



Media Release
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Trial a free Selwyn bus service these holidays

For two days these holidays the Selwyn Youth Council is providing a free trial nine-stop bus service for the whole community.

Buses will travel between Southbridge and Darfield and Darfield to Southbridge, via Rolleston.

Paige Sullivan, Selwyn Youth Council Chairperson says Selwyn Link is a Selwyn Youth Council initiative aiming to increase connectedness in the district, particularly during school holidays, and enable the whole community to better access services and activities.

“The youth council is very excited to finally be able to offer this service after 12 months of hard work putting Selwyn Link together. It all started after identifying a need and then working alongside the youth of Selwyn to find a way to better connect the whole community,” she says.

Youth Council research identified Southbridge, Leeston, Doyleston, Darfield, Kirwee, and West Melton as key stops on the trial route, with connections in Rolleston. The route was designed after consultation with students from Ellesmere College and Darfield High School.

During the trial, passengers will be able to travel for free between Southbridge and Darfield via Rolleston, where they can also catch a connecting service to Christchurch.

The two-day trial is for all members of the community, and is not exclusive to students on their school holiday.

The bus trial will take place on Tuesday 17 and Thursday 19 April. The buses first depart Southbridge and Darfield at 9am and departures from these locations will take place every two hours until 7pm.

Members of the Youth Council will be on board collecting feedback on the service with a short passenger survey. They will present their findings to Environment Canterbury and the Selwyn District Council.

Bus stop locations:

- Southbridge – bus shelter next to Southbridge Café & Dairy, High Street
- Leeston – bus shelter in front of St John Church, High Street
- Doyleston – in front of Doyleston War Memorial Garden, Leeston Road

- Aquatic Centre – Rolleston College bus stop, Broadlands Drive
- Rolleston Square – bus stops by Countdown supermarket, Rolleston Drive
- Kidman Street – Kidman Street bus stops near McDonald's
- West Melton – in front of West Melton School, Weedons Ross Road
- Kirwee – next to Kirwee Challenge, West Coast Road
- Darfield – bus shelter in front of Farmlands, South Terrace

For more information on Selwyn Link, go to www.selwyn.govt.nz or the Selwyn Youth Council Facebook page.

PHOTO: *Selwyn Youth Council members Paige Sullivan and Katelyn Twiss visiting Environment Canterbury to discuss Selwyn Link in December 2017*

ATTACHED: Selwyn Link bus timetable for Tuesday 17 and Thursday 19 April.

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