

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

## **RE: CEDAR CREEK BRIDGE CLOSURE**

Dear Parent / Guardian

I am sure you would now already be aware of the 14 week closure of the Cedar Creek Rd Bridge for the removal and replacement of the bridge.

Picton Buslines will obviously need to make changes to any services affected by this long term closure so a listing of all affected services and the required changes are listed below for the information of your students who currently access Picton Buslines school bus services.

## **AM SERVICES AFFECTED**

### **AM08 – Ladybeetle Bus to Thirlmere Public School**

Any students in Cedar Creek Rd or Shelly's Lane for Thirlmere Public School will need to catch AM24 Koala Bus from Corner of Burns Rd and Cedar Creek Rd at 8.20am or the corner of Oaks Rd and Shelly's Lane at 8.23am during the period of the Bridge Closure

### **AM14 – Elephant Bus to Wollondilly Anglican College (WAC) including transfers to Berrima Buslines Services at WAC**

This shift will now run 15 minutes earlier than normal between the start of the shift at the depot which allows this service to travel via the diversion route to and from Thirlmere and allowing it to arrive at WAC at the same time as currently does.

6.55am – Wonga Rd Picton

6.57am – Redbank – Thirlmere Way

7.00am – East Gates – Richardson, Westbourne, Oaks St – Oaks Rd, Shelly's Lane, Cedar Creek Rd, Nixon Rd, Addison Rd, Kendall St before returning to its normal route via the diversion and running its normal scheduled time from 7.25am at Thirlmere Roundabout and arriving at WAC at the normal time also.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THIS SERVICE WILL RUN 15 MINUTES EARLIER FROM 6.55am to 7.25am**

### **AM22 – Rabbit Bus to Picton High School including Picton Public and St Anthony's transfers**

This shift will travel its usual route and usual time along Cedar Creek Road but due to the diversion route back into Thirlmere it will run 5 minutes later than normal from East Gates at Darley Street – normally 8.25am will be around 8.30am. This shift will only just make Picton High School by the 9am bell time because of the diversion route

# **PM SERVICES AFFECTED**

## **PM03 – Frog Bus from Tahmoor Public School and Thirlmere Public School**

Due to the diversions this bus will travel its normal PM route with the exception of travelling down Westbourne Avenue to access Cedar Creek Rd. Any students from Thirlmere Public School including transfer students from Wollondilly Anglican College and Tahmoor Public School for Westbourne Avenue or associated streets off Westbourne Avenue should catch the Squirrel Bus from Thirlmere Public (or alternatively can catch the Squirrel Bus directly from WAC or Tahmoor Public to eliminate transferring services at Thirlmere Public) instead of the Frog Bus to access Westbourne Avenue during the closure. The existing students that live around the Nixon, Kendall Addison and Burns Rd area will still be dropped off as normal around 3 to 4 minutes later during the closure.

## **PM15 – Kookaburra Bus St Anthony's, Picton Public and Picton High Schools**

This shift will run its normal route via the diversion route however all students from Thirlmere (Western side of Westbourne Avenue) through to The Oaks and Oakdale will be some 10 minutes later home each afternoon during the bridge closure period.

## **PM16 – Squirrel Bus from Thirlmere Public School**

Any students who catch the Squirrel bus from Thirlmere Public School to Oaks Rd, Shelly's Lane and Cedar Creek Rd will need to catch the PM03 Frog Bus from Thirlmere Public School during the closure period and the Frog Bus will cover these streets at approximately the same time that the Squirrel operated.

Whilst there are a lot of changes to review in this letter simply concentrate on the AM & PM service changes that your child would normally use each day.

Unfortunately these changes are out of the control of Picton Buslines and if there is any confusion or you have any further enquiry regarding these changes please don't hesitate to contact our office on 46771 564.

Regards

Picton Buslines