

## ABOUT THE 2022 SAFER SCHOOLIES GOLD COAST RESPONSE

The 2022 Safer Schoolies Gold Coast Response will be delivered in partnership with nine Queensland Government agencies, seven community partners and the City of Gold Coast.

The safety of young people and the local community remains the highest priority.

**The response will be operational from Saturday 19 November to Friday 25 November.**

Activities conducted after Friday 25 November are not aligned with the Safer Schoolies Gold Coast Response.

The response is not a 'festival' or 'event' but is designed to manage school leavers who choose to book their end-of-year holidays on the Gold Coast. The response provides a 'diversionary activity' which encourages school leavers to celebrate with their peers in a dedicated alcohol and drug-free zone on Surfers Paradise beach.

All aspects of the 2022 response will follow any COVID-19 Public Health Directions in place at the time of the response.

The 2022 safety response will include:

- Schoolies Hub (free nightly entertainment from 7pm-midnight in a dedicated zone on Surfers Paradise beach)
- wristbands (for identifying legitimate Year 12 school leavers and their access to Schoolies Hub)
- emergency treatment centre and specialist mental health support
- nightly Recharge Zones and mobile Chill Out Zone offering space, water, assistance and first aid
- daily Schoolies Support Space (10am-5pm)
- Red Frogs in-hotel support and dedicated Red Frogs Hotline
- licensed venue compliance checks and ID checks for underage and fake IDs
- increased police presence
- street patrols and walk home services
- road closures to ensure the safety of all pedestrians.



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INFORMATION FOR  
THE SURFERS PARADISE  
COMMUNITY

19–25 November 2022

### IMPORTANT CONTACTS

ISSUE/ENQUIRY	ORGANISATION	CONTACT
<b>Emergency situations</b> (emergencies only—fire, police or ambulance)	Emergency services hotline	<b>Triple Zero</b> (000)
<b>Safer Schoolies Hotline</b> (general enquiries and feedback)	Queensland Government	<b>13 QGOV</b> (13 74 68)
<b>Policelink</b> (non-urgent property crime, incidents or non-compliant activities)	Queensland Police Service	<b>131 444</b> <b>Policelink App</b>
<b>Local Police</b> (non-emergency issues, public nuisance, disturbances from apartments)	Broadbeach Police Surfers Paradise Police	(07) 5581 2800 (07) 5657 6888
<b>Red Frogs</b> (24 hour hotline)	Red Frogs Australia	1300 557 123
<b>Information for Businesses</b> (rights and responsibilities, disputes with school leavers)	Office of Fair Trading	<b>13 QGOV</b> (13 74 68)
<b>Medical/health enquiries</b>	Queensland Health	<b>13 HEALTH</b> (13 43 25 84)

[safer-schoolies.qld.gov.au](https://safer-schoolies.qld.gov.au)

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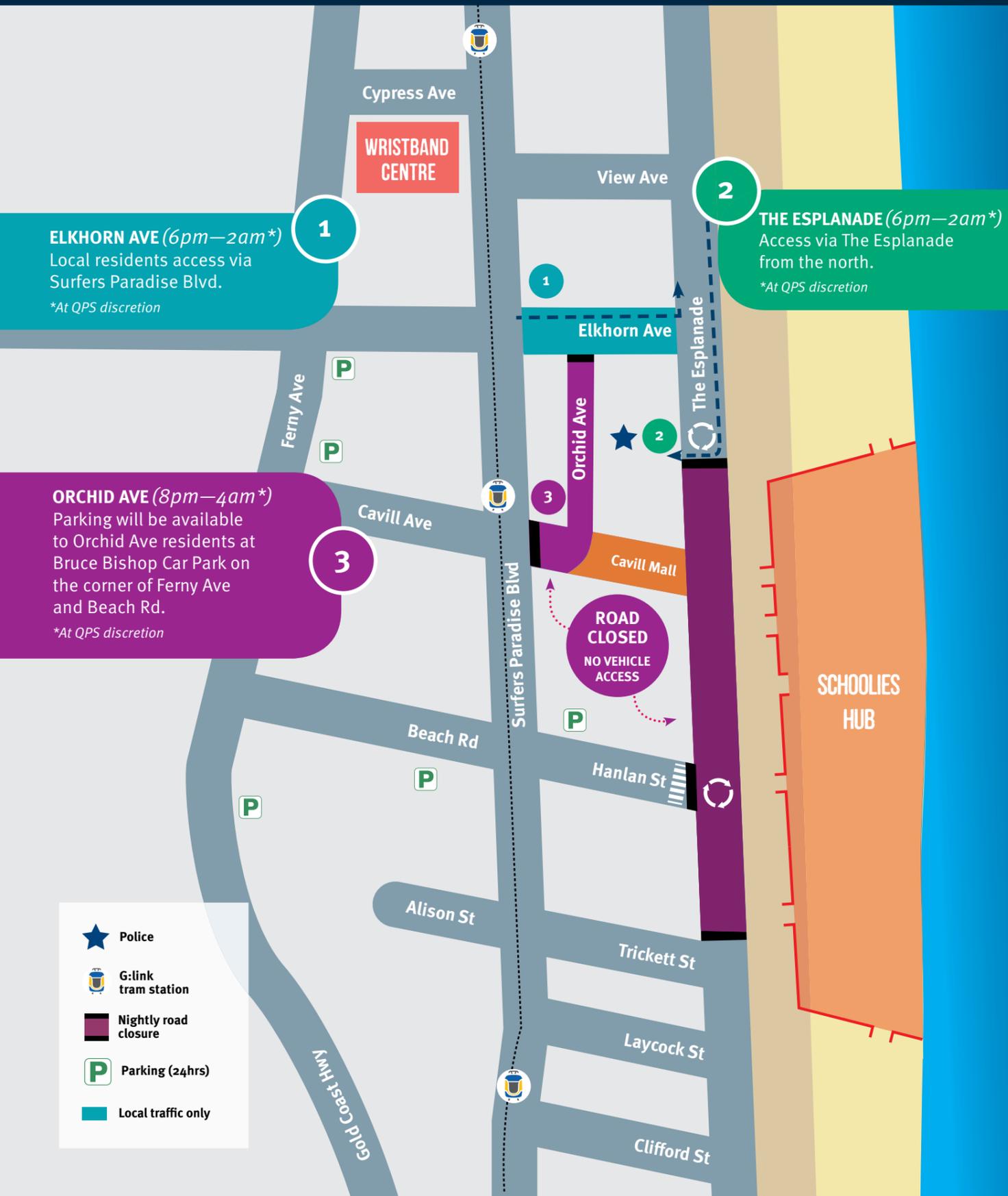
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## CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

Temporary road closures will be implemented to maintain the safety of pedestrians throughout the Safer Schoolies Gold Coast Response.

Please note the changes in your area.

SATURDAY 19–FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2022



## ROAD CLOSURES TO ENSURE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Due to the temporary population increase in central Surfers Paradise, road closures are needed to ensure the safety of all pedestrians. Residents who cannot access their building during the closures will be offered alternative car parking. Please speak with your Building Manager or contact us for further information.

Intermittent closures will take place along The Esplanade (between Elkhorn Ave and Laycock St) on Thursday 10/11, and from Monday 14/11 until Tuesday 29/11.

Please note the changes in your area. All closures are at the discretion of the Queensland Police Service.

Full road closures (no vehicle access) are as listed below\*:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Monday 14 Nov	7pm to 3am	The Esplanade (Soul building roundabout to Hanlan St)
Saturday 19 Nov to Friday 25 Nov	6pm to 2am	The Esplanade (Soul building roundabout to Trickett St)
Saturday 19 Nov to Friday 25 Nov	8pm to 4am	Orchid Ave Cavill Ave (from Surfers Paradise Blvd to Orchid Ave)
Saturday 26 Nov	2am to 9am	The Esplanade (Soul building roundabout to Trickett St)

\*Note: The information in this table is accurate at the time of printing but is subject to change without further notice. All times and closures are at the discretion of the Queensland Police Service.

## 2022 FAQs

### Q: Does the Safer Schoolies Gold Coast Response encourage schoolies?

The Safer Schoolies Gold Coast Response is not an event or festival to attract school leavers to the Gold Coast. It is a safety response implemented to manage school leavers who choose to book their end-of-year holidays here.

Accommodation providers advise thousands of young people are booked to come to Schoolies on the Gold Coast this year.

The Schoolies Hub is a proven diversion away from the streets, beaches, hotel rooms and balconies for legitimate Year 12 school leavers. In the interest of safety, gathering in a secure outdoor space, is far better than the alternative for both school leavers and the Surfers Paradise community.

### Q: Aren't most school leavers 18 now?

No. Whilst the adjustment to the prep enrolment age has seen a decrease in the percentage of high school graduates under the age of 18, approximately 60% of 2022 school leavers remain under 18. This means, the majority of teens attending Schoolies continue to be unable to access licensed venues.

### Q: What happens if there's a COVID-19 outbreak on the Gold Coast when Schoolies is on?

It is impossible to predict what the exact health circumstances will be at the time of Schoolies. The safety response, young people and the community of Surfers Paradise will be required to comply with prevailing health directives at the time.

More information on health directives can be found at: [www.covid19.qld.gov.au](http://www.covid19.qld.gov.au).