

16 June 2020

Loretta Wholley Principal Merici College Wise Street Braddon, ACT, 2612

Dear Loretta,

## RE: Updated public transport timetables from 18 July 2020

From Saturday 18 July 2020, Transport Canberra will be updating timetables for bus services.

These changes will help make public transport in Canberra easier to use by providing more services and increased frequency, to ensure that people have greater opportunity to spread out their travel across the day as we recover from COVID-19.

Transport Canberra has worked closely with the school community and we are providing increased frequency and additional services for school students across Canberra.

As a new timetable is being introduced, there will be minor changes for all students travelling to and from school on public transport across Canberra from the first day of Term 3, 2020 (Monday 20 July 2020). In most cases, this will mean that students will catch the same service from the same stop, but the times that services arrive and leave may change.

In addition, Transport Canberra has made the following changes:

## Changes to school specials from Gungahlin

- From Term 3, school routes 1023 and 1024 to Merici College from Gungahlin will be combined.
- Relatively few students were using these services, and they can be accommodated on a single bus.
- All students currently using routes 1023 and 1024 will be able to continue using route 1023.
- There will be no changes to school routes 1023 and 1024 during Term 2, 2020.

## **Better connections to Mitchell**

- From Term 3, there will be improved connections from Daramalan College and Merici College to Mitchell for students travelling to after school activities.
- School route 1023 will travel to the schools via Mitchell. Additionally, students will be able to use route 18 services for this trip, as route 18 will be extended from the EPIC & Racecourse Light Rail stop to Dickson.

All schools, parents and students can find out more about the specific changes by:

- checking the information packs for each school, which are online at www.transport.act.gov.au
- checking timetables for each route (including school specials), which are online at www.transport.act.gov.au
- o calling 13 17 10.

You can help make sure everyone is prepared by letting parents, students and others in your school community know about the changes through school emails, social media, newsletters or notices. To assist, I have attached information about the specific changes for your school to this letter.

Should you have any queries regarding your school service or regular route services servicing your school please call **13 17 10**.

Regards,

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