

## Educating The Whole Student

Our students will engage in a safe and supportive learning environment that will enhance relationships, social and emotional skills and support their transition to education and vocation.

### The Austin School's Values are:

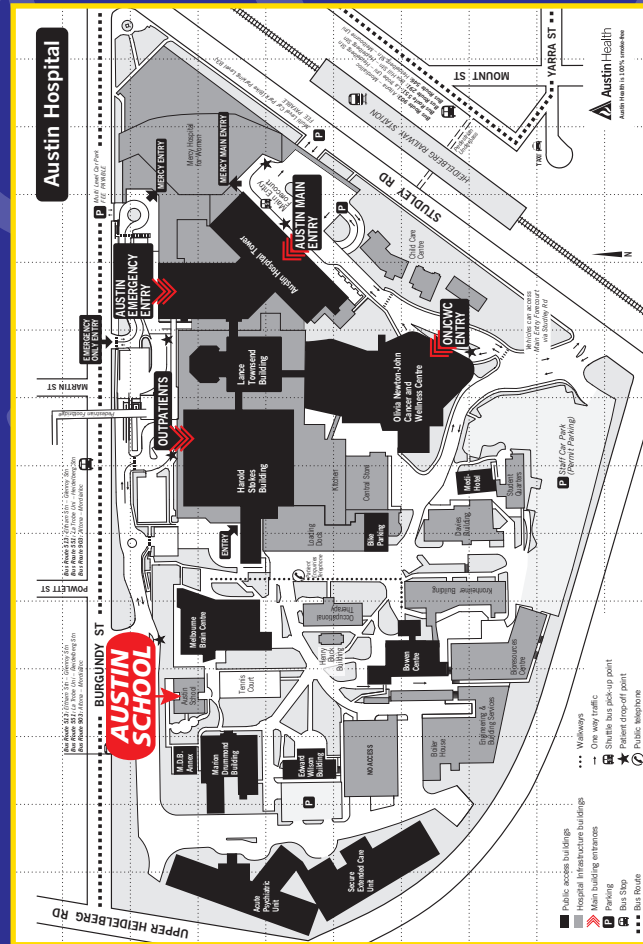


Dear Parents/Guardians,

Whilst your child is attending the Adolescent Inpatient Program at The Austin School, feel free to contact us regarding your child's education and schooling.

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## WHERE TO FIND US



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## General Information

The Marion Drummond Adolescent Unit is located within the Child and Youth Mental Health Services of the Austin Hospital.

The Adolescent Inpatient Program (AIP) provides an educational program for young people between 13 and 18 years who are inpatients of the Adolescent Unit. Students who come from all sectors of education, including Public, Catholic and Independent schools, attend The Austin School AIP classroom. Students do not need to be enrolled in a school to attend the program.

The teachers work closely with clinical staff and are part of the multidisciplinary team within the Adolescent Unit, which may include Psychiatrists, Psychiatric Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Social Workers, Psychologists and other hospital staff.

The program, run by a team of teachers, is based in a classroom at The Austin School, which is located adjacent to the unit. Each student is allocated a 'contact' teacher for family and school liaison.

## School Program

The AIP classroom is an integral part of the Adolescent Unit Program. It runs daily. Generally sessions in the morning run for 1 hour and sessions in the afternoon run for 2 hours.

The program provides an opportunity for young people to:

- Continue their schooling when appropriate
- Develop strategies that will assist them in their return to school or in their transition to a new educational setting
- Explore issues that may be impacting on their ability to engage in education or to maximise their learning opportunities
- Have a positive educational experience

A high priority in the program is the contact between the Austin School and the student's base school or educational setting. This ensures an appropriate individual program is offered to students whilst at The Austin School and that their base school is able to support them on their return.

## School Program

Students participate in individual and group activities.

Where appropriate, students continue with work provided by their home school.

Students who are unable to complete work from their school or who are not enrolled in a school may negotiate specific tasks with their 'contact' teacher such as literacy activities, "Mathsonline", research or creative art projects.

There is a school wide focus on the teaching of personal and social capabilities.

Specialist art and music sessions are held each week. Half-day excursions are offered to those students well enough to attend.

## Enrolment Procedure

Parents/guardians must complete an enrolment form before the student can attend the AIP classroom.