

Schoolies Festival

17-19 November 2023

About Schoolies

Schoolies Festival™ has been designed as a management response to minimise the impact of school leaver celebrations on the local community. The centralised entertainment area encourages school leavers to celebrate in positive and safe ways.

This is a three-night alcohol and other drug-free celebration. The response is facilitated by Encounter Youth in close partnership with the City of Victor Harbor, SA Health, SAPOL, government and non-government agencies, local businesses and community members.

Temporary Road Closures

The following roads will be closed to traffic to support the event. Exemptions have been granted for Council vehicles, emergency services and residents.

Friday 17 November – Monday 20 November 2023

- Flinders Parade, Victor Harbor (Coral Street to Esplanade) from 5pm to 6am daily
- Esplanade, Victor Harbor (Flinders Parade to King Street) from 5pm to 6am daily
- Albert Place, Victor Harbor (Esplanade to Crozier Road) from 6pm to 6am daily
- Railway Terrace, Victor Harbor (Albert Place to Coral Street) from 6pm to 6am daily
- Ocean Street, Victor Harbor (Coral Street to Albert Place) from 6pm to 6am daily
- Three Gullies Road, Encounter Bay (Battye Road to Southern Right Crescent) from 9am on 17 November to 8am on 20 November.

SAPOL has approved 25 kph speed limits and temporary parking controls in association with road closures to support a safe event.



Temporary Parking Controls

Temporary parking controls will be in place on The Esplanade and Flinders Parade to facilitate the event shuttle bus services.

Temporary parking controls will be removed from the beach side of Flinders Parade and The Esplanade from 6am to 5pm each day, to provide parking opportunities for visitors to Victor Harbor and Granite Island during the daytime.

Noise

There will be no outdoor amplified music after 2am (reduced from 3am in 2021 in response to community feedback). Noise devices are used to monitor music at the event. If crowd numbers decrease before event closing times, amplified music will cease earlier than 2am.

Security

Professional security has been contracted to support the event.

EVENT INFORMATION SHEET

Dry Zone

Schoolies Festival™ is an alcohol and other drug-free event. Victor Harbor becomes a 24-hr dry zone during this time.

An alteration to the dry zone area has been proclaimed during the 2023 Schoolies Festival™ under the Liquor Licensing (Dry Areas – Short Term) Variation Regulations 2012. The dry area will be effective from 8am on Monday 13 November 2023 to 10am on Monday 20 November 2023.

The consumption of alcohol will be prohibited, as identified, in the map (shaded areas) pictured below.

The prohibition will extend to all public areas and footpaths and will also include Granite Island and the Causeway.

Granite Island Closure

National Parks will initiate the closure of Granite Island from 7pm until 6am daily over the Schoolies weekend, providing an hour for visitors to clear from the island before dusk with the support of security services.

Frequently Asked Questions

The City of Victor Harbor works closely with Encounter Youth, the Schoolies Operation Working Group, SA Government departments and other organisations to ensure that Schoolies Festivals are a safe and fun environment for young people celebrating their end of secondary schooling.

Schoolies Operation is well supported by numerous emergency services organisations with positive guidance provided by Encounter Youth's Green Team which comprises of some 400 volunteers.

Want to know more? Download the [Schoolies Frequently Asked Questions Fact Sheet](#).

Further Information

For further information about Schoolies Festival or Schoolies Operation Working Group contact:

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For information on road closures, business and resident access, dry zones, temporary parking controls contact:

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