



'A great place to grow up'

NEWSLETTER

Executive News

We are nearly at the end of term and all students have settled back well into school routines after home learning. Thank you to all our families for your support during home learning and in the transition back to school. We still need to be vigilant about social distancing and hygiene. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

Reports

Next week our mid-year reports will be emailed out to all families. The reports are a little different this year because of COVID-19 and home learning. Teachers are reporting on the Achievement Standards from the Australian Curriculum in the subject areas that were taught and assessed during terms 1 and 2. However there will be no A-E marks given and there will only be one general comment, rather than the usual three comments (Maths, English and general). We expect reports to go out on the last day of school. Because reports will be emailed this year, please make sure you have informed the front office of any changes in your contact details. This includes split families so we can ensure all reports are sent to the correct email addresses.

Easing of restrictions

Earlier this week we sent out information from the ACT Education Directorate and ACT Health about the easing of restrictions in the ACT which are relevant to schools. According to this advice, in term 3 parents will be able to attend the school for small assemblies and other events, including parent teacher interviews. Because we have already organised our parent teacher interviews to be online we will continue with this in week 2 next term. Bookings for the online interviews open in week 1 with all interviews to be online after school on Tuesday and Wednesday in week 2. The interviews are strictly 15 minutes long. Please ensure you sign on promptly at your allocated time and apparently there will be a 'knock on the door' sound when the next person is ready for their interview. If you require a longer time, please contact your child's teacher or the front office. When we have further advice about what a 'small assembly' looks like and how we can ensure social distancing during events such as this we will let you know how we will be proceeding next term.

Pyjama Day

Our School Parliament has organised a Pyjama Day on the last day of the term, Friday 3 July. Students (and staff) are encouraged to wear pyjamas and donate a gold coin towards the Year 6 Graduation. Please remind your children to wear safe and sensible footwear as students will still be going outside to play.

PBL Positive Acknowledgment Tokens

The students have been very excited about receiving tokens in the 3 colours for being safe, respectful learners. Students accumulate these tokens individually to gain achievement awards and they also go towards house points. Last time I looked every house had over 400 points, which means we have given out over 1600 tokens already. WOW and well done everyone!

Debbie Martens

Principal



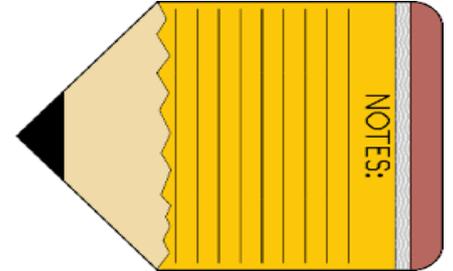
School News

Dates to Remember

- 20 July** Bookings open for online parent interviews
28 & 29 July Term 3 Week 2 Online Parent Teacher Interviews
6 & 7 Aug Year 3/4 Birrigai Camp

Notes sent out

- 18 Jun** Be You at Theodore Primary School years 4-6
18 Jun Dance Nation select students – Expression of interest
23 Jun Year 3/4 AC Viewing Inside Out
25 June www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet
25 June Year 3/4 Birrigai Camp



Notes to be returned

- 23 Jun** Year 3/4 AC Viewing Inside Out – Note only
26 Jun Dance Nation select students - Expression of interest – Note Only
3 Jul Be You at Theodore Primary School – Note only
31 Jul Year 3/4 Birrigai Camp – Note & Money

School Reminders

Drink Bottles

Please remember to bring a drink bottle to school each day

Changes to semester 1 reporting

Due to the unprecedented circumstances faced by schools across Australia this year, a national agreement has been reached to modify school reporting for Semester 1. In the ACT we will reduce the level of Semester 1 reporting for students from Kindergarten to year 10.

We recognise that providing families with information about their child's progress and learning is crucial and will be especially valuable after the start to the year we have all experienced.

Semester 1 school reports for 2020 will still include information about each student's level of progress against specific achievement standards for the learning areas that were covered in Semester 1. Teachers will still make a judgement about the level of engagement each student has demonstrated with their learning and, where appropriate, work habits. Personal and Social Capability will still be included.



Reports in Semester 1 will not include overall grades for learning areas/subjects or a comparative A-E grade summary. Additionally, reports will not include attendance information for Semester 1.

If you would like further information about your child's progress please consult with your classroom/subject teacher. For any other queries or concerns, you can contact the Education Directorate via the [Education Directorate Contact Form](#) or call 6205 5429.

This semester, reports will be sent via email. A test email was sent out today. If you DID NOT receive an email, can you please update your email address at the front office.



Additional School Maintenance Repairs Officer (SMRO)



The directorate have employed an extra BSO for all schools with a 3-month contract to support those who have lost their jobs through the COVID 19 .

Please welcome Shibin Kurian.

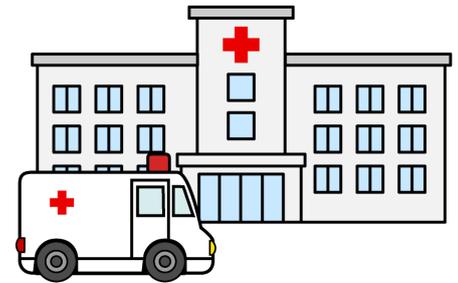
Shibin will be supporting Laurie with maintaining our school / grounds and will be with us from 8.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday until August 28, 2020.

Student Injury – Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The ACT Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.



The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity **within the ACT**.

Privacy Notice – School Accidents/Incidents

Theodore Primary School collects information about injuries and incidents which occur at school or on school-organised activities, on behalf of the ACT Education Directorate. Some of the information may be personal information as defined in the *Information Privacy Act 2014* and the *Health Records (Privacy and Access) Act 1997*. The information is usually included in a Student Accident/Incident Report or Notification of a Critical Incident together with any accompanying witness statements.

The purposes for which the information is collected include notifying the Territory's insurers and legal advisers of injuries and incidents and ensuring that the school itself has accurate and complete records.

The Directorate usually provides the form and any other information relevant to the accident/incident to the ACT Insurance Authority and the ACT Government Solicitor. Information may also be provided to WorkSafe ACT in accordance with the ACT *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*.

Schools have a duty of care to keep students safe. Where an injury or incident occurs, schools have an obligation to determine what has happened and therefore may question students. Schools may also ask students to make statements in writing and to sign these statements.



Mingari News

This week the Mingari students moved back into their newly renovated classroom. We had fun with a new arrangement of desks and other furniture and exploring the spaces that are now attached to the existing classroom. Mingari students are keenly waiting to use the new outdoor area complete with sandpit and lovely garden. The area will be ready for use soon and we have been busy thinking about all the wonderful things that can be done in the new space. So much fun!





Year 3 & 4 News

It has been a very busy term in 3/4! We have definitely hit the ground running with the return to face to face teaching.

In maths we have been learning about different strategies to solve multiplication problems. We have been learning that we can start with easier facts, and then add or subtract groups to solve more trickier problems. For example, if we wanted to solve 9×6 , we can start with the easier problem of $10 \times 6 = 60$. We can then take a group of 6 away from 60 so that $9 \times 6 = 54$.

We have been busily publishing our final drafts of our narratives. In order to write these narratives, we have been learning about the writing process. This includes writing our first draft, then re-reading and making changes to our words, sentences and punctuation to make our writing more interesting for our audience.

Hot Reads is also an important part of our day in 3/4. We start each day with reading books we are interested and engaged in. This is important to build reading stamina and a lifelong love of reading in the students. Here are some pictures of students enjoying Hot Reads in 3/4AC.





Year 5 & 6 News

Birrigai Incursion

On Monday the 15th of June Birrigai Outdoor School staff came to visit Mereki! They ran some great activities for us including natural dye and printmaking on paper with leaves and flowers, a team initiative obstacle course which involved using teamwork and communication skills to achieve a shared goal, and a team trek with map reading and puzzle solving. The students had a great day reconnecting with each other and learning new skills- thankfully the sun stayed out all day! Our students approached all of the challenging tasks with positivity, a willingness to have a go, and words of encouragement for each other.





5/6 Parliament Back in Action

Since returning to school two weeks ago, our 5/6 student leaders have been working hard in our School Parliament. All students are part of a Ministry and the Ministries are led by Year 6 leaders. Our students act as our school's House of Representatives, and any Bills they vote through are then passed on to the teachers (Senate) and Mrs Martens (Governor General) for final approval. Thanks to their hard work, three Ministries have had Bills pass the Parliament and sent to the teachers. We have also already started Bike Club and the Pod (alternative play) up and running at break times. Arijana M and Ethan Y were voted our Prime Ministers earlier this year, and they have taken on the job of running our Parliament meetings- no easy feat! All students are to be congratulated on their commitment and enthusiasm of working as part of a team to improve the Theodore Primary community.





Family & Community News

Be You



Over terms 3 and 4 we will continue to implement Be You at Theodore Primary. Be You is a national initiative aimed at supporting children, young people, staff and families within our learning community achieve their best possible mental health. Our focus will be on continuous improvement towards building and maintaining a positive, inclusive and resilient learning community for all.

However, before we launch Be You at Theodore, we need to collect some data to enable us to track positive improvements. Early in term 1 I sent home a link to the parent survey and had some responses, but I would love some more before we start to implement Be You in term 3.

Once you have completed the survey please email or text me your name and your child's name and let me know you have completed the survey to go into the draw to win a **\$50 bistro voucher** for the Eastlake Calwell Football Club. I will draw this prize on Thursday July 2 at 12.00pm so please complete the survey and let me know when you have done so before then.



Please follow this link to complete the survey, it will only take about 10-15 minutes:

<https://secure.peoplepulse.com.au/survey.php?mid=uNo38ypjA1yd2cg3n16fsky198qq1>

If you require a paper copy, please see the front office.

Playgroup



Following advice from the ACT Education Directorate Playgroup will commence again in term 3. Playgroup will run on Friday mornings from 9.15 – 10.30 beginning in week 1 Friday July 24.

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Community News



Brindabella Blues Extend Registrations for 5 to 8 year old All-Girl Football program

Tired of being in lockdown? Want to run around outside in a safe, protected environment? Want to make new friends and learn new skills? Want to learn the game that took the Matilda's Sam Kerr and Ellie Carpenter to play with the biggest football clubs in Europe? Want to have fun?

The Brindabella Blues have extend registrations and dropped the cost for its popular 5 to 8 year-old All-Girl Football program. Running Saturday mornings from late June to mid-September the program has a focus on fun, friends, family, fitness and football.

For registration information see the Brindabella Blues website <https://www.bbfc.org.au/> or contact Michael, the Brindabella Girls Coordinator on juniors@bbfc.org.au or 0423 824 192.



Theodore Primary School
(Official Site)

Updated public transport timetables



START 18 JULY 2020

Commencing Term 3, 2020 minor changes will apply to some dedicated school services, regular route services and timetables for buses.

COVID-19 restrictions may have eased but your responsibility hasn't.

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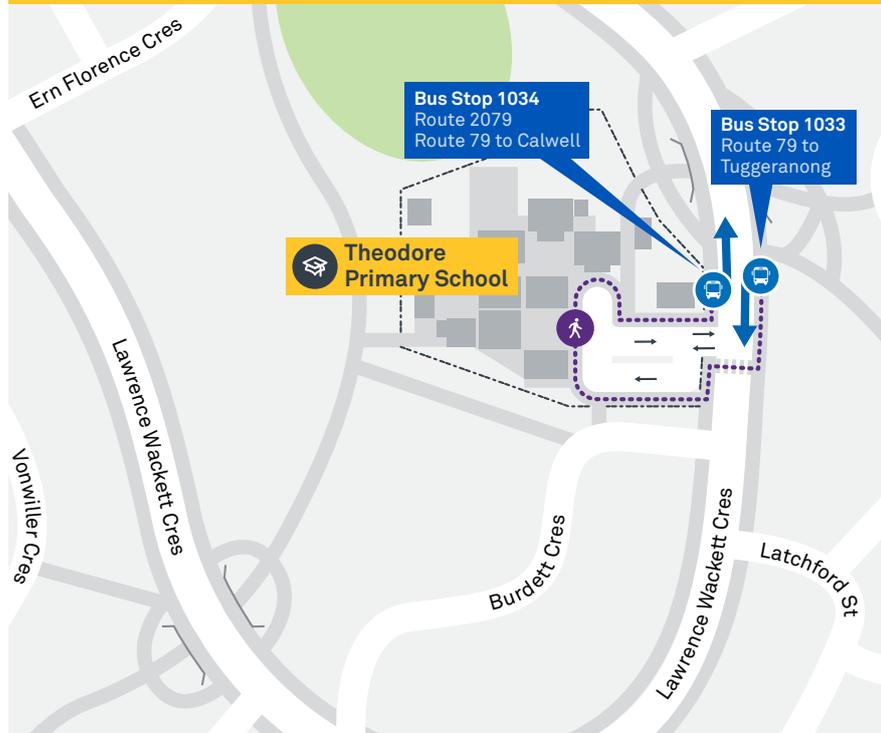
THEODORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Plan your trip with the TC Journey planner! Visit transport.act.gov.au for details

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Local area map



School start

🕒 9:00 am

School finish

🕒 3:00 pm



Bus stop location

79

Regular route number

2079

School route number



Walking route

Local area map provides indicative walking paths only. This map is designed to represent local public transport options in the area and is not to scale

Summary of bus services

Route	AM	PM	Suburbs/Areas Served	Other information
79	✓	✓	Tuggeranong Interchange, Greenway, Isabella Plains, Theodore, Calwell	
2079	✓	✓	Isabella Plains, Calwell	



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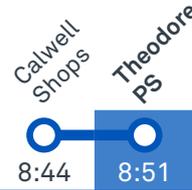
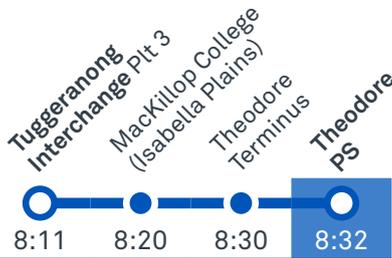


Morning regular services

Other times available. Visit transport.act.gov.au

79 From Tuggeranong

79 From Calwell



Morning school services

2079 From Isabella Plains



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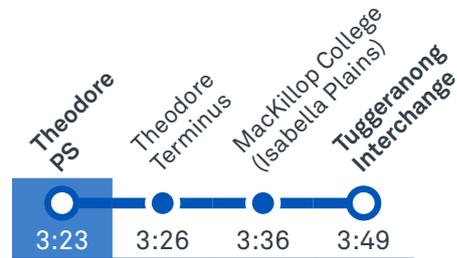
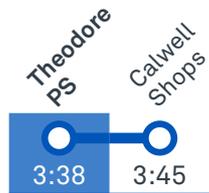


Afternoon regular services

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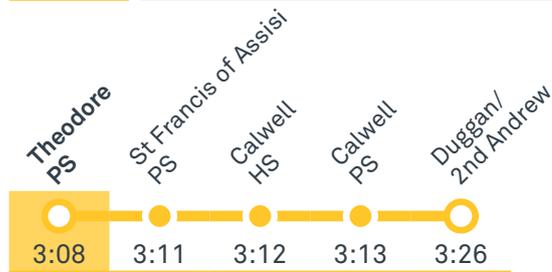
79 To Calwell

79 To Tuggeranong



Afternoon school services

2079 To Isabella Plains



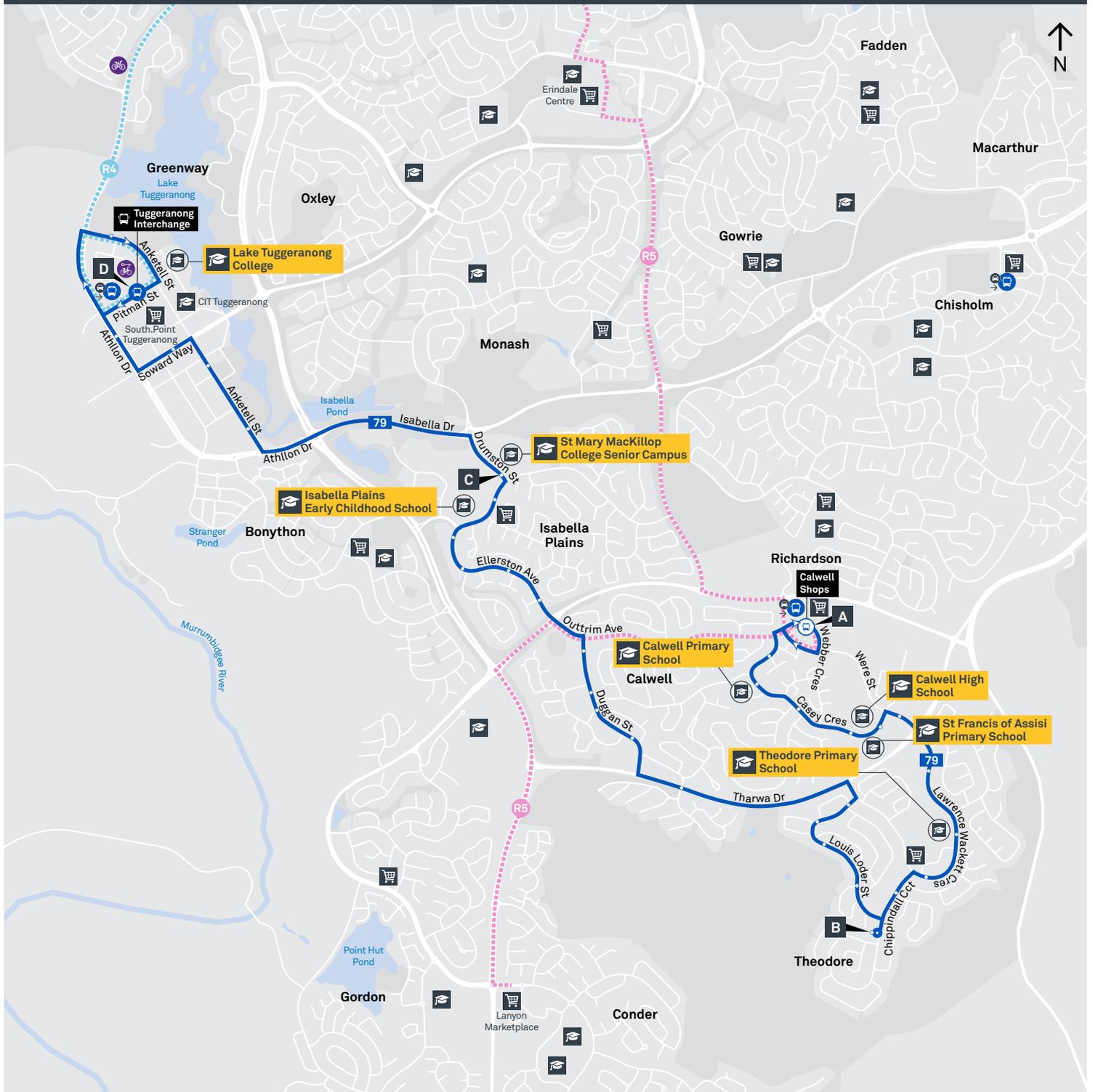
CALWELL TO TUGGERANONG via Theodore and Isabella Plains

Effective 18 July 2020

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ROUTE MAP



- Bus route
- Bus interchange
- Mode interchange
- Educational institution
- Hospital
- Bicycle lockers
- Park and Ride
- R4 RAPID route
- Bus terminus
- 79 Route number
- Shopping centre
- Bicycle rails
- Bicycle cage
- Bus stop / this side only



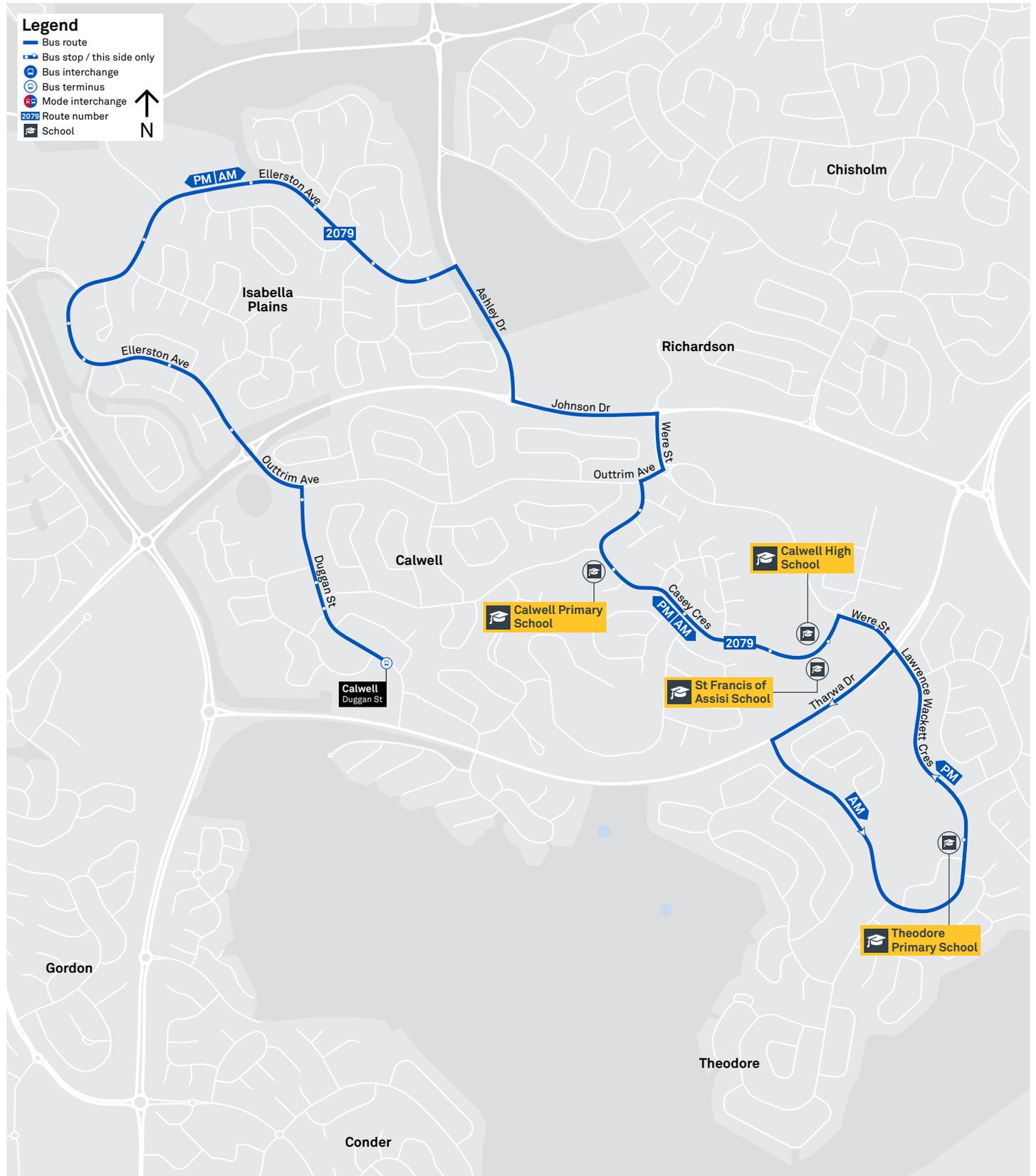
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SCHOOL ROUTE 2079 (AM & PM)

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**TUGGERANONG
VALLEY AFL**



AUSSIE RULES



Auskick (5 y/o) to Seniors

**MIXED, BOYS, GIRLS,
MENS AND WOMENS!!**



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**ROUND 1 KICKS OFF
18 JULY**

**FOUR CLUBS... NOW ONE BANNER...
STANDING STRONG
MIGHTY TUGGERANONG!**