

## Educating The Whole Student

Our students will engage in a safe and supportive learning environment that will enhance relationships, social and emotional skills and support their transition to education and vocation.

## The Austin School's Values are:

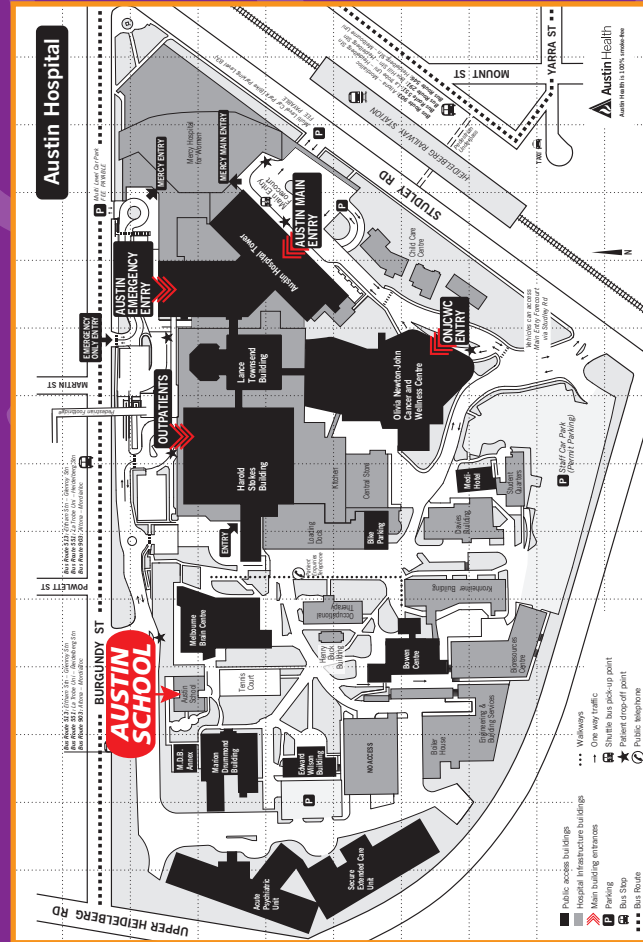


Dear Parents/Guardians,

Whilst your child is attending the LEAP program at The Austin School, feel free to contact us regarding your child's education and schooling.

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## WHERE TO FIND US



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# LEAP

## General Information

LEAP is an activity-based program that runs three days a week for eight weeks. LEAP has up to eight students aged 13-14 years and two teachers.

Students must be clients of the Austin Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS) and be referred by their Case Manager. There is also an Outreach component where students are visited at their base schools, as required, for up to twelve months. Current students are also encouraged to attend their base schools on allocated days.

The program is suited to young people who are experiencing difficulties at school which may be leading to social challenges, low attendance, or the risk of educational exclusion or disengagement.



## Program Information

The aim of the program is to re-engage students in a positive learning environment while enhancing personal skills and identifying educational and vocational goals and pathways.

Students are provided with educational programs that reflect their individual needs.

The LEAP program has five main objectives:

- To re-engage students in a positive learning environment by providing an academic, social skills and activity based program
- To enhance social development
- To promote personal learning skills
- To promote Literacy and Numeracy skills
- To provide an activity-based program, which includes excursions, outdoor education, Physical Education and the Arts

## Curriculum Overview of LEAP Program

The LEAP Program curriculum consists of the following elements:

- Differentiated: The program caters to the individual learning needs and capabilities of each student
- Emphasis on Literacy & Numeracy: Providing literacy and numeracy programs incorporating ICT as a learning tool
- Physical & Personal Growth: Weekly sessions that promote both personal and social development

## Referral Procedure

Children are referred to the program by the Child and Youth Mental Health Services (CYMHS) Outpatient Teams. Case managers refer children to the program after consultation with their parents/guardians.

Once accepted in the program parents/guardians must complete an enrolment form before the student can attend the LEAP Program.