

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

ISSUE/ENQUIRY	ORGANISATION	CONTACT
Emergency situations (emergencies only—fire, police or ambulance)	Emergency services hotline	Triple Zero (000)
Safer Schoolies Hotline (general enquiries)	Queensland Government	13 QGOV (13 74 68)
Policelink (non-urgent property crime, incidents or non-compliant activities)	Queensland Police Service	131 444 Policelink app
Local police (non-emergency issues, public nuisance, disturbances from apartments)	Broadbeach Police Surfers Paradise Police	(07) 5581 2800 (07) 5657 6888
Red Frogs (24 hour hotline)	Red Frogs Australia	1300 557 123
Information for businesses (rights and responsibilities, disputes with school leavers)	Office of Fair Trading	13 QGOV (13 74 68)
Medical/health enquiries	Queensland Health	13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)

BECOME A SAFER SCHOOLIES SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER NEXT YEAR



Could you be the next Safer Schoolies volunteer to help guide our 2027 school leavers through this life changing experience?

Join us on the Gold Coast

Saturday 20 - Friday 26 November 2027.

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SAFER SCHOOLIES GOLD COAST RESPONSE

INFORMATION FOR THE SURFERS PARADISE COMMUNITY

SATURDAY 21 – FRIDAY
27 NOVEMBER 2026

About the 2026 Safer Schoolies Gold Coast Response

The 2026 Safer Schoolies Gold Coast Response (Response) will be delivered in partnership with Queensland Government agencies, City of Gold Coast and community partners.

The safety of young people and the local community remains the highest priority.

**The Response will be operational from
Saturday 21 November to Friday 27 November.**

Activities conducted after Friday 27 November are not aligned with the Safer Schoolies Gold Coast Response.

The Response is not a 'festival' or 'event' but is designed to manage school leavers who choose to book their end-of-year holidays on the Gold Coast. The Response provides a 'diversionary activity' which encourages school leavers to celebrate with their peers in a dedicated alcohol and drug-free zone on Surfers Paradise beach.

The 2026 safety response will include:

- Schoolies Hub (nightly entertainment from 7pm-midnight in a dedicated zone on Surfers Paradise beach)
- wristbands (for identifying legitimate Year 12 school leavers and their access to Schoolies Hub)
- emergency treatment centre and specialist mental health support
- a designated Welfare Space offering counselling, support and comfort
- nightly Recharge Zones and mobile Chill Out Zone offering support, water, assistance and first-aid
- school leavers information service (11am-1am)
- Red Frogs in-hotel support and dedicated Red Frogs Hotline
- licensed venue compliance checks and ID checks for underage and fake IDs
- increased police presence
- street patrols and walk home services
- road closures to ensure the safety of all pedestrians.

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Safer Schoolies Gold Coast Response

Changed traffic conditions

Temporary road closures will be implemented to maintain the safety of pedestrians throughout the Safer Schoolies Gold Coast Response.

Please note the changes in your area.

SATURDAY 21 — FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2026

Street access times

1 ELKHORN AVE (5pm—2am*)

Local residents access via Surfers Paradise Blvd.

*At QPS discretion

2 THE ESPLANADE (5pm—2am*)

Access via The Esplanade from the north.

*At QPS discretion

3 ORCHID AVE (7pm—4am*)

Parking will be available to Orchid Ave residents at Bruce Bishop car park – access only via Beach Road.

*At QPS discretion

Map legend

- ★ POLICE
- G:LINK TRAM STATION
- NIGHTLY ROAD CLOSURE
- P PARKING (24HRS)
- LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY
- PERMANENT CLOSURE 24/7



ROAD CLOSURES TO ENSURE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Due to the temporary population increase in central Surfers Paradise, road closures are needed to ensure the safety of all pedestrians. Residents who cannot access their building during the closures will be offered alternative car parking.

Please note the changes in your area. All closures are at the discretion of the Queensland Police Service.

Please speak with your Building Manager or contact 13 QGOV (13 74 68) for further information.

INTERMITTENT / PARTIAL ROAD CLOSURES:

Date	Time	Location
Friday 13 November Monday 16 to Friday 20 November Saturday 28 November to Tuesday 1 December	Intermittent*	The Esplanade (Elkhorn Ave to Laycock St)
Saturday 21 to Friday 27 November	5pm to 4am*	The Esplanade, southbound lane (View Ave to Elkhorn Ave)

SAFER SCHOOLIES WEEK – FULL ROAD CLOSURES:

Date	Time	Location
Saturday 21 to Friday 27 November	5pm to 4am*	The Esplanade (Hanlan St to Trickett St)
Saturday 21 to Saturday 28 November	7pm to 4am*	Orchid Ave Cavill Ave (from Surfers Paradise Blvd to Orchid Ave)

*Note: The information in this table is accurate at the time of printing but is subject to change without further notice.

SURFERS PARADISE REVITALISATION PLAN

The Esplanade is permanently closed to traffic between Hanlan Street and the roundabout in front of the Soul building as part of the City of Gold Coast's Surfers Paradise Revitalisation Plan. To find out more visit cityofgoldcoast.com.au

2026 FAQs

Q: Does the Safer Schoolies Gold Coast Response encourage schoolies?

The Safer Schoolies Gold Coast Response is not an event or festival to attract school leavers to the Gold Coast. It is a safety response implemented to manage school leavers who choose to book their end-of-year holidays here.

Accommodation providers advise thousands of young people are booked to come to Schoolies on the Gold Coast this year. The Safer Schoolies Gold Coast Response supports school leavers through the Schoolies Hub. This is a diversionary activity where legitimate Year 12 school leavers can celebrate responsibly in a drug and alcohol-free zone.

Q: Do you monitor the noise levels at the Schoolies Hub?

Whilst there is amplified music during the Safer Schoolies Gold Coast Response, we ensure we follow the guidelines outlined by Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation. To read more about our Noise Management Plan visit saferschoolies.qld.gov.au/community