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Dear parents and caregivers,

Proposed Changes to School Bus Services from 2021 – Devonport

The Department of State Growth contracts school bus services with private contractors throughout Tasmania. As part of its management of contracted services, State Growth is reviewing school bus services to ensure the efficiency of the public transport network. This review proposes a number of potential improvements in the greater Devonport area that impact on school buses travelling to Devonport from North Motton, Ulverstone, Melrose, Railton and Kimberley.

The purpose of this letter is to outline proposed changes to your local school bus network and provide you with an opportunity to submit feedback. Proposed maps and timetables are included below.

Maps 1-3 outline the proposed changes to services between Ulverstone and Devonport. Overall, each bus will service more schools than it currently does, which will reduce the number of students needing to interchange to reach their school. Students living Turners Beach and Leith travelling to Devonport schools will need to catch a new service which will travel via Forth Road, Braddons Lookout Road, Turners Beach, Leith, and Tugrah Road and on to Devonport schools.

Map 4 outlines proposed changes for students travelling from Kimberley and Railton to Devonport. Under the proposed changes, students living in Kimberley and Railton will need to catch the Sheffield to Devonport general access bus from Railton to get to Don College and St Brendan Shaw College. There will be a dedicated school bus service between Kimberley and Railton which will allow Kimberly students to reach the general access bus stop in Railton.

Maps 5-7 outline proposed changes for students travelling between Sheffield, Melrose, Eugenana and Acacia Hills and Devonport schools. Each of these services utilise an interchange at Squibb's Apple Shed in the morning and at Spreyton Primary School in the afternoon to allow students to catch a bus that will get them to their required destination.

Please note that these timetables only include the commencement point, any applicable interchange points and the schools that will be serviced. Additional stops will be added once the maps and timetables have been finalised prior to the end of Term 4, 2020.

To provide feedback regarding these changes, please complete the Consultation Feedback Form available at www.transport.tas.gov.au/consultation. Alternatively, you can also provide feedback by email at ptscontracts@stategrowth.tas.gov.au or by phone on (03) 6166 3343. The consultation period is now open and closes on Wednesday 23 September 2020.

If you would like assistance with understanding the proposed travel arrangements, please contact the Passenger Transport Branch using the email or telephone details above.

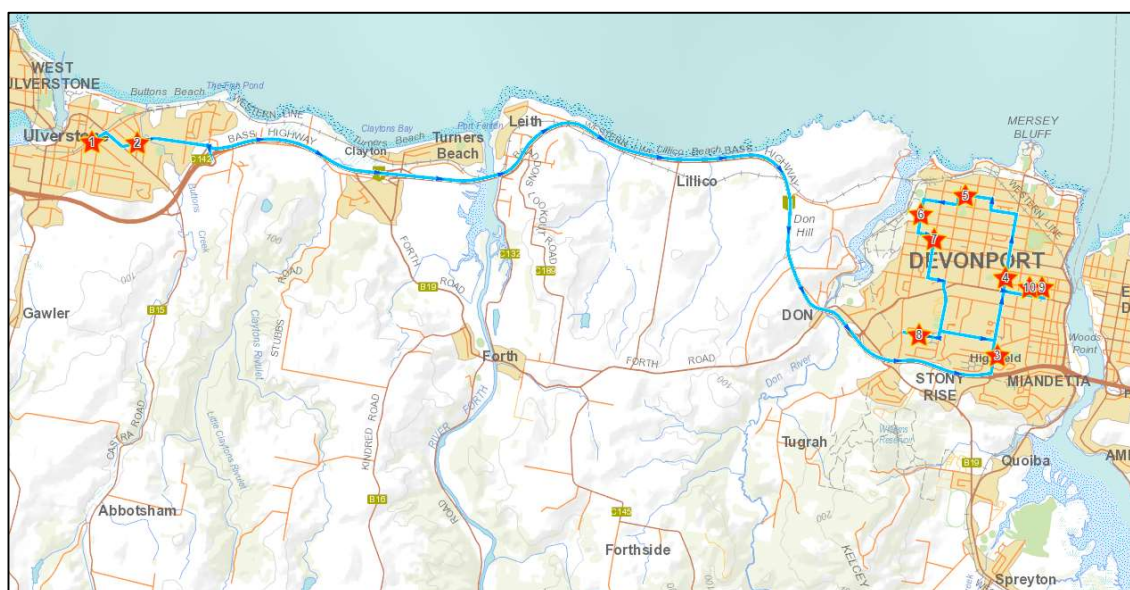
Following the consultation period, the proposed changes to the school bus network will be implemented from Term 1, 2021. State Growth will provide schools and operators with finalised maps and timetables prior to the end of Term 4, 2020 ahead of the new school year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Trounce', written in a cursive style.

Nicole Trounce
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1. Proposed Route – Ulverstone to Devonport



Proposed AM Timetable		Proposed PM Timetable	
Ulverstone	7:50 am	Hillcrest Primary School	2:50 pm
Reece High School	8:15 am	Reece High School	2:55 pm
Devonport High School	8:18 am	Devonport Primary School	3:00 pm
St Brendan Shaw College	8:26 am	Our Lady of Lourdes School	3:02 pm
Don College	8:27 am	Devonport High School	3:05 pm
Nixon Street Primary	8:30 am	Nixon Street Primary	3:10 pm
Hillcrest Primary School	8:35 am	St Brendan Shaw College	3:16 pm
Devonport Primary School	8:41 am	Don College	3:26 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes School	8:42 am	Ulverstone	4:00 pm

Notable Changes

- This bus will no longer travel via Turners Beach and Leith. Students living in Turners Beach and Leith can catch the Don to Devonport (via Turners Beach, Leith, Tugrah Road) service.
- This bus will leave Devonport schools approximately 15 minutes earlier than it currently does. This means students living in Ulverstone will arrive home approximately 15-20 minutes earlier than they currently do.
- Students can transfer at Nixon Street Primary with the Shearwater to Devonport (via Latrobe) service to get to and from Devonport Christian School.
- The service will service more schools in Devonport. This removes the need for students to interchange at Ulverstone.

2. Proposed Route – North Motton to Devonport

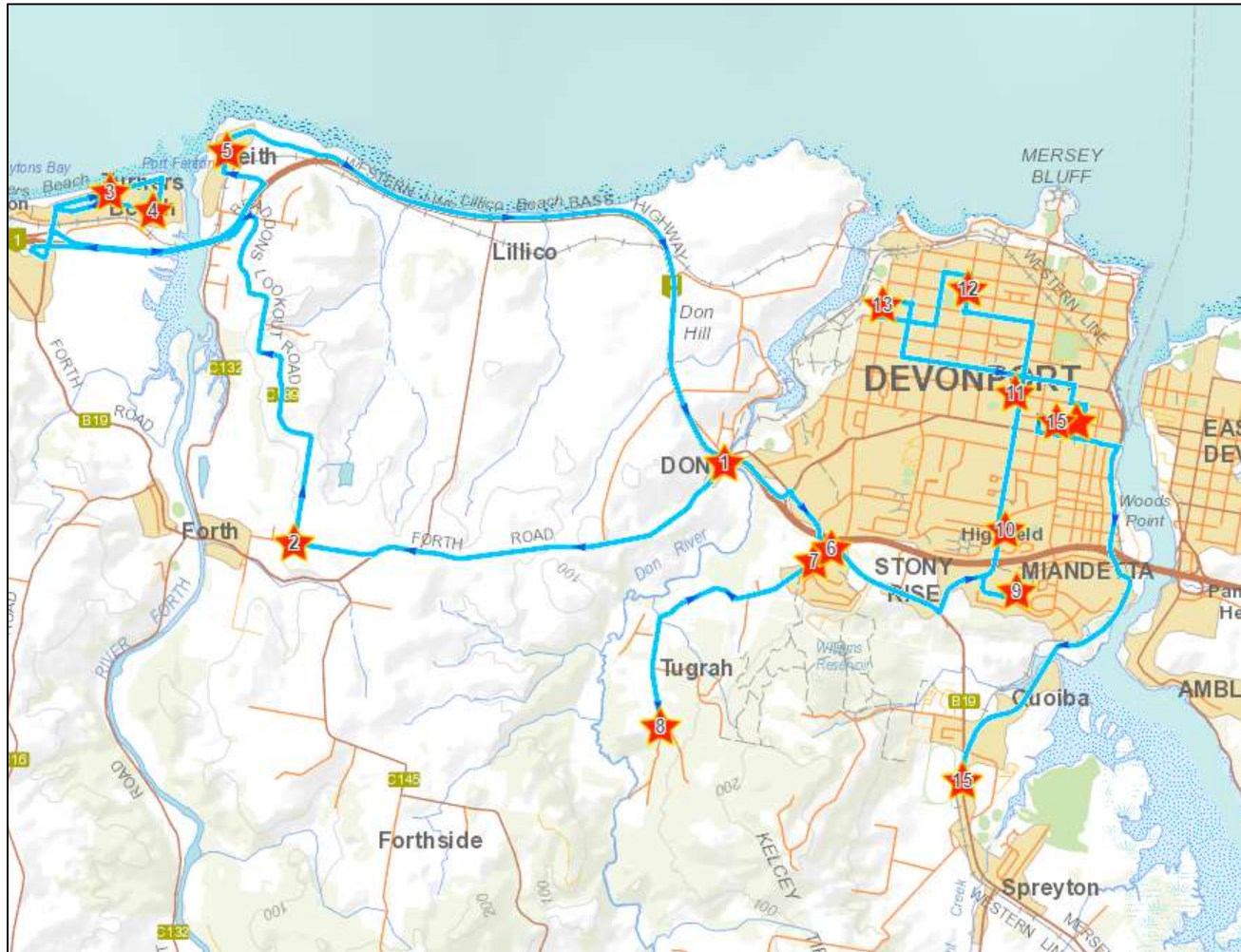


Proposed AM Timetable		Proposed PM Timetable	
North Motton Hall	7:36 am	Reece High School	2:55 pm
Ulverstone	7:54 am	Devonport Primary School	3:00 pm
Reece High School	8:16 am	Our Lady of Lourdes School	3:02 pm
Devonport High School	8:19 am	Devonport High School	3:05 pm
St Brendan Shaw College	8:24 am	Nixon Street Primary School	3:08 pm
Don College	8:27 am	St Brendan Shaw College	3:15 pm
Nixon Street Primary School	8:30 am	Don College	3:25 pm
Devonport Primary School	8:35 am	Ulverstone	3:55 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes School	8:37 am	North Motton Hall	4:12 pm

Notable Changes

- This bus will now start at North Motton Hall instead of at Gunns Plains.
- The service will service more schools in Devonport. This removes the need for students to interchange at Ulverstone.
- This bus will no longer travel via Turners Beach and Leith. Students living in Turners Beach and Leith can catch the Don to Devonport (via Turners Beach, Leith, Tugrah Road) service.
- As a result of including additional Devonport schools on this route, Don College students will now arrive at Don College at 8.27 am, 20 minutes later than they currently do.
- Students can transfer at Nixon Street Primary with the Shearwater to Devonport (via Latrobe) service to get to and from Devonport Christian School.

3. Proposed Route – Don to Devonport (via Turners Beach, Leith, Tugrah Road)



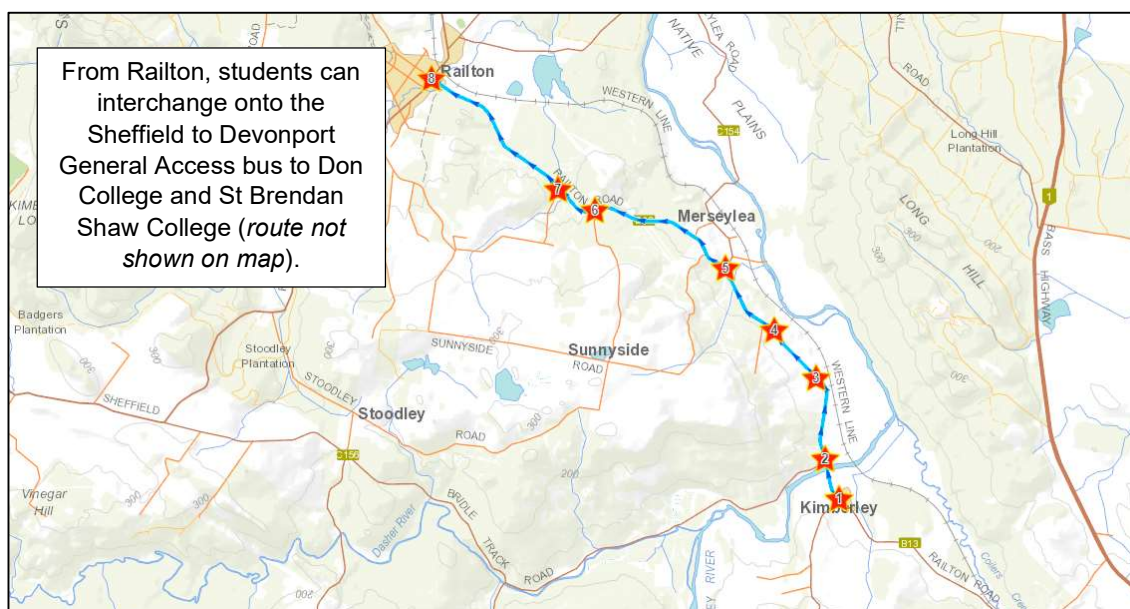
Proposed Timetable – Don to Devonport (via Turners Beach, Leith, Tugrah Road)

Proposed AM Timetable		Proposed PM Timetable	
Forth Road	7:25 am	Spreyton Primary	2:30 pm
Braddons Lookout Road	7:33 am	Miandetta Primary School	2:45 pm
Turners Beach	7:43 am	Hillcrest Primary School	2:50 pm
Leith	7:48 am	Our Lady of Lourdes School	3:00 pm
Tugrah Road	8:07 am	Devonport High School	3:05 pm
Miandetta Primary School	8:10 am	Nixon Street Primary	3:10 pm
Reece High School	8:13 am	McCall Terrace	3:18 pm
Devonport High School	8:18 am	Don College	3:35 pm
St Brendan Shaw College	8:22 am	Tugrah Road (end)	3:40 pm
Don College	8:25 am	Forth Road	3:49 pm
Devonport Primary School	8:35 am	Corner Braddons Lookout Road and William Street	3:55 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes School	8:36 am	Turners Beach	4:08 pm
Spreyton Primary School	8:42 am	Leith	4:17 pm

Notable Changes

- Students living in Turners Beach or Leith travelling to Devonport schools will need to catch this service. These students will now arrive home to Turner's Beach and Leith 20 minutes later than they currently do.
- There are no timetable changes for students living on Tugrah Road. Once the bus reaches Devonport it services the same schools along the same route as it currently travels.

4. Proposed Route – Kimberly to Railton Interchange (for travel on to Devonport)

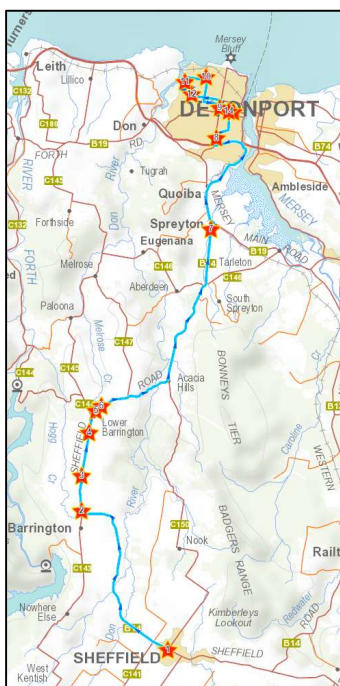


Proposed AM Timetable		Proposed PM Timetable	
Kimberley Fire Station	7:30 am	St Brendan Shaw College	3:27 pm
Railton	7:40 am	Don College	3:34 pm
At Railton, students will be able to interchange onto the Sheffield to Devonport Route 184 General Access service departing Railton at 7:44 am.		Railton	4:14 pm
Don College	8:17 am	At Railton, students will need to catch the Sheffield to Devonport Route 184 General Access service from St Brendan Shaw College and Don College to Railton Interchange.	
St Brendan Shaw College	8:24 am	Kimberley Fire Station	4:22 pm

Notable Changes

- From Kimberly and Railton, students will only be able to travel to St Brendan Shaw College and Don College.
- St Brendan Shaw College and Don College students will arrive home approximately 30 minutes later than they currently do.

5. Proposed Route – Sheffield to Devonport (via Barrington)

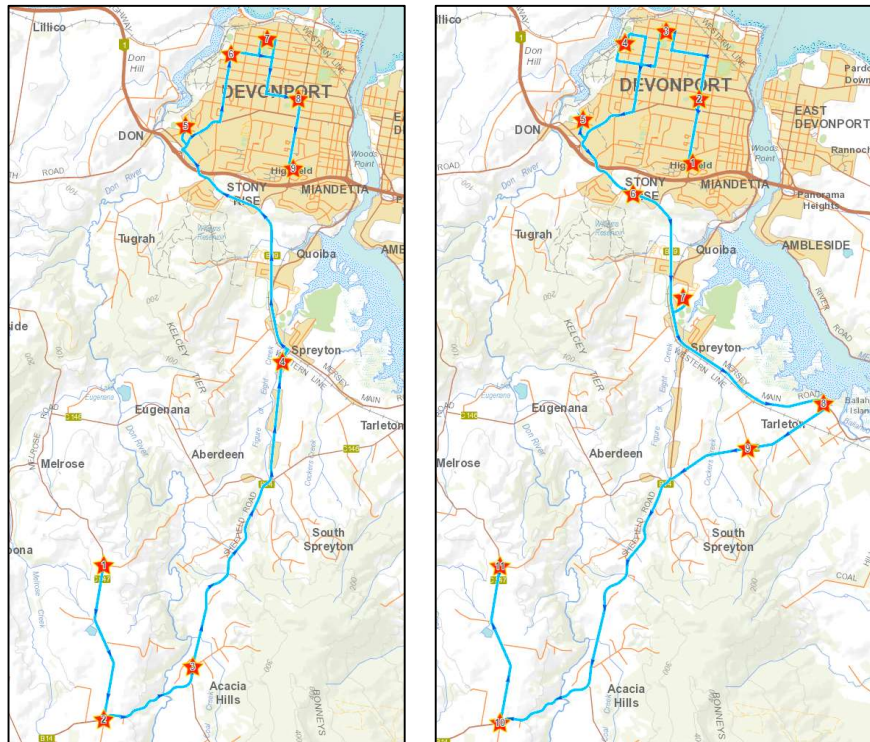


Proposed AM Timetable		Proposed PM Timetable	
Slaters Store - Sheffield	7:35 am	Reece High School	3:10 pm
Barrington	7:43 am	Devonport Primary School	3:14 pm
Squibbs Apple Shed Interchange	8:04 am	Our Lady of Lourdes	3:16 pm
Reece High School	8:10 am	Devonport High School	3:20 pm
Devonport High School	8:15 am	Nixon Street Primary	3:25 pm
St Brendan Shaw College	8:18 am	St Brendan Shaw College	3:30 pm
Don College	8:22 am	Don College	3:35 pm
Nixon Street Primary	8:26 am	Spreyton Interchange*	3:50 pm
Devonport Primary School	8:30 am	Barrington	4:06 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes	8:32 am	Sheffield School	4:16 pm

Notable Changes

- Passengers can interchange at Squibb's Apple Shed in the morning and at Spreyton Interchange in the afternoon to get on to the required service to complete their journey.
- Students can transfer at Nixon Street Primary with the Shearwater to Devonport (via Latrobe) service to get to and from Devonport Christian School.

6. Proposed Route – Melrose to Devonport

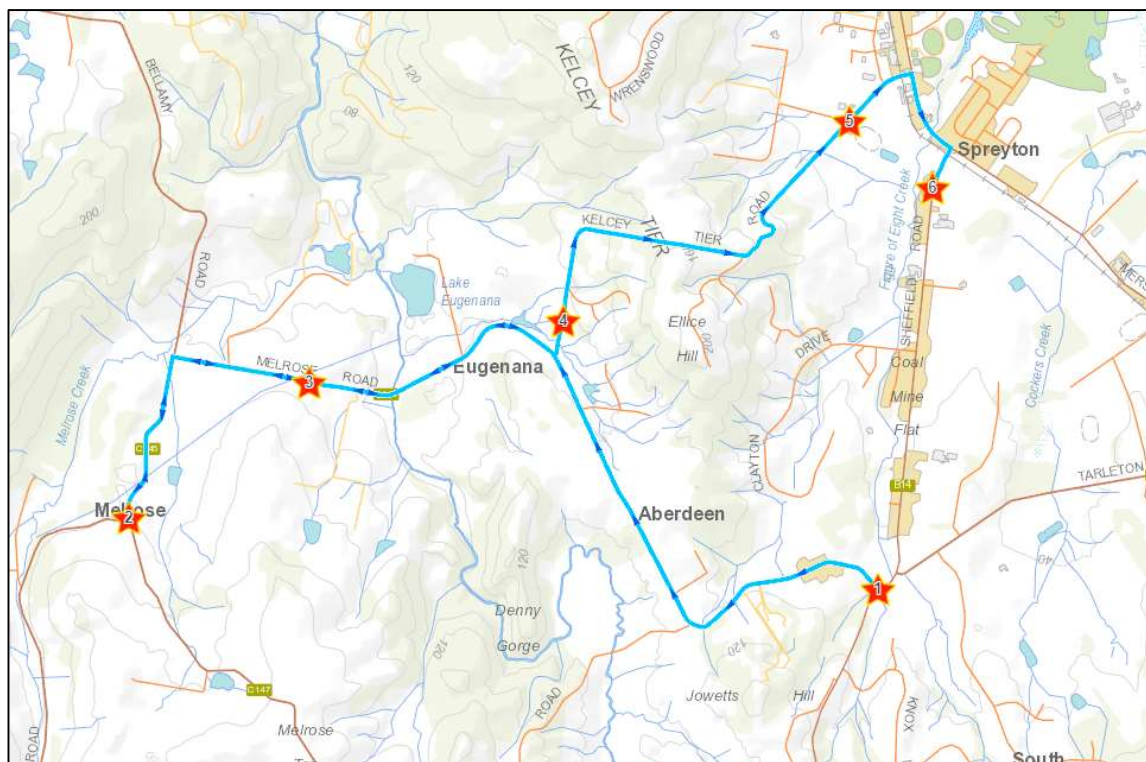


Proposed AM Timetable		Proposed PM Timetable	
Corner of Melrose and Buster Roads	7:40 am	Reece High School	3:00 pm
Squibbs Apple Shed Interchange*	8:03 am	Devonport High School	3:05 pm
Devonport Christian School	8:15 am	St Brendan Shaw College	3:21 pm
Don College	8:21 am	Don College	3:30 pm
St Brendan Shaw College	8:26 am	Devonport Christian School	3:35 pm
Devonport High School	8:30 am	Spreyton Interchange*	3:50 pm
Reece High School	8:35 am	Tarleton (PM only)	3:54 pm
		Corner Melrose and Buster Roads	4:19 pm

Notable Changes

- Passengers can interchange at Squibb's Apple Shed in the morning and at Spreyton Interchange in the afternoon to get on to the required service to complete their journey.

7. Proposed Route – Melrose to Spreyton (interchanging with Devonport school buses)



Proposed AM Timetable		Proposed PM Timetable	
Spreyton Cider – Melrose Road	7:37 am	Spreyton Interchange	3:50 am
670 Melrose Road (bus shelter)	7:47 am	Kelcey Tier Road	3:52 pm
Kelcey Tier Road	7:57 am	670 Melrose Road (bus shelter)	4:05 pm
Squibbs Apple Shed Interchange	8:02 am	Spreyton Cider – Melrose Road	4:17 pm

Notable Changes

- Passengers can interchange at Squibb's Apple Shed in the morning and at Spreyton Interchange in the afternoon to get on to the required service to complete their journey.