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Borough Bulletin ~ 13 November 2025

Thursday 13 November 2025	Prep to Grade 2 – Stop, Look, Listen & Think Incursion Deposit & Expression of Interest for 2026 School Camp Due
Friday 14 November 2025	Swimming Program 5 – WaterMarc 09:30am to 12:00pm 2026 Prep Transition Session 1 – 09:30am to 10:30am
Wednesday 19 November 2025	Grade 5 Greensborough Secondary College Excursion
Friday 21 November 2025	Swimming Program 6 – WaterMarc 09:30am to 12:00pm 2026 Prep Transition Session 2 – 09:30am to 10:30am
Wednesday 26 November 2025	Premiers' Reading Challenge Lunch – TBC
Friday 28 November 2025	Swimming Program 7 – WaterMarc 09:30am to 12:00pm 2026 Prep Transition Session 3 – 09:30am to 10:30am
Monday 01 December 2025	School Council Meeting – 06:30pm
Friday 05 December 2025	Swimming Program 7 – Fun Day – 12:15pm to 02:30pm 2026 Prep Transition Session 4 – 09:30am to 10:30am 2026 First Instalment for 2026 Camp Weekaway Due All 2026 Camp Weekaway Paperwork & Medical Forms Due
Tuesday 09 December 2025	2026 Year 7 Student Orientation Session Students meet their 2026 Grade Teachers
Thursday 11 December 2025	Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony
Friday 12 December 2025	Ice Cream Truck Visit
Monday 15 December 2025	Whole School Christmas Picnic – 05:00pm to 07:00pm
Tuesday 16 December 2025	2025 Semester 2 Student Academic Reports to go home
Wednesday 17 December 2025	Grade 6 Big Day Out
Thursday 18 December 2025	Last Day of School for 2025 – Dismissal at 03:30pm (<i>normal time</i>)
Friday 19 December 2025	Curriculum Day – Pupil-free day
Wednesday 28 January 2026	First Day of 2026 School Year
Friday 30 January 2026	Big Day Out – Term 1 – Grade 6 Funfields Excursion

Principal's Report

Congratulations to our School Captains Lizzie and Lachie on receiving a scholarship from Watsonia RSL to assist with their 2026 school costs. The RSL awards are presented to students who display the ANZAC attributes of Courage, Commitment and Mateship, and Lizzie and Lachie have consistently demonstrated these qualities not only this year as School Captains, but also in their previous years at GPS. Lizzie and Lachie also represented our school proudly as they laid a wreath on behalf of our school community during the Remembrance Day Service at the RSL. We wish Lachie and Lizzie all the best as they continue their leadership journey at secondary school.

Whilst our school Vice Captains and House Captains were disappointed they were unable to attend the Greensborough RSL service at War Memorial Park as it was cancelled due to the terrible weather conditions; we were pleased that there was a break in the weather so that we could hold our school service outside. We congratulate our students in Grade Six who led the service and all students who respectfully honoured armed forces members who have died in wars, conflicts and peace-keeping operations.



What a fantastic time was had by everyone during our Halloween celebrations. We were bedazzled by costumes during the parade and the 'trick or treating' was greatly enjoyed by everyone. The disco was a huge success and it was wonderful to see students and staff having a joyous time dancing to the tunes carefully selected by the DJ. This event was certainly a highlight of our school year to date, and our students and community have resoundingly requested this be an annual event added to our calendar. Thank you to Margaret for organising the day and to families for supporting their children to dress up.

Margaret Hirth has been keeping everyone up to date in recent newsletters with our many current internal and external building projects. We're very pleased that we're on track to complete most within the anticipated timeframe. The exception is the fence mural, which has been held up due to the rain, however we're hoping indigenous artist Corree Thorpe, who completed the first stage, will be able to continue in the coming week.

We're very excited that the installation of our new spider net will be completed this week and our JSC members will celebrate the opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony next Monday 17th November at 10.50am. It's fitting that the JSC preside over this ceremony as they made a significant contribution to the cost, as did the agency that supports us with International Student placements and our Parents & Friends Association.



Curriculum Day Friday 19th December

Our final staff planning day for 2025 will be the last day of Term Four, Friday 19th December. Apologies to families for the oversight in not adding this to our Term Four calendar. This will be a student-free day and will focus on staff planning to ensure a smooth start to 2026.

Students will finish at 03:30pm on Thursday 18th December and our final assembly will be at 03:10pm. We have contacted OSHClub to confirm if they will be open on Friday 19th December.

Prep Transition

We are greatly looking forward to welcoming our 2026 Prep students and their families tomorrow morning as they begin their four transition sessions. These sessions are a great opportunity for our Prep teacher, Emily Zann, and her new students to get to know each other and family members to continue to establish relationships with our school community. These sessions will culminate with our Preps meeting their 2026 Grade 6 buddies and enjoying a magic show with Tim Credible The Magician on Friday December 5th.

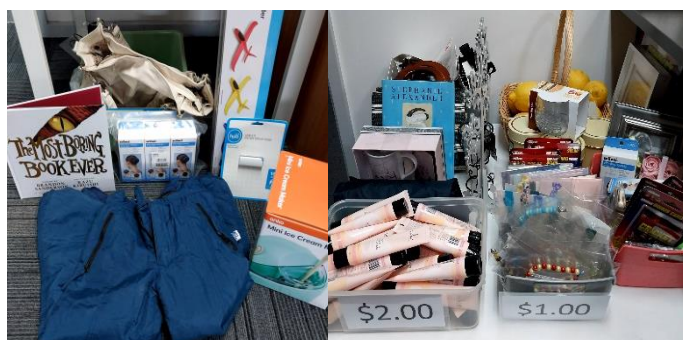
Student Leadership

Our current planning and preparation for 2026 includes the important task of electing our student leaders. We are very pleased that 10 of our students in Grades 4 – 6 have nominated to be Student Wellbeing Leaders and will soon begin their training with ES, Lynette. Wellbeing Leaders organise engaging activities at the Friendship Tree each day promoting fun and friendship. A highlight of these activities is celebrating different cultural festivals during our school year.

It's always an honour to listen to the speeches of our Grade 5 students who aspire to be School Captains. Every year we are proud of the passion they show for our students, school and community. Listening to their ideas for future improvements or support for current initiatives and programs is a highlight and each year the task of selecting School Captains from the very worthy field becomes more difficult. This year candidates will give their speeches on Monday November 24th. The following Monday 1st December, students will address their peers and confirm their commitment to supporting the students in their Houses; Acacia, Grevillea, Banksia and Eucalyptus. Students in each House will then vote for their selected candidate. Our 2026 student leadership team will be announced at school assembly.

Bring or Buy Table – Raising Money for 2026 Camp Bus Costs

Thank you to the parents who have donated or purchased items at our 'Bring or Buy' table in the foyer. Currently on the table are a range of items including hand cream, toys and books for \$2.00 or \$1.00 and some locally picked fresh lemons for 50c.



The purpose of the table is to raise funds and reduce our 2026 Camp bus costs for families. These are donated new items which are surplus to families' or community members' needs and are for sale at modest prices. This is a cash only enterprise as we do not want to create extra work for Mehgan with multiple small EFTPoS transactions.

If you have any items you would like to donate please send them to the office.

Save The Date: End Of Year Twilight Picnic!

We're hoping everyone will be able to join us for our end of year Christmas Picnic on Monday 15th December. We know this is a very busy time of year for everyone with many festive, social events on families' calendars; however we're hoping our Christmas Picnic is on your list! This evening is one of the highlights of our school year and provides us with an opportunity to celebrate together as a community. Families are invited to arrive at 05:00pm with chairs or picnic blankets and purchase dinner from the P&F barbeque or bring a picnic from home. At 05.30pm teachers will run games/activities and then at 06.30 each grade will sing a Christmas Carol at the outdoor learning area. The festivities are expected to conclude by 07:00pm and we sincerely hope everyone can join us.

Student Reports on COMPASS

Parents and Carers are reminded to save student reports from COMPASS on to your computer hard drive, so that you will always have access to them. As our Grade 6 students are nearing the end of the primary school journey, and teachers are preparing their final reports, we're mindful that once they are exited from our school, they will no longer have access to their COMPASS accounts and their semester reports. Please ensure that you download your child's semester reports from Compass prior to 31 December 2025. If any family members have difficulty completing this task, please contact your child's teacher for assistance.

Angela Morrìtt

Principal

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Free public transport

From 1 January 2026, people aged under 18 can travel free on all Victorian public transport services using a new youth myki card. This includes trams, trains, buses and coach services. To access free travel, students must tap the myki card on and off each time they travel. For areas that do not use myki cards, they must show their myki card to travel free.

More information about the youth myki card will be available later in Term 4, 2025 – refer to the myki types webpage on the Transport Victoria website. For more information about other travel options to school, and support for eligible students, refer to the Travelling to school webpage on the Victorian Government website.

Webpage to help families and students prepare for a new school year



A new school year is an exciting time for students and families, but it can be a big step – particularly for those starting Prep, secondary school or VCE. The Department of Education has a webpage with resources and information to help you prepare for the new school year. During the next few weeks, please consider reading through the resources, which include:

- ★ Tips to help transition from kinder to Prep, primary to secondary school, and Year 10 to VCE
- ★ What to expect at school
- ★ Help with school costs and fees
- ★ Health and wellbeing guidance to support children's mental health
- ★ Please refer to the new year of learning webpage

2026 School Camp Weekaway

We are looking forward to our **2026 Grades 3 – 6 School Camp at Camp Weekaway** in the beautiful Benloch Valley near Lancefield. To assist families in planning ahead, we have outlined the key dates and payment schedule below.

The **first instalment of \$150** (50% of the total camp cost including the \$50 deposit) is **due by Friday, 5th December 2025**. Please note that **medical and dietary information forms are also due by Friday, 5th December 2025**.

Next year, there will be a further two instalments:

- **Second instalment of \$100 – due Friday, 27th February 2026**
- **Third and final instalment of \$100 – due Friday, 27th March 2026**

This brings the total camp cost to **\$400**.

These payments have been **staggered to assist families** in managing costs in the lead-up to camp. However, families are **welcome to pay in full** at any time or to **contact the school** if they wish to discuss **alternative financial arrangements**.

If you have any questions about the camp, please **contact your child's classroom teacher**, or reach out to **Mr Jesse Stephens (Camp Coordinator) directly via Compass**. We thank families for their support and look forward to providing students with a memorable and enriching camp experience next year.

Kind regards,

Jesse Stephens
Camp Coordinator



Halloween Day



Halloween Parade



Disco Fun!



Special Thanks

A very big thank you to all our parent helpers that assisted on the day, and thank you to Mrs Hirth for making this Halloween a memorable one!



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Parents & Friends Association

A huge thank you to all the wonderful volunteers from our Greensborough Primary School Community who helped make the Bunnings BBQ a great success! We had a steady stream of customers from 08:30am to 04:30pm, some coming back two and three times for our excellent sausages! Looks like a healthy amount has been raised towards the buses for school camp 2026, and we couldn't have done it without the commitment and energy from all the volunteers on the day.

Thank you!

Annie

Bunnings BBQ Coordinator for P&F Association



JSC Update

We're thrilled to share that, thanks to our families' incredible generosity and ongoing support, the JSC has been able to make some exciting new purchases for our classrooms and school yard. Stay tuned during upcoming assemblies to hear the JSC present these items to the school as their legacy and contribution – something that will be enjoyed for years to come!

It has been such a pleasure watching our current JSC members grow in their leadership skills and engage so positively with their peers during icy pole and cookie sales. Their enthusiasm and teamwork have been wonderful to see, and I'm so proud of all of them this year!

Ms T

JSC Teacher Coordinator



Dear Families,

The final Book Club catalogue for 2025 is coming home with your child today.

If you would like to place an order, this can be done online at <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents> or you can complete the student order form at the back of the catalogue and take this, with your payment, to Meghan in the Office.

Orders are due by **Monday the 1st of December.**

If your order is a gift, please indicate this on your order and we will contact you when it is ready to be collected.

Thank you,

Claire Embling

Book Club Coordinator

STUDENT WELLBEING

Hi Everyone!

TODAY, November 13th, is **WORLD KINDNESS DAY!!**



World Kindness Day is an annual observance on **November 13th** that promotes the importance of being kind to others, to yourself, and to the world. It encourages acts of kindness, compassion, and goodwill through various initiatives and awareness campaigns.

World Kindness Day is an international observance on **13th November each year**. It was introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement, a coalition of nations' Kindness NGOs (*Non-Government Organisations*). It is observed in many countries, including Canada, **Australia**, Nigeria and the United Arab Emirates. Singapore observed the day for the first time in 2009. Italy and India also observed the day. In the UK, it is fronted by David Jamilly, who co-founded Kindness Day UK with Louise Burfitt-Dons.



The positive power and the common thread of **kindness** for good, binds a fundamental part of the human condition which bridges the divides of race, religion, politics, gender and location, promoting the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, and to the world.

If every Australian performed an act of kindness on World Kindness Day, we would have approximately 27 million acts of kindness in a single day. The possibilities are endless – **TOGETHER LET'S MAKE AUSTRALIA KINDER!**

Have a chat around the dinner table about the importance of kindness (to ourselves and others) and perhaps think of at least one thing you could do as a family to show kindness this Christmas to each other and others in our community!

My act of Kindness to you today is an Irish Blessing:



As we continue to work together to help our children and young people become the best they can be, let's help them to make their world a kinder place!

Robyn Mulholland
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

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Prep & Grade 1 Breakfast

Prep / Grade 1 students enjoyed their special breakfast this week! It was wonderful to see them showing growing independence, for example pouring their own cereal, washing their dishes, getting changed, and even brushing their teeth after breakfast!

Not only was it great fun, but it was also a fantastic way to practise important life skills. These experiences help build confidence and independence as our Grade 1s look ahead to exciting milestones like the Grade 2 sleepover and, eventually, camp in Year 3.





Pupil of the Week



2025 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 04

Prep	Alister	For the consistent effort you have made with your reading, and eagerness to continue to extend yourself. Well done, Alister!
Grade 1/2 A	Aurelia	Amazing progress in your learning this Term, Aurelia. Your concentration during reading has been fantastic!
Grade 1/2 B	Oliver	For showing great enthusiasm during Discovery lessons and coming up with a catchy classroom call and response. Fantastic work, Ollie!
Grade 3/4 A	Dash	For amazing effort in class activities this week.
Grade 3/4 B	Gino	I was so impressed by your critical thinking during our discussion on whether space exploration was a waste of money! Well done!
Grade 5/6 A	Nick	For consistently demonstrating a wonderful understanding of our school values and modelling these for all students at GPS. You are an exceptional role model, well done.
Grade 5/6 B	Edward	Your creativity and enthusiasm in supporting your peers to become the best learners they can be is always appreciated. We are lucky to learn with you!
Art	Tyren 1/2A	For the effort, imagination and workmanship you put into creating your 3D robot. It looks fantastic. Well done!
Library	Jackson 5/6B	For his active participation and well-reasoned arguments for our debate question 'Should there be restrictions on social media use for people under 16?'
LOTE Mandarin	Alaana Prep	For doing great work in writing the character of a Chinese Dragon dancing
PE	Lachie 5/6A	For your wonderful movement and control in Bat Tennis.
STEM	Khloe 1/2A	For always participating to the best of her ability and completing her Echolocation activity to a great standard. Keep it up, Khloe.

2025 ~ Term 4 ~ Week 05

Prep	Stevie	For using your initiative to position yourself to the front of the class and therefore extending yourself in our Maths tasks. Fantastic effort Stevie, it has paid off!
Grade 1/2 A	Matias	Demonstrating attentive listening during class and contributing to discussions. You always lend a helping hand to your friends when they need it. Good job, Matias!
Grade 1/2 B	Lilyana	For showing great progress in her Writing! Fantastic effort!
Grade 3/4 A	Lidia	For demonstrating determination and resilience when writing in English as it is your second language. You should be very proud of the wonderful progress you have made.
Grade 3/4 B	Kleo	Your narrative 'Through the Doorway' was terrific and demonstrates great progress in writing for this year! Well written, Kleo!
Grade 5/6 A	Matilda	For making excellent progress with your reading fluency and comprehension. You're a superstar.
Grade 5/6 B	Imogen	For the amazing effort you have put into challenging yourself to write a fantasy narrative during our Literacy sessions. You should be proud of your effort!
Library	Vinnie 1/2B	For up-levelling her sentences with rich, descriptive vocabulary in our writing task this week. Well done, Vinnie!
LOTE Mandarin	Hunter 1/2A	For working very hard in class when learning about the white tiger.
PE	Amelie 1/2A	For your wonderful help in PE, you are a caring friend and someone who always knows the rules!
STEM	Jacob 5/6B	For his peer support when working with coding topics. Jacob, it is great to see you using your strengths to assist within the STEM classroom.



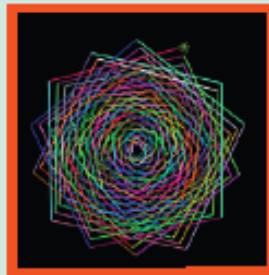
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16 NOVEMBER **SUNDAY**
11 AM TO 4 PM
MALAHANG RESERVE, HEIDELBERG WEST

Join a **free** celebration with the local community. Proudly featuring a culturally diverse program with heaps to see and do for everyone!

Circus play | Live music | Art & craft workshops for all ages | Council displays
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Construction Blitz on Grimshaw Street – Spring/Summer 2025

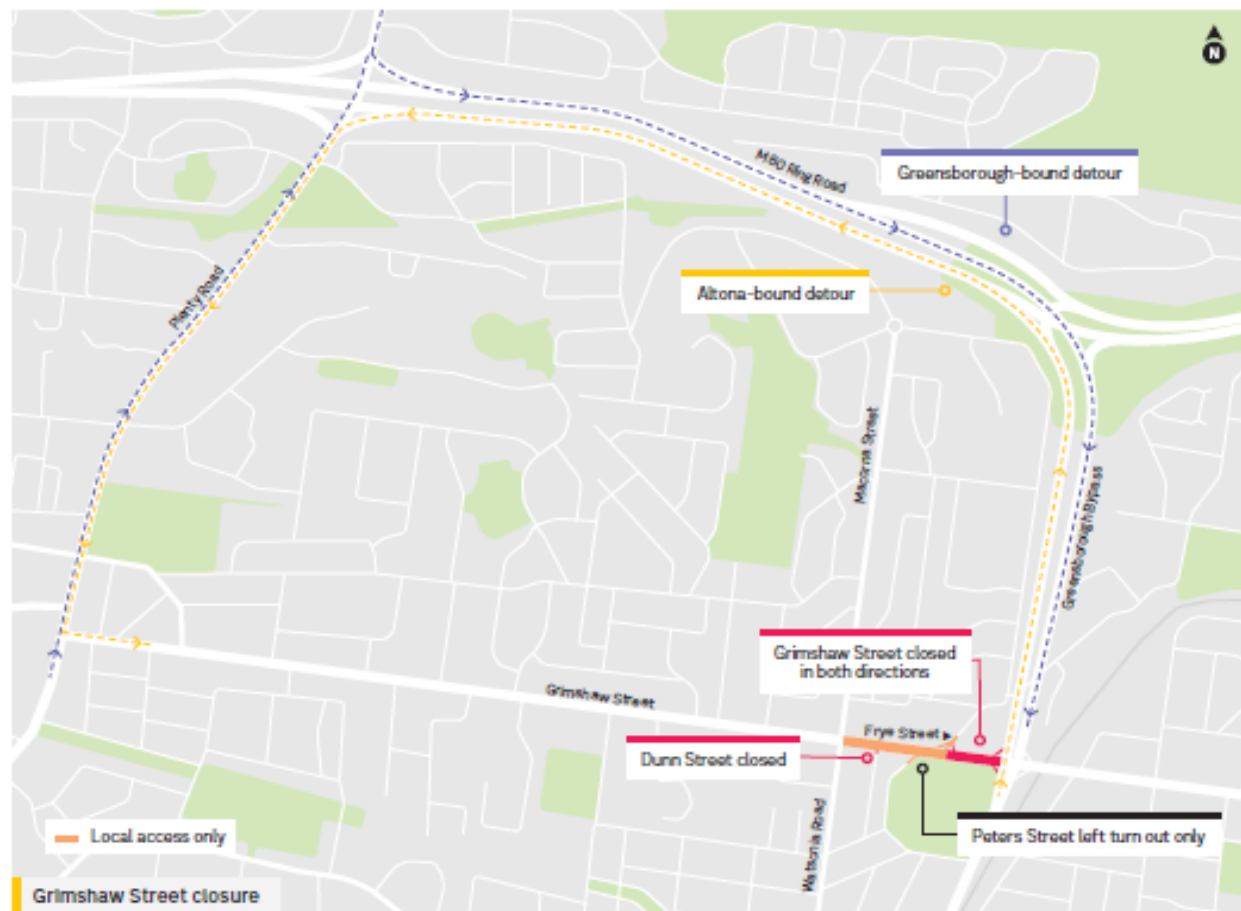
Works Notification
October 2025

BIG BUILD
M80 RING ROAD

We're building the new Grimshaw Street Interchange in Greensborough, with express lanes to the North East Link and less congestion for locals.

Major works on Grimshaw Street continues in November and December. Grimshaw Street will close in both directions between Frye Street and Greensborough Bypass, with crews working 24/7 to build the west side of the interchange.

While major works continue at the Grimshaw Street Interchange, crews will also be working nearby in Kempston Street. In late October and November, beams will be delivered and installed for the new Kempston Street bridge, requiring overnight road closures of Kempston Street.



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Grimshaw Street, Greensborough		
Impact	Date and time	Detour
Major works on the road to build the west side of the Grimshaw Street Interchange		
24/7: Grimshaw Street closed in both directions between Frye Street and Greensborough Bypass.	9pm Friday 7 November to 5am Tuesday 16 December	Detour via Greensborough Bypass, Plenty Road. Delays of up to 30 minutes .
Bus routes 566 and 902 detours		
<p>Bus Route 902 will operate via the M80 Ring Road between Greensborough Station and Keon Park Station.</p> <p>Bus Route 566 will not service bus stops between the Greensborough Bypass and Greensborough Station.</p> <p>These stops will be serviced by shuttle buses.</p>	9pm Friday 7 November to 5am Tuesday 16 December	Four shuttle buses will run every hour between Greensborough Station bus interchange and Keon Park Station with extra services on weekday mornings for students travelling between Loyola College and Greensborough Station.
Kempston Street bridge beam installation		
Kempston Street closed in both directions between Sellars Street and Hamlet Street, and Greensborough Bypass – northbound and southbound closures at times.	<p>Tuesday 28 October to Thursday 30 October, 10pm to 5am each night</p> <p>Sunday 9 November to Friday 14 November, 10pm to 5am each night</p>	Detour via Greensborough Bypass, Diamond Creek Road and Yando Street. Delays of up to 5 minutes.



Hurstbridge Line rail tunnel extension

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Public transport bus service changes



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What we'll be doing

As part of these upgrades, a works area will be set up on Grimshaw Street, between Frye Street and the Greensborough Bypass. Activities in this area will include:

- placing traffic barriers, fencing and lighting to establish temporary works areas
- cutting into asphalt and concrete on roads and paths
- demolition, excavation and drilling works
- installing large concrete beams on Kempston Street bridge overnight with road closures in place
- installing of concrete culverts
- piling and pouring concrete to build new road bridge foundations and retaining walls
- installing and connecting new drainage, smart transport systems, traffic signals, lighting and other utilities
- laying asphalt, line marking, and concrete to reinstate road and paths

What to expect

As we conduct these works you may notice:

- varying levels of noise, light, dust and intermittent vibration during work hours
- materials and equipment deliveries to and from works areas, including out-of-hours via local roads
- AK Lines Reserve site compound operations, including construction traffic access
- changed traffic conditions on Grimshaw Street, on local roads and footpaths
- detours of bus routes 566 and 902



Please plan your trip and allow additional travel time. Disruption dates are subject to change.

For the latest updates on what's happening at Grimshaw Street, visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/roads/grimshaw or scan the QR code.



Noise wall foundations



Artist's Impression of Grimshaw Interchange, Watsonia North

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