



# Kindlehill School

## **Walk in/walk out 2019**

The final building contract is in place for the expansion of Kindlehill, and the build of our art room and workshop. The planning stage has been lengthy, and we are confident that the work done to date will result in a smooth project delivery, and wonderful spaces for our students.

The works are scheduled to commence in late March 2019.

The builder and Council have requested that we ensure a safe entry and exit for students during this time and to make our onsite parking available for contractors with heavy tools and any large trucks visiting site.

We would like to support everyone accessing the school through this potentially difficult time and have prepared a plan for drop off and pick up.

***Commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Kindlehill staff and students will walk in and walk out.***

At the beginning of the school day, we ask that you please drop your children on Blaxland Road, just before the climb up Kindlehill. There will be supervisors at the bus stop on Blaxland Road from 8:20-8:40 am to assist families to get the children up the street and safely to school. Parents can then drive on from the drop off area without entering Lake Street.

At the end of the school day, students in classes 2-3-4-5-6-7 will walk out of school and head to the lake to be collected by parents. Pick up will be on the lake side of Sinclair Avenue – enter the turning circle that leads to the small wharf. Supervising teachers and assistants will facilitate the collection of children, to allow cars to quickly and safely move on.

If there is heavy rain or high winds, parents may drop off and pick up on Lake Street. A supervisor will be there to assist families to promptly drop children at school. Students will wait on the front of the school at the end of the day and a supervisor will assist in bringing the children to their relevant parent vehicles.

- Families with young children in Kindy to year 1 may continue to use Lake Street for drop off and pick up. Please park carefully.
- Neighbours have requested that their driveways not be used for U-turns. This is dangerous in a crowded street. Please turn around at the bottom of Lake Street.

- Staff and students with mobility issues may arrange to park on site in a small number of designated parking spaces. Please chat to administration.
- The disabled parking space at the top of the driveway remains a space for drop off and collection for students with disabilities.
- High school students may be included in the walk in/walk out process if they are usually collected from school.
- Staff are to park on Blaxland Road or Bellevue Street.
- Students who currently catch the train or walk should continue to do so.
- If you would like to make alternative arrangements with your children, such as meeting them in the village, please advise their class teacher.
- Students should have suitable weather protection.

### **After school care and activities**

Parents collecting students from after school care and after school activities should park on Lake Street. The on-site parking area will be used by tradespeople until 3.30pm each day. Administration will manage parking directly with event organisers who use our hall.

### **Kindlehill bus service – Kindlehill to Blackheath**

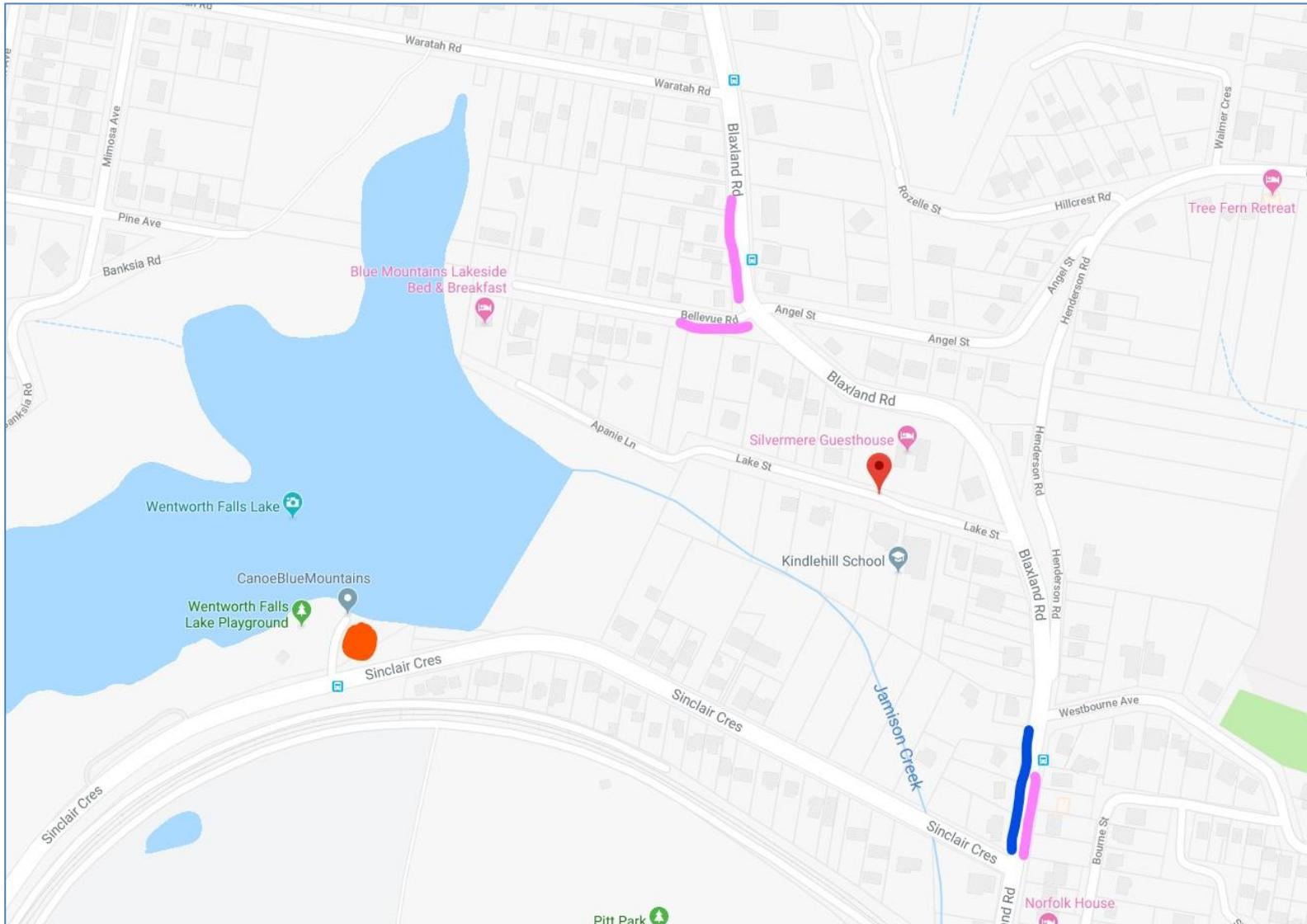
We have recently received very positive feedback about the bus service to support Kindlehill students travelling from Kindlehill to Blackheath. We have been advised that stage one of this service may be operating early in term two (supporting students travelling up the mountain/west at the end of the day). Stage two will support students getting to the school in the mornings and may be operating by term 3, once more buses have been acquired by Blue Mountains Transit (confirmed for May 2019).

We are optimistic about the results of this application. There has been a small team working very hard to get this service running. Huge thanks to Paul from Blue Mountains Transit, and Jose Vendramini (Sabela's Mum). Further details regarding this service will be provided in the coming weeks.

Lynn and Simone will hold a briefing regarding "Walk in/walk out 2019" at 3:00pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March in the high school common area (outside Pippita's classroom). Please come along to this session if you have questions or comments. Alternatively, you can email Simone at [business@kindlehill.nsw.edu.au](mailto:business@kindlehill.nsw.edu.au).

A map of our drop off/pick up plan is attached for your reference.

Parking is an ongoing a serious concern for Kindlehill, and research and planning is in place to have a solution that will support the growth of the school, whilst still maintaining the beauty and tranquillity of Lake Street.



The Blue line indicates drop off area; The pink lines indicate staff and visitor parking areas

The orange dot indicates where students will gather for collection at the end of the day