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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

# LEAVERS WA 2025 - Monday 24 November to Thursday 27 November in the South West region.

As the end of the school year draws closer, the WA Police Force, in collaboration with partner agencies and service providers, is actively preparing for Leavers WA 2025. The conclusion of Year 12 is a significant milestone, and Leavers provides an opportunity for students to celebrate in a safe, structured, and well-managed environment.

To support a positive and safe experience for all attendees, we encourage you to have a proactive conversation with your leaver before the event. Please be aware of and discuss the following key topics to help them prepare and understand the importance of each:

### **Leavers 2025 Wristbands and Photo ID**

Official Leavers WA tickets\* can only be purchased online. Sales are currently open (<u>TicketFlo - Leavers WA 2025</u>) and will close at **11:59PM on Saturday, 01 November 2025**.

Wristbands will be issued in the South West, collection locations and times can be found at: Wristband Collection Points | Leavers

Wristbands will only be issued to the leaver in person. To collect a wristband, each leaver must present:

- Their ticket QR code (from TicketFlo), and
- A current, original hard copy of photo ID (no photocopies or digital versions will be accepted).

If your leaver does not yet have an acceptable photo ID, now is the time to arrange one. A list of valid forms of ID is available here: <u>Acceptable Identification | Leavers</u>

\*Accommodation wristbands do not grant access to Leavers WA events or services.

## **Leavers WA Buses and Road Safety**

The safety of young people on our roads is a priority for the WA Police Force. In support of this, a free Leavers-only bus service is provided to reduce the need for attendees to drive throughout the Busselton and Dunsborough areas.

This initiative aligns with <u>Tom's Law</u>, which reinforces the importance of responsible decision-making and road safety for young drivers. By providing safe transport options, we aim to reduce the risk of harm and encourage safer choices during the Leavers period.

A daytime shuttle bus will run daily between Busselton, Dunsborough and Yallingup from Monday to Thursday. This service uses official Leavers bus stops, and existing Public Transport Authority bus stops along the route.

The Leavers WA buses are also the only way to access **The Zone** and **BeachFest**. Private vehicles attempting to drive to entry points of these events will be turned away. An interactive bus map displaying the bus route, stops and Park and Ride locations can be found here: <u>Bus Information | Leavers</u>

\*Leavers not staying on the bus route will need to ensure they have arranged their own transport from their accommodation to an official Leavers bus stop to access the events.

#### Accommodation

Leavers WA and the WA Police Force are not involved in the booking, management, or oversight of accommodation arrangements. Accommodation wristbands are issued by providers for access to their premises only, they **do not** grant entry to any official Leavers WA events or services.

\*If you have any questions or concerns about your leaver's accommodation, please contact the accommodation provider directly.

#### **Event Terms and Conditions**

Our priority is the wellbeing of all attendees. Leavers need to be aware of the rules, the risks, and the responsibility they carry as part of the Leavers WA experience.

Leavers who breach the <u>Event Terms and Conditions</u> may be refused entry, removed from official events, or have their wristband confiscated. In such cases, a parent or guardian may be required to collect them.

## Security Screening

Leavers entering The Zone may be subject to non-invasive wanding by security personnel or WA Police Force using hand-held metal detectors. This measure aligns with Western Australia's strengthened knife and edged weapon laws under the *Police Legislation Amendment Act 2024*.

These proactive safety measures are designed to protect young attendees and the broader community. <a href="https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/western-australia-police-force/wa-knife-and-edged-weapon-laws">https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/western-australia-police-force/wa-knife-and-edged-weapon-laws</a>

#### Alcohol and Other Drugs

All official Leavers events and services are strictly alcohol, drug, smoke and vape free. In cases where leavers are found to be intoxicated or engaging in behaviour that breaches the <u>Event Terms and Conditions</u> or Western Australian Law, parents or guardians may be required to collect them.

This includes strict legal consequences for individuals over 18 who supply substances to those under 18. For more information, please refer to the following links:

- Alcohol Think Again Alcohol and Young People
- Youth Legal Service Alcohol Laws For Young People Under 18
- Drug Aware Illicit Drug Laws & Penalties Western Australia

# **Personal Safety**

With up to 10,000 Leavers expected in the South West, your leaver will likely encounter large crowds. Talk with them about when to contact emergency services, the importance of staying in pairs or groups, and having a safety plan with friends if they feel unsafe or get separated. Discuss scenarios like lost phones, missed transport, or feeling unwell. Planning for these situations can help reduce stress if they occur.

# Stay Up to Date

For the latest information about Leavers WA 2025, please visit the official <u>Leavers WA</u> website.

Event updates and important announcements will be shared via our **social media channels**, so we encourage parents and caregivers to follow Leavers WA on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> to stay informed.

Your assistance in preparing your leaver for this event is greatly appreciated. Together, we can ensure Leavers 2025 is celebrated safely with respect for host communities, and that attendees return home with positive memories and without incident.

Yours sincerely

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