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NOV 2026

Excursion Information Pack

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Planning your Excursion

In this document, you will find all the information you need to plan your excursion such as:

- **Show information**
- **Ticket information**
- **Day schedule**
- **Parking and transport**
- **What to bring**
- **Emergency documents**

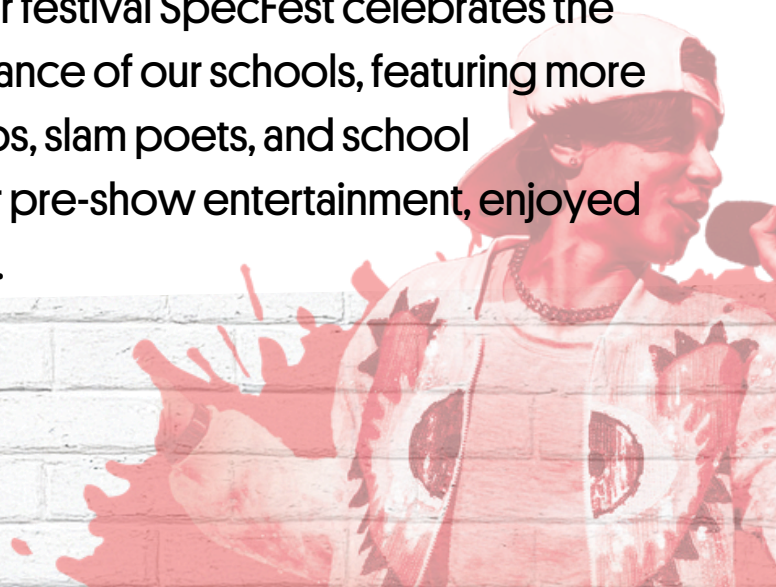
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WHAT IS THE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR?

In 2026, the Schools Spectacular presents an “Original” production. This year, we band together to bring even more exciting opportunities that place NSW public schools and students at the heart of the arena production. Onstage, 5,500 students experience a unique professional arena production. Behind the scenes and in the development process, the Schools Spectacular's student creative, production, and media team empower students to take steps towards a career in the arts, entertainment and hospitality industries, while our digital showcase features innovative and cultural work by schools and students.

Spilling out of the arena, the free outdoor festival SpecFest celebrates the diversity, talent, and breadth of performance of our schools, featuring more than 500 students. Rock bands, flash mobs, slam poets, and school performance groups come together for pre-show entertainment, enjoyed with chill-out zones, food, and festivities.





Day Schedule

Friday 27 November 2026

8:45 AM SPECFEST BEGINS

9:00 AM SMOKING CEREMONY

10:30 AM AUDIENCE IS SEATED

10:55 AM - 1:20 PM ARENA PERFORMANCE

1:30 PM - 6:30 PM SPECFEST CONTINUES

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Parking and Transport

BY TRAIN

If you plan to travel to the show via train, please visit transportnsw.info to plan your trip. Sydney Olympic Park train station is a 10 to 15-minute walk from Afterpay Arena.

BY PUBLIC BUS

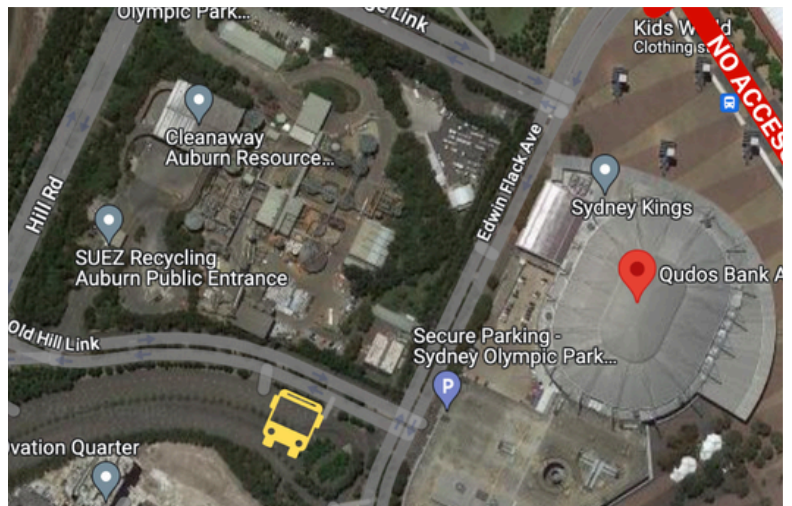
At this stage, Sydney Olympic Park Special Event buses will not be operational during the Schools Spectacular.

BY CHARTER BUS

If your group arrives at the Schools Spectacular on a charter bus or mini-bus, the only location you can drop off or pick up passengers is in Coach Pod C located on Edwin Flack Ave.

BY CAR

If you plan to drive to Sydney Olympic Park for the Schools Spectacular, we strongly recommend pre-booking your parking by visiting [Sydney Olympic Park parking](https://sydneyolympicpark.com.au/parking).



AVAILABLE FACILITIES

At SpecFest and inside the arena there are many facilities and outlets for students to access before and after the show such as:

- **Hot and cold food vendors**
- **Merchandise stalls**
- **Water refill stations (plastic bottles only)**
- **Interactive games**
- **Street performances**

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OTHER INFORMATION

- **Please note: Bags larger than A5 (15 cm x 21 cm) and metal water bottles are NOT permitted inside Afterpay Arena—no backpacks of any kind. All school bags must be left on the bus or outside the venue.**
- **Arrive at the venue and visit SpecFest between 9:30 am and 10:15 am to ensure you don't miss the show.**
- **Afterpay Arena is cashless; all purchases made inside and outside the venue must be made via card.**
- **Emergency Documents - Click here to access the evacuation plan for your risk management plan.**

