

# **Residential Information**

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## The residential school

Residential schools are an integral part of learning with Aurora College. Your child is required to attend the residential school when scheduled.

During the residential program, students will be participating in both curriculum activities and social and cultural activities. It is a fantastic opportunity to connect face-to-face with peers and teachers and enjoy what Sydney has to offer. It also allows students to fulfil the mandatory requirements for meeting course outcomes in subjects that have practical components such as in science and agriculture.

**All physics and agricultural studies students are required to attend. Senior students who do not have mandatory practical components to complete are exempt from attending.**

The general rules and regulations of school and excursion activities apply to residential schools and students are expected to comply with the reasonable instructions of staff. The Department of Education's [Excursion Policy](#) states that students must behave appropriately at all times while on excursions.

**Please read through the following information and complete and return the forms listed below by COB Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

- Permission form
- Medical information form
- Permission to be photographed form
- Payment form
- CESE interview form

## Arrival and departure

Aurora College's residential program will be taking place from 8:00am Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2015

Address: Hurlstone Agricultural High School  
Roy Watts Rd, Glenfield NSW 2167

Students can arrive on Sunday afternoon 18<sup>th</sup> October from 4pm onwards but official sign in will be from 5pm – 6pm in the dining hall. Supervision of students arriving at the venue by other means will be available after 4pm. All students will need to sign in and collect an ID card, timetable and other relevant information. Any students arriving on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct need to sign in at 8:00am.

Two executive staff members will have school mobile phones. They are able to be contacted in the event of an emergency.

Mobile # 1: 0475 961 392

Mobile # 2: 0475 961 395

## Accommodation

All students and staff will be accommodated within the grounds of Hurlstone Agricultural High School in the boarding houses.

Students will be supervised by Aurora College staff and Hurlstone duty staff. Staff will also be on duty overnight and staying in the boarding houses. In addition, there will be a security guard from 11pm – 7am each night.

## Transport

**If your child will be travelling as an ‘unaccompanied minor’ then you must let us know.**

### BUSES

To minimise the cost and disruption to families, Aurora College will hire buses to and from Hurlstone Agricultural High School from the following regional centres:

- Bus 1 - Dubbo (with pickups/letdowns at Molong and Orange)
- Bus 2 - Parkes (with pickups/letdowns at Canowindra, Cowra, Blayney, Bathurst and Lithgow)
- Bus 3 - Ulladulla (with pickups/letdowns at Nowra and Wollongong)

**The additional cost per student to travel to and from Hurlstone Agricultural High School on any of these buses is \$50 (return).**

The buses will depart from these locations at a time on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October which will allow students and the accompanying teachers to arrive at the residential school on Sunday evening. Full bus timetables will be forwarded when we receive confirmation of the travel plans of all students.

### FLIGHTS

A number of parents have indicated that their children will be flying to and from the residential school. Aurora College staff will be at Sydney airport to meet your child and transport them to and from the venue. We will require a copy of the flight reservations for any student flying into and out of Sydney airport. Please send this through with the signed permission note.

Students should aim to arrive at Sydney airport after 4 pm on Sunday 18 October 2015. Return flights should be booked between 1 pm – 5pm on Thursday 22 October 2015 where possible. For departures from Sydney, staff flights should be booked at night after student flights so there is supervision at the airport.

### TRAIN

If coming by train, you may need to change platforms at Central station. Alight at **Glenfield** train station. A map, indicating the location of the dining hall (‘sign-in’ area) is attached. If using the ‘walk through’ gates, from the train station, you will need to enter the code CZ1984 to get into Hurlstone grounds. A staff member will be at Glenfield train station to assist students.

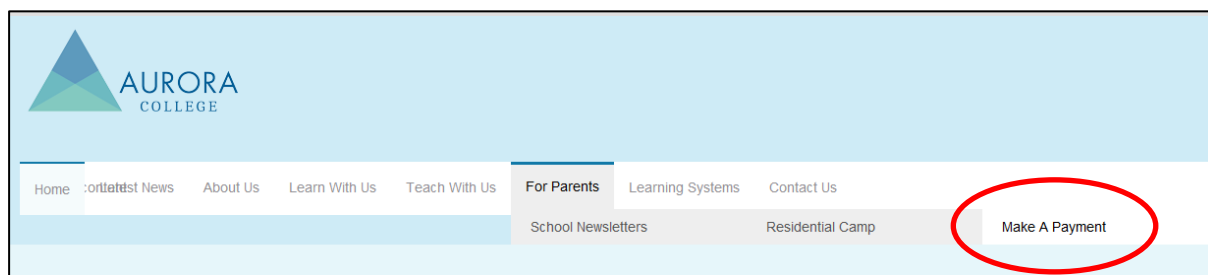
### CAR

Gates will be left open on Sunday afternoon. Please enter through the gates on Roy Watts Road. Staff, parents and students are required to park on Roy Watts Rd in the spaces outside the Hurlstone High School buildings as indicated on the map. Cars are not to be parked within the school grounds.

## Costs and payment

The cost of this residential school is \$350. This includes the cost of accommodation, all food, entry to all activities and travel to and from all activities in Sydney.

Payments can be made by credit card, online or personal cheque. If you choose to pay online you MUST include your child's initial and surname and the reference 44002 in the description/reference so we can identify payments and issue you with a receipt. Bank details are below. Online payments can be accessed via our website [www.aurora.nsw.edu.au](http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au) under the 'For parents' tab, shown below.



Families seeking financial assistance with the cost of the residential school may be eligible for the:

- Aurora College Student Assistance Scheme (Please contact Denise Deaves ([auroracoll-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:auroracoll-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)) on 02 9886 7560 for further information)
- School Student Transport Scheme <http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/content/about-school-student-transport-scheme#Eligibility%20requirements>
- Private Vehicle Conveyance subsidy <http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc>

Payments can be made in instalments by prior arrangement with the college. Please contact Denise Deaves ([auroracoll-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:auroracoll-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)) on 02 9886 7560 for further information.

## Food

All meals are provided, unless specified otherwise on the program. Meals at Hurlstone will be available in the dining hall.

Breakfast usually consists of cereal and toast.

For morning tea, students can collect items such as yoghurt, dip, fruit, juice and water from the dining hall.

Lunch is buffet style with an array of salads. Lunch on Wednesdays is a 'walk through' lunch where students don't sit in the dining hall to eat. This is because all Hurlstone Ag students pick up their lunch and go to sport.

For afternoon tea, students can collect items such as yoghurt, dip, fruit, juice and water from the dining hall.

Dinner is provided each night at Hurlstone apart from Tuesday night. Students will need to bring some money to purchase food near the cinema.

Special dietary needs are catered for and should be advised on the attached forms submitted to the Aurora College office. Students with special dietary requirements should make

themselves known to a staff member so they can be shown where some specific items are stored and can be accessed eg: soy milk.

Students may pack a reasonable supply of snacks for their own consumption at the residential, although large quantities of sugary snacks should be avoided. Students may wish to bring Milo or something similar for a hot drink in one of the boarding house common rooms if they wish.

**Snacks containing nuts are discouraged due to severe allergic reactions from fellow students and staff.**

## Personal items

All students are responsible for anything they bring with them, including mobile phones, laptops, money and other personal items. The charging of electronic devices is also the responsibility of the student. Excessive amounts of cash and other valuables are not required.

Some spending money is required for afternoon tea and dinner on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Additional money may be needed for students who wish to purchase food and drinks en route to and from the residential school.

## Health and medication

Please complete and return the medical information form attached.

All medications must be in the original packaging, clearly labelled with the student's name, the name of the medication, instructions for administration and time of administration. This needs to be handed in at the sign in desk upon arrival. Any student requiring Schedule 8 drugs must report to an Aurora staff member who will arrange for the medication to be locked away until it is needed.

Hurlstone Agricultural High School has a registered nurse available from 7:30 am – 11pm. If there are serious concerns after 11pm at night, the student may be taken to hospital or an ambulance may be called.

Hurlstone also has a sick-bay and breathalyzer.

Mental well-being is just as important as physical well-being. If any student experiences difficulty at any time it is important that he/she tell the Aurora staff member in charge. Hurlstone Agricultural High School has a school counsellor if needed.

## Clothing

Students will be issued with an Aurora T-shirt which they will need to wear on the Tuesday. Whilst there is no entire Aurora uniform, certain standards in dressing are expected. Students are to dress in comfortable, clean and neat clothing that is appropriate for each activity and the weather at the time. Clothing not permitted:

- Singlet tops and tank tops
- Midriff tops
- Items with offensive logos or writing

- Torn clothes

Whilst this is not an exhaustive list, normal standards for schools and school excursions apply.

**Closed-toed shoes are required during all scheduled activities including classes and on Tuesday during the day out. Full leather covered shoes are essential for science practical classes.** Entry to classes and activities will be refused if inappropriate footwear is worn.

Areas where enclosed leather footwear (or other material confirmed by the manufacturer to be suitable, refer to Australian/NZ Standard 2210.1:2010 Safety, Protective and Occupational Footwear) is required are:

- Industrial Arts and trades workshop areas
- Science laboratories
- Canteen or Food Technology (Kitchen) areas

Sandals, open footwear or high heeled shoes are not permitted in these areas. If students present for a class or activity with inappropriate footwear the student should be offered alternative educational activities until they are wearing appropriate footwear. (See [https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/detoh\\_s/adminandmanage/ohands/safewor/learn/riskmanage/footwearguide6.pdf](https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/detoh_s/adminandmanage/ohands/safewor/learn/riskmanage/footwearguide6.pdf) for further info)

Sandals, open footwear and thongs can be worn in dorms or during free time only.

## Activities

All classes have been scheduled during normal school times. There are limited times during the residential program that allow for 'free time'. However, there are times where there is no compulsory activity. During these times, students need to follow instructions from staff to be in the right place at the right time and only within the specified supervised areas. Students may wish to make use of the facilities at Hurlstone (after notifying the teacher in charge) such as tennis courts, beach volleyball court, basketball court, oval, cross-country track and games room.

## Privacy

The information provided by parents is being obtained for Aurora's College residential program only. It will be used by the Aurora College for permissions and safety purposes. It will be stored securely.

You may correct any personal information provided at any time by contacting the Aurora office.

## List of things to bring

All scheduled activities will go ahead as planned (but may be slightly modified) so it is important to be prepared for any weather conditions such as rain or heat.

- Calculator
- Laptop and charger\*
- Stationary eg: pens, pencils, highlighter, ruler, paper
- Spending money\*
- Snacks
- Mobile phone and charger (if necessary)
- Wet weather jacket\*
- Jumper\*
- Pants
- Warm clothes for evening
- T-shirts
- Shorts
- Toiletries
- Thongs for shower
- Sneakers & closed-toed shoes
- Socks
- Small backpack\*
- Drink bottle (each student will be issued an Aurora water bottle)\*
- Walking shoes\*
- Suncream\*
- Hat (each student will be issued an Aurora cap)\*
- Pyjamas
- Underwear
- Pillow & pillow case
- Sleeping bag/sheets
- Towel
- Board games/cards
- Small amount of washing detergent (if desired)

\*These items are required for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

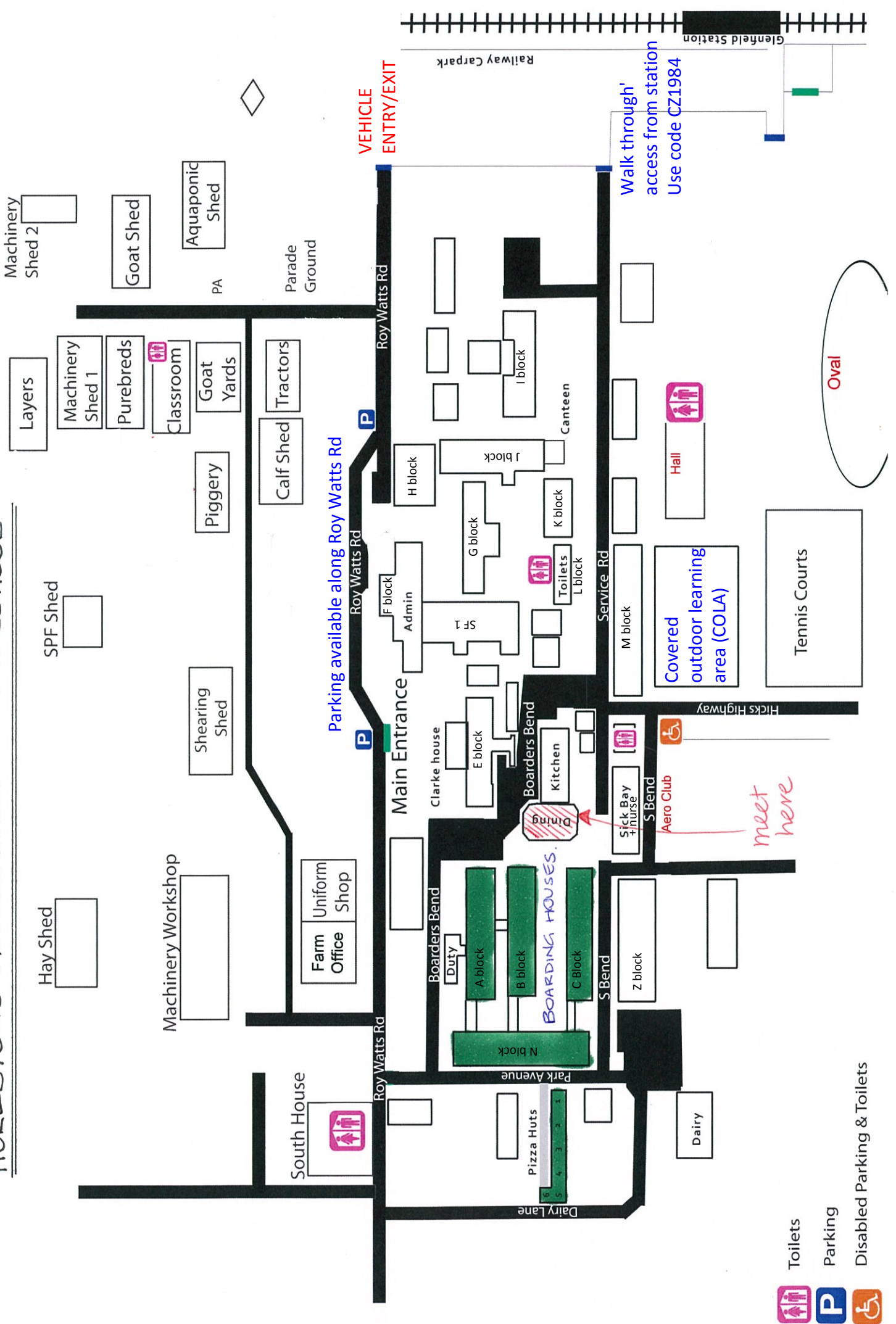


# Residential, Term 4 2015

(Parent info as at 3<sup>rd</sup> September)

| Timetable                                   | Sun 18   | Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct   | Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct   |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| Breakfast (all provided)                    |  |   |   |  |  |
| Morning                                     |  | ALL STAFF welcome, briefing and anaphylaxis training  | Students collect morning tea from dining hall<br>Travel to venues   |  | Pack bags and tidy up  |
| Period 1                                    | Travel   | 9- 9:30 ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS ASSEMBLY<br><br>Lessons  | Yr 7 – ABCN mentoring activity<br>Yr 8 – Powerhouse Museum<br>Yrs 9 & 10 - ANSTO<br>Yr 11 – ANSTO   | Lessons  | ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS ASSEMBLY<br>Present awards, Premiers Sporting Award |
| Recess (all provided)                       |  |   |   |  |  |
| Period 2                                    | Travel   | Lessons<br>Year 11 Ag: Sydney Uni   | Yr 7 – ABCN mentoring activity<br>Yr 8 – Powerhouse Museum<br>Yrs 9 & 10 - ANSTO<br>Yr 11 – ANSTO   | Lessons<br>Year 11 Ag: Local fruit farm/goat farm  | Students collect lunch for journey home<br>Buses depart                    |
| Lunch (all provided)                        |  |   |   |  |  |
| Period 3                                    | Walk through access via gates<br>Code is CZ1984            | Lessons<br>Year 11 Ag: Sydney Uni   | Approx 1:30pm arrival at UTS<br><br>2-4pm #WeSpeakCode by Microsoft @ UTS   | Lessons<br>Year 11 Ag: Local fruit farm/goat farm  | Travel   |
| Afternoon tea (all provided except Tuesday) |  |   |   |  |  |
| Afternoon activity                          | Arrival<br>Sign in<br>Receive ID card, room #, timetable   | 4pm: Cross country run (optional)<br>4pm: Distribution of t-shirts, water bottles.<br>Play boardgames, cards, chess etc<br>4pm SRC meeting<br>4pm 9&10 CESE interviews (if permitted)<br><br>5pm: ALL STAFF & STUDENTS: Drumbeats | 4-4:30pm : Some students meet mentors (all other students do UTS tour)<br><br>4:30- 5:30pm Walk to and experience Darling Harbour OR walk to Broadway shopping centre<br><br>5:30 pm early dinner (students to buy their own) | 4pm Yr7,8,11 CESE interviews (if permitted)<br>4pm Yr 9 and 10 Bell Shakespeare masterclass 1hour incl Q&A on Romeo and Juliet/Macbeth)<br><br>5pm Cross country run (optional), or staff vs students netball/tennis/volleyball (optional) | Travel   |
| Dinner (provided except Tuesday)            |  |   |   |  |  |
| Night activity                              | Informal welcome @ dinner<br><br>7pm Chill out /games room | 7pm: Year 10 and 11 CERN Masterclass with internet connection/webcam live cross to Switzerland, other year groups optional  | Approx 6pm IMAX or Broadway Cinemas<br><br>Approx 8:30pm Bus pick up and return to Hurlstone  | Trivia night (invite Hurlstone Boarders) in dining hall  |  |
| Supper (all provided)                       |  |   |   |  |  |

# HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL



Machinery Shed 2

Goat Shed

Aquaponic Shed

PA

Parade Ground

Layers

Machinery Shed 1

Purebreds

Classroom

Goat Yards

Tractors

SPF Shed

Shearing Shed

Calf Shed

Parking available along Roy Watts Rd

VEHICLE ENTRY/EXIT

Roy Watts Rd

Hay Shed

Machinery Workshop

Farm Office

Uniform Shop

Roy Watts Rd

South House

Roy Watts Rd

Boarders Bend

Duty

A block

B block

C Block

N block

Park Avenue

Pizza Huts

S 1 2 3

Dairy

Main Entrance

Clarke house

E block

SF 1

Admin

F block

H block

J block

G block

K block

Toilets L block

Canteen

Boarders Bend

Kitchen

Dining

Sick Bay + nurse

S Bend

Aero Club

M block

Service Rd

Hall

Covered outdoor learning area (COLA)

Tennis Courts

Oval

Hicks Highway

Glenfield Station

Railway Carpark

Walk through' access from station  
Use code CZ1984

- Toilets
- Parking
- Disabled Parking & Toilets