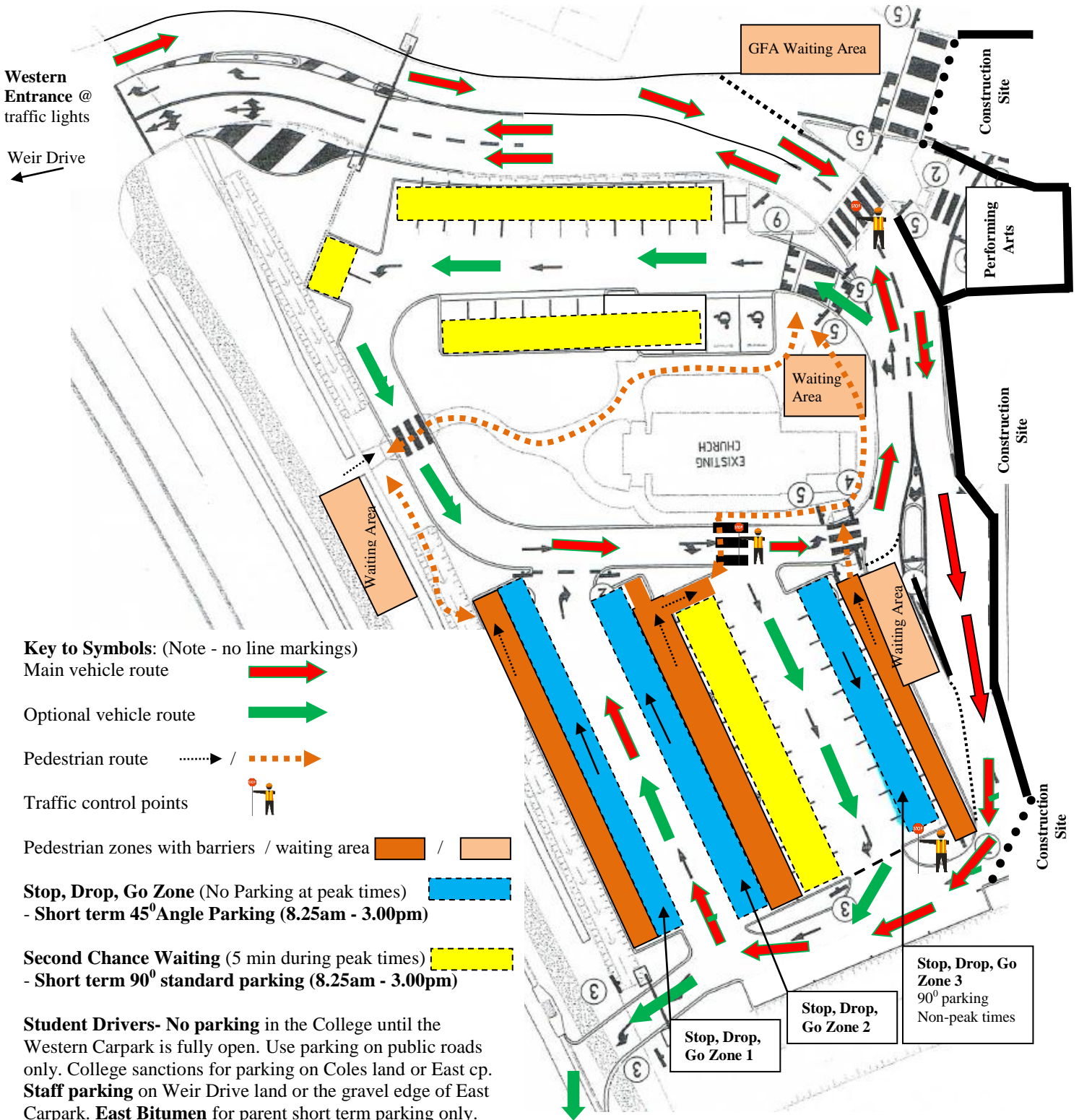




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Western Carpark provisional traffic flow from Monday 6 February, 2012



Note: No access to the construction site anytime (eg beyond). Updates on the College website.

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Chapel Carpark Reopens Monday 6 February.

Stage 1 of the Western Carpark will open on Monday 6 February replacing the free shuttle buses, to Caltex and the Coomera Rail Station, and drop off at Coles. The goal is to enable the maximum number of vehicles to safely access the Western Carpark to help reduce the congestion around the College. Subsequently, during the mornings and afternoons the new carpark will be available predominantly for “Stop, Drop, Go” with some 5 minute parking available to keep the drop off zones flowing. During non-peak times (**8.25am to 3.00pm**) short term parking will be available in all areas. The attached map highlights the revised traffic routes and the addition of a new exit into Reserve Road. This temporary arrangement will be in place during February while the remaining construction is completed.

The “Stop, Drop, Go” System

Three drop off/pickup zones have been created to enable parents to “Stop, Drop, Go” during peak times of 7.45am to 8.25am, and most significantly between 3.00pm to 3.45pm. Of vital importance is to keep the vehicles moving in these zones, enabling the maximum number of families to access the carpark. Drivers must remain with their vehicle and after a short wait move to the 5 minute parking areas. To facilitate this procedure, half the available area has been dedicated to 5 minute parking spaces. At peak times parents may be asked to drive around the block if their child has not arrived. One way circular traffic flows allow vehicles to easily move from “Stop, Drop, Go” to parking bays or enable parents to unload equipment or instruments. The “Stop, Drop Go” zones will also operate between 4.30pm and 5.30pm for collecting students from after school activities. Parents waiting for dance students may park east of the Chapel after 3.45pm.

As zone 3 will enable access to the new left turn into Reserve Road, I suggest parents discuss with their children which of the three zones is the most suitable for afternoon collection. Students should assemble in one of the waiting areas (GFA bus bay, the Chapel, or Reserve Road footpath near the Chapel gate) then move to the predetermined collection point when they see their vehicle enter the carpark. Temporary concrete curbing has been installed to separate pedestrians from traffic. Please follow the signage, lane markers and instructions of staff so we can maintain an acceptable level of safety and traffic flow.

Bottlenecks and Construction Traffic

The closure of the Maudsland causeway will increase the traffic congestion on Reserve Road for some time. Avoiding arriving at the College before 3.20pm will give students time to access their lockers and be ready for collection, or delaying collection time will also help minimise congestion. It is also envisaged there will be internal bottlenecks for traffic flow entering and leaving the main section west of the Chapel. Please be aware there are no line markings as yet, follow the signage, temporary lane markings and the directions of staff managing merging traffic and pedestrian crossings. As experienced last year, the available carpark will be used by heavy vehicles to access and leave the construction site. At times, the lane markers or barriers may be temporarily moved to enable truck access, please continue to follow the route and system on the attached map. Under no circumstances are vehicles or people, not associated with the construction company, to access areas beyond the Performing Arts buildings or construction fence.

Coles Reserve Road

The management of Coles have been extremely generous in allowing short term parking for collection of students during December and January. Now that there is access to the Chapel carpark, please leave parking at Coles for customers. The congestion experienced in the first weeks of the school year has adversely affected their turnover. I trust you will join me in thanking Coles for their continued support of the College.

Student Drivers

Permission to park in the College has been revoked until the Western Carpark is fully operational. Meanwhile, students who drive to school are to park in public streets (eg northern side of Weir Drive or Hargraves Road), noting the no parking yellow lines. Under no circumstances are students to park for the day in the East carpark or on Coles land. Students ignoring these instructions can expect sanctions from the College.

Weir Drive Land and Staff Parking

Due to Council regulations, parking on the block of land is not available to parents collecting students. To help staff, work has begun to make the Weir Drive land less vulnerable to wet weather. Staff with young children may also park on the gravel edge of the Eastern carpark, ensuring the bitumen areas are reserved for short term parent parking.

Eastern Carpark

From Monday 6 February, finishing times for Foundations students will return to normal times. While staff with young children may park on the gravel edge for the day, the entire bitumen area is reserved for short term parking for parents who need to park to collect young children. Congestion will also be reduced by observing the Stop, Drop, Go zone.

Regards

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