LEAVERS WA 2025 Official Information Booklet







WHAT IS LEAVERS WA?

Leavers is an opportunity for students in Year 12 in Western Australia to celebrate the end of school with their friends.

The State Government Leavers WA Strategy is a harm minimisation response to school leaver celebrations in the South West.

*Events occurring outside of the Strategy and in other locations (such as boat parties and pre/post Leavers events) are not supported by the WA Police Force, the Department of Health, or partner organisations.





WHO CAN ATTEND LEAVERS WA?

- You can only attend Leavers WA if you have attended school in WA.
- You can only attend Leavers WA 2025 if you are a Year 12 student in 2025 (or would have been had you stayed in school).

IMPORTANT DATES

- Leavers 2025 runs from Monday 24 November to Thursday 27 November.
- Wristband Collection will commence from Sunday, 23 November.
- The Entertainment Zone will run for four nights from Monday, 24 November to Thursday, 27 November from 7pm – 1am.
- BeachFest will be held on Wednesday, 26 November.

ACCOMMODATION

- Leavers WA is not involved in, or associated with, any accommodation services or providers.
- It is strongly recommended that you book your accommodation with the official Leavers WA bus route in mind.



LEAVERS WA OFFICIAL BUS ROUTE

- Official Leavers WA buses are the only way to access The Zone and BeachFest.
- The stops can be found on the interactive map available <u>HERE</u> on the Leavers WA website.
- There are NO buses that run from Peppermint Grove or Margaret River to Leavers WA events.



During the day from Monday to Thursday, a shuttle bus will run between Busselton, Dunsborough and Yallingup. This service uses official Leavers bus stops and existing Public Transport Authority bus stops along the route and runs:

- From Busselton commencing at 9:00am until 6:00pm at 30 minute intervals.
- From Yallingup commencing at 10:00am until 6:00pm at 30minute intervals.

*Please note there will be no detours down side streets and signage will clearly mark official Leavers bus stops.



OFFICIAL BUS STOPS Leavers wa

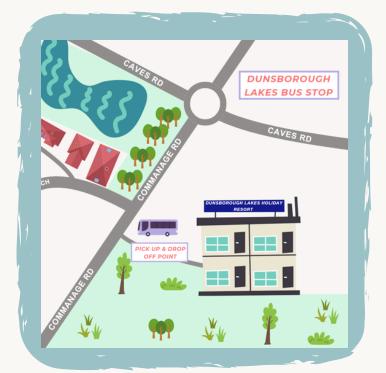
















OFFICIAL BUS STOPS CONTINUED







OFFICIAL PARK & RIDE STOPS Leavers wa

If you are not staying along the bus route, Park & Ride are available for you to park at and catch the bus to Leavers WA events.









WRISTBANDS

WRISTBAND SALES WILL BE ONLINE ONLY.

Leavers will need to purchase an official Leavers WA 2025 wristband to access the official Leavers WA events and services.



Wristbands can only be purchased online within the designated sales period. Online sales link will be available via social media.

Four-day wristband includes:

• Entry to The Zone every night, access to the bus services, and entry to BeachFest.

*Please Note: Access to BeachFest is only available with a four-day wristband.

One-day wristbands include:

• Entry to The Zone and bus services for that specified day only.



*Wristbands received through accommodation bookings are not official Leavers wristbands and will not grant access to events and services.

** Wristbands that have been cut, removed, stretched, or tampered with will be deemed invalid. Replacement Wristbands may be issued at the sole discretion of Leavers WA if the damaged Wristband is returned with appropriate proof of purchase and photo ID.





WA STUDENT NUMBER

You will need your **WA Student Number (WASN)** to purchase a wristband. This is an eight-digit number that was allocated to you by the <u>School Curriculum and Standards Authority</u> – you will find it on your school reports and possibly your school Smartrider.





ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION

Leavers are required to present an *original hard copy photo ID* with a current photo (e.g: not from year 8) when collecting their wristband.

Acceptable forms of ID include:

- Driver's License (including learners permit)
- Passport
- Smart rider with school and photo (If recent photo)
- WA Photo Card

A photo or copy of your ID will not be accepted.

*Leavers who do not present an acceptable form of photo ID risk being unable to collect their wristband and access Leavers WA events and services.



WRISTBAND COLLECTION

Leavers must present their wristband ticket and an original hard copy photo ID to collect their wristband.

Only you can pick up your wristband; you cannot have anyone else collect it for you.

Wristbands can only be collected from the following locations during advertised opening hours (the open times will be updated on our website and social media closer to Leavers).

There will be 3 wristband collection points:

- Dunsborough (Sunday Thursday) Centennial Park, 46 Geographe Bay Rd Dunsborough WA 6281
- Busselton (Sunday and Monday) Youth Community and Activities Building, 21 Foreshore Parade, Busselton WA 6280
- Vasse (Sunday only) Location TBC

*Please note – most leavers choose to collect their wristbands on Sunday which contributes to longer lines and waiting times. It is recommended that you choose to collect your wristband when collection locations are quieter, generally late afternoon on Sunday or on Monday.





THE ENTERTAINMENT ZONE

Open from 7pm - 1am each night from Monday to Thursday, the Leavers Entertainment Zone (known as The Zone) is a festivalstyle event that has a variety of entertainment including music stages, silent disco, rides, and other fun activities.

The Zone is strictly a DRUG, ALCOHOL, SMOKE FREE and VAPE FREE event.

You can only get to The Zone by catching an official Leavers WA bus.

*Please note, only small bags (maximum 22.9cm x 16.2cm or the size a C5 envelope) will be allowed into The Zone, however, they will be subject to search by security.





BEACHFEST

BeachFest will be held at Meelup Beach on *Wednesday, 26 November 2025.* Hosted by Royal Life Saving Society WA, there will be beach games, a DJ, food trucks and shade to chill out with friends.

Buses to BeachFest start from 10:30am and run until 1pm. Be sure to get there early because once the beach reaches capacity, the buses will stop - this may be before 1pm. Keep an eye on Leavers WA social media for bus updates and information on the day.

When leaving the event, a shuttle service will take you to Dunsborough Foreshore. From there, buses back to Busselton and Yallingup will commence for leavers staying in those areas.

BeachFest is strictly a DRUG, ALCOHOL, SMOKE FREE and VAPE FREE event.

*Please Note: Access to BeachFest is only available with a four-day wristband. It is recommended that you bring some cash as limited reception at Meelup can cause problems for food truck EFTPOS systems.









SUPPORT AVAILABLE

We want leavers to have the best time before, during and after Leavers WA. If leavers are not feeling well at official Leavers WA events, there are dedicated staff and volunteers they can speak with to assist them and take care of them.

There is a designated medical area at The Zone and BeachFest if leavers are not feeling well. There are designated 'chill out' zones at Leavers WA events to ensure a safe space to take a break from the action. There are hundreds of outreach staff and volunteers at events and in the community to support leavers during the day and at night.

Parents and Caregivers play an important role in keeping their teenagers safe at Leavers. A key way to do this is by having open conversations with your teenager early about alcohol and other drugs. Talking to your teenager about alcohol and other drug use doesn't mean you are condoning its use – it means you want to make sure they have fun and enjoy themselves, but would like to make sure that they're going to be safe.





TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By purchasing a wristband, attendees agree to the Terms and Conditions which can be viewed <u>HERE</u>.

Leavers is an opportunity for Year 12 students from 2025 to celebrate the end of schooling with their friends. **Antisocial, aggressive or intimidating behaviour will not be tolerated.**

Attendees who fail to comply with the Event Terms and Conditions may be refused entry or removed from Leavers WA events or services. A parent or guardian may be contacted to collect a leaver in these circumstances.

STAY UP TO DATE

Follow **Leavers WA** on Facebook and Instagram **@leavers.wa** to stay up to date on all Leavers information.

Visit the official Leavers WA website for event information: https://www.leaverswa.com.au/index.html

You can contact Leavers WA via social media or email leaverswa@police.wa.gov.au





THANK YOU

Leavers WA is a State Government harm minimisation and crime prevention strategy led by the WA Police Force, working in partnership with key stakeholders.

We thank all of our stakeholders for their vital contribution to the Leavers Strategy in Western Australia, to make Leavers celebrations a positive and safe experience for all.

