Getting to Macquarie University

There are many ways of travelling to Macquarie University, with regular train and bus services extending to most suburbs across Sydney. If you live within a few kilometres of the campus, cycling and walking is the most healthy, convenient and cheapest way to travel. If distance or convenience is an issue for you, consider carpooling or arranging your travel modes for part of your journey.

To assist you in understanding your travel options, this guide provides information on:

- Catching the train
- Riding the bus
- Cycling
- Carpooling
- Driving
- Taxi
- Courtesy Shuttle Bus

For more transport information please visit www.mq.edu.au/transport

Macquarie University encourages all students, staff and visitors to utilise public transport options.

There are a number of great benefits associated with travelling by public transport, including:

- Avoiding frustrating traffic jams and wasted time trying to find a park at the end of your journey.
- Substantial financial savings when purchasing annual/quarterly MyFare or MyTrain tickets (up to $500 per year against purchasing weekly travel tickets (based on a 48 week year).
- Using your travel time to catch up on study or read a favourite book, magazine or newspaper or having a rest.
- Reducing your greenhouse gas emissions as a result of taking your car off the road, even for part of your travel time.

Cycling

Cycling is a cheap, quick and healthy way to travel.

- By riding frequently, you maintain a healthy weight, become fitter and increase your life span.
- You save loads of money on petrol and parking.
- No waiting time searching for parking spaces.
- Commuting times are often quicker than driving and you will never be held up in traffic jams.
- Cycling burns up stress chemicals and promotes an enjoyable state of mind.
- You have more opportunities to see and meet people in your local community each day.

Bike Parking

Macquarie University has bicycle parking available at many locations on campus. The included campus map will show you a location close to where you need to go.

Why ride?

The Macquarie University has approximately 4000 parking spaces in a mixture of low and on-grade car parks. Staff and students are eligible to purchase a parking permit that entitles the holder to park their car on-site as an allocated space. Hourly, daily, monthly casual parking tickets are also available, but only for use in the X1, X3, X4 and N3 carparks.

Parking Permits can be purchased from the Cashier’s Office in the student centre, located in the Lincoln Building. For more information, please visit www.mq.edu.au/transport

Carpooling

Carpooling is a service that allows you to contact potential carpools travelling to and from campus.

If you carpool in a vehicle with two or more persons, you are entitled to apply for a Carpool Parking Permit. This permit will allow you to park in priority carpooling locations on campus marked “Carpool – Special Permit Required”. There are currently 12 dedicated carpool parking spaces on campus.

For further information on carpooling please visit www.mq.edu.au/transport

Transport Ticketing

The most convenient way to travel by public transport to the University is using the MyZone ticket system. Please note that in New South Wales, only international students sponsored by the Australian Government are permitted to receive student concession fares as these are students involved in formal University exchange programs.

There are a number of great benefits associated with purchasing MyFare/MyBus/Tram/Ferry travel or MyTrain (Train only) pass, including:

- MyFare permits allow unlimited travel on train, bus and ferry within the specified zone for the ticket’s valid period, while MyTrain allows unlimited travel on train within the specified zone for the ticket’s valid period.
- Travel becomes simpler and more convenient, as there is no more queuing up to purchase your ticket.
- Purchasing annual/quarterly MyFare or MyTrain tickets (up to $500 per year) can have substantial financial savings when compared to purchasing weekly travel tickets (based on a 48 week year).
- Staff members are able to access the Staff Travel Loan Scheme to purchase annual/quarterly MyFare or MyTrain tickets. Further information on the staff travel loan scheme is available at www.mq.edu.au/transport

Bus Fares

The most popular tickets on Sydney bus services are MyFare (10 trips) and MyZone ticket. These tickets can be purchased on campus from the Campus Hub Spot Building C and at local newsagents off-campus.

Walking

Walking is a low impact activity that requires minimal equipment and can be performed at your own pace. You can use one of the many walking tracks around the University to get where you want to go.

Maintain a healthy lifestyle

Including walking in your daily routine, helps you maintain a healthy weight, improve your fitness and lower your risk of developing conditions such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes and osteoporosis.

Develop a walking route

In walking to the University or connecting with a major transport hub, develop a walking route with passing surveillance, good lighting and clear sightlines to neighboring properties.

Ways to improve your walk

With the minimal requirement to walk is a comfortable pair of shoes, there are a number of things that can help make the journey more comfortable for longer walks.

- Wearing the right footwear.
- Choosing comfortable clothing.
- Protect yourself from the sun with clothes, sunscreen, a hat and sun block.
- Carry waterproof clothing to avoid getting wet.
- Use a backpack.
- Carry a water bottle and replenish your fluid levels.
- If you live within a few kilometres of the campus, cycling to the University is using the MyZone ticket system.

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The information contained in this document is current as at 1 February 2011. Please check the University transport website throughout the year for any updates or changes.