ride bikes to school unless in the company of a responsible adult. Skates, scooters, skateboards etc. are not to be brought/ridden to school.

We remind all drivers that these streets are one way between the hours of 8.30am – 9.15am and 2.30pm – 3.15pm and the speed limit is 40km.

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

All Principals are asked by the Department of Education (DE) to annually remind parents, students and staff that private property brought to school is not insured and that DE accepts no responsibility for loss or damage. Please note that students must not bring their own electronic games, 'gadgets', computers/ tablets, cameras or mobile phones to school.

*Attached is our Mobile Phone Policy outlining our procedures & requirements for children who bring their mobile phones to school. Mobile Phone Policy

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Principals have also been asked to remind parents that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and carers are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for their own children and this includes transport cost.

The Department is aware of the number of insurers including JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd, EBM Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd and JLT Pty Ltd who provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide cover for a reasonably low cost for students who are injured in accidents. Other insurers may also do so.

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in our schools' Privacy Policy and our school's Privacy Collection Notice.

We ask parents/carers to review our school's collection statement, found on our website www.iramoops.vic.edu.au

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents.

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Follow our Iramoo Artists on Instagram @iramoops_art

2026 PREP STUDENTS' FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

It was wonderful to meet many of our Prep families on Wednesday afternoon during our 'Meet and Greet' session. We all enjoyed ice creams, courtesy of our Out of School Hours Care service, Big Childcare, and it was lovely to see the children beginning to form new friendships.

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who attended and a special appreciation to our staff for taking the time to connect with students and their families.

Yesterday, we were delighted to see all our Prep students proudly wearing their uniforms as they embarked on their primary school adventures. We look forward to an exciting year ahead!

REMINDER: SCHOOL SUPERVISION HOURS

We kindly remind families that students are supervised by school staff between 8:35am and 3:15pm.

Recently, we have seen an increase in the number of students arriving at school well before 8:35am - some as early as 7:45am. Please note that school grounds are not supervised before 8:35am, and for safety reasons, students should not be on site before this time.

If your child needs to arrive earlier, they should be enrolled in our Before School Care program, which is operated by Big Child Care.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep all students safe. If you would like more information about enrolling in Before School Care, please contact Big Child Care directly BIG CHILDCARE

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127 BALLAN ROAD
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9742 4111

Generous contributors to Iramoo Primary School student health/welfare.
Please support this local business whenever you have the need for a pharmacy and don't forget to mention that you are from Iramoo Primary.

IRAMOO PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 5152

TERM 1, 2026

Effective from 29.01.2026 – 02.04.2026

Monday

	9.00	10.00	11.30	12.30	2.00
STEM	3KP	3CP	0TC	0JH	NFTF
PHYS. ED.	3ML	3EP	0LM	0AN	NFTF
MUSIC	3EP	3ML	0GA	0LM	NFTF
VIS. ARTS	3CP	3KP	0AN / 0JH	0GA / 0TC	NFTF
LIBRARY Wk 1			5KL	5MA	5EN
LIBRARY Wk 2			6NP	6BE	6EP

Tuesday

STEM	5KL / 6NP	5MA / 6BE	1VA / 2JA	1BL / 2HC	ROBOTICS
PHYS. ED.	5EN / 6BE	6EP / 6NP	1BC / 2HC	2AZ / 2JA	NFTF
VIS. ARTS	5MA	5KL	1BL	1VA	NFTF
SPANISH	6EP	5EN	2AZ	1BC	NFTF
LIBRARY Wk 1				3KP	3CP
LIBRARY Wk 2				4JH	4CV

Wednesday

STEM	4JH	4CV	0GA	0LM	0AN
PHYS. ED.	4HD	4JS	0TC	0JH	0GA
MUSIC	4JS	4HD	0JH	0AN	0TC
VIS. ARTS	4CV	4JH	0LM	NFTF	V.A. ENR
LIBRARY Wk 1			1VA	1BL	1BC
LIBRARY Wk 2			2JA	2HC	2AZ

Thursday

STEM	3ML	3EP	4HD	4JS	NFTF
PHYS. ED.	3KP	3CP	4CV	4JH	NFTF
MUSIC	3CP	3KP	4JH	4CV	NFTF
VIS. ARTS	6NP / 3EP	6BE / 3ML	4JS / 1BC	4HD / 2AZ	NFTF
SPANISH	6BE	6NP	1VA	1BL	TBA
CAREER START	NFTF	4CV	2HC	3ML	0JH
LIBRARY Wk 1			0TC	0JH	0LM
LIBRARY Wk 2				0GA	0AN

Friday

STEM	2AZ	1BC	5EN	6EP	NFTF
PHYS. ED.	1VA	1BL	5MA	5KL	NFTF
VIS. ARTS	2JA	2HC	6EP	5EN	
SPANISH	2HC	2JA	5KL	5MA	NFTF
LIBRARY Wk 1				3ML	3EP
LIBRARY Wk 2				4HD	4JS

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY RELATIONSHIPS

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2027 PREP ENROLMENT

You will be able to apply to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) 2027 at Iramoo Primary School from Monday, April 20 until Friday, July 31, 2026.

If you or your friends or neighbours have a child who will be 5 years old before the end of April 2027, please encourage them to enrol at their local neighbourhood school as soon as possible.

Please email your supporting documents to iramoo.ps@education.vic.gov.au or bring the following documents into our office:

- The child's Birth Certificate (front and back)
- Immunisation History Statement
- Two documents for proof of the child's permanent residential address**, either:
  - Contract of sale/title document/rates notice (for homeowners) or
  - Rental agreement provided by a real estate agent (for tenants) or
  - Any current Centrelink related document e.g. health care card or
  - A current document from the Australian Taxation Office

And one other current piece of evidence such as a utilities bill (eg. gas/electricity). Please note that documents must be original or certified copies.

**Statutory declarations will not be accepted, and no enrolment will proceed without the required documentation.

Tours of our school for prospective families will be conducted on alternative Wednesday afternoons at 2:00pm throughout Term 1 & 2. Tours will start from Wednesday, February 18 at 2:00pm.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

APPLICATION FORM

School Name | **School Ref ID**

Applicant details

Surname	
First Name	
Address	
Town/Suburb	
State and Postcode	
Contact Number	

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

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OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)* **OR** ☐ Special Consideration**

*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

*Out of Home Care applications must include a letter of support from the institution facilitating the arrangement (for example, Mackillop Family Services or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH)) as evidence of the arrangement and must be no more than 18 months old).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

Declaration

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders. I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ **Date** ____/____/202 _

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund eligibility

Applications must be submitted to the school as soon as possible and no later than the end of Term 2.

Where a school or family is unsure if the concession card is eligible, they are encouraged to submit the application into the CSEF system for validation.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

Those who are eligible to apply for the CSEF **must meet both** of the following two criteria or be eligible for special consideration.

Eligible means-tested cards

Only financially means-tested cards are eligible.

Eligibility date

Eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink (refer to the department's policy, Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)), on either the first student day of Term 1 or Term 2.

Criterion 1 – General eligibility

The applicant must be one of the following:

- a parent or carer who is the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card
- a student over 16 years who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card). Applicant to use the 16 and over application form. For guidance on assessing whether a student is a mature minor, refer to the department's policy on Mature Minors and Decision Making
- a parent or carer whose child is 16 or over and the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card but are not considered a mature minor. Applicant to use the 16 and over parent consent form.

For students over 16 years of age and where the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

Criterion 2 – Be of school age and attend a Victorian school

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a registered Victorian school. CSEF is not payable to a student attending pre-school, kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled.

Special Consideration

A special consideration eligibility category exists to assist families and students in certain circumstances. Applications should be made through this application form. For more information, refer to: Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF): Eligibility.

Payment amounts

The CSEF is an annual payment paid directly to the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. Please refer to the department's policy for the current rates and more information, Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF): Payment amounts.

How to complete the application form

Note: all sections must be completed by the applicant.

1. Complete the APPLICANT DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible and no later than the end of Term 2.

Privacy Statement

The Department of Education is committed to protecting your privacy. All information collected will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic). This personal information is collected to assess your eligibility to receive a CSEF payment. Your data is securely managed and only shared with Centrelink and DFFH when necessary for business operations or legal compliance. By submitting this form, you consent to our data practices. For more information regarding correction to your personal information or the handling of personal information please email csef@education.vic.gov.au. For more information about the departments privacy policy, please visit: Schools' privacy policy | vic.gov.au

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Walking to school safely during road works

We're starting works on the Ballan Road Intersection Upgrade. There will be changes to footpaths and crossings from January 2026. To help students walk to school safely, two recommended routes are shown on the map below.

Families west of McGrath Road north (purple route): Follow the pedestrian detour on Ballan Road service road. Use the relocated school crossing. Follow signs to safely cross Greens Road.

Families east of McGrath Road north (blue route): Walk through the Werribee Open Space and Floodway path. Continue to Ballan Road underpass. Follow detour signs.

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If you require an interpreter in a language other than English please call 9209 0147

1800 105 105 (call anytime)
contact@bigbuild.vic.gov.au

Please let us know if you would like this information in an accessible format. If you need assistance due to a hearing or speech impairment, visit **relayservice.gov.au**

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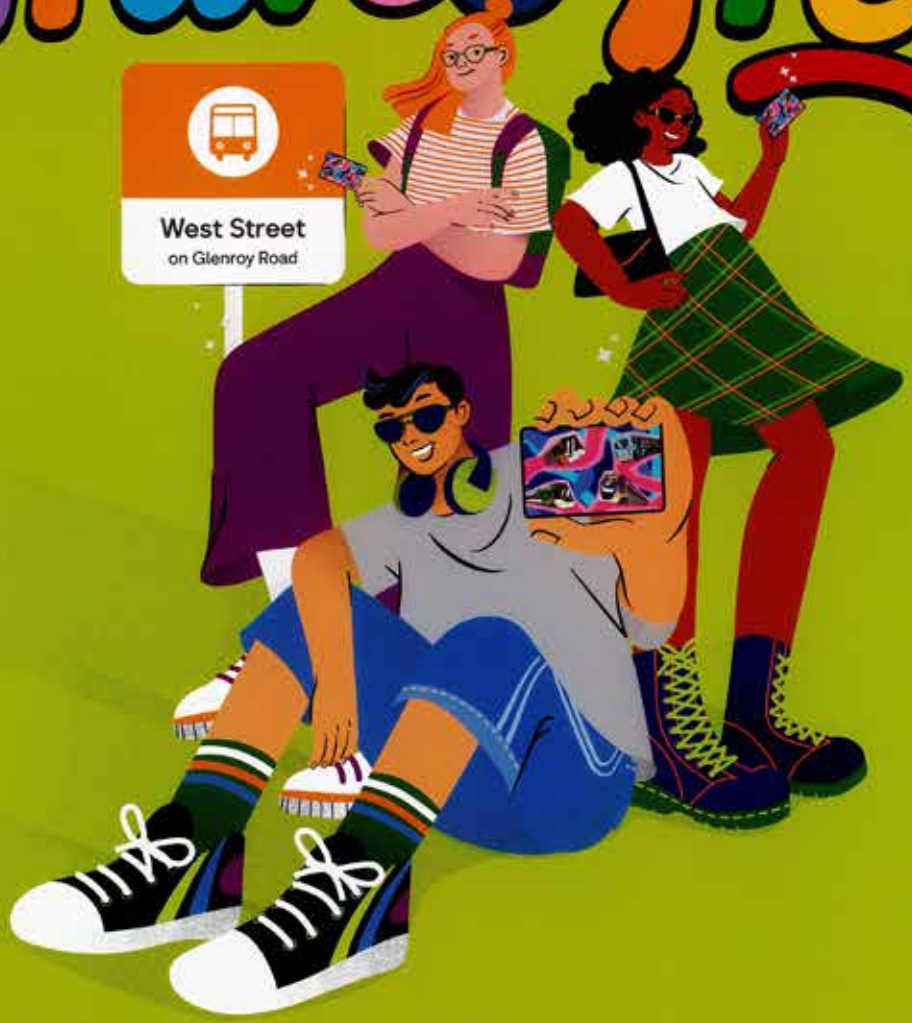
Travel free



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