

Social Story

School Athletics Carnival
Meadowglen International
Athletics Stadium



**City of
Whittlesea**

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See suggestions below on what to add in each field.
Page 3 – This will take place on **Tuesday, 8th March 9.30am – 3.00pm.**

Page 7 – Please add process here. For example, **go to the toilet in pairs / ask a teacher first.**



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My school is participating in a school athletics carnival.

It will take place at Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium (MIAS).

This is a large stadium with a running track and athletics field.

It will take place on



When we arrive, the bus will drop teachers and students at the single gate secondary entrance.

Everyone will enter the stadium via this gate.



A teacher will make an announcement at the start of the carnival.

The announcement will let students know about the day ahead, the events and when break times might be. This will be very helpful.



Teachers will direct students on where to sit within MIAS.

The seating areas may be in the main grandstand or one of the shaded grandstands.

Students to listen to the teachers when they are speaking.



At the carnival, students must follow the school rules when going to the toilet.

These rules are



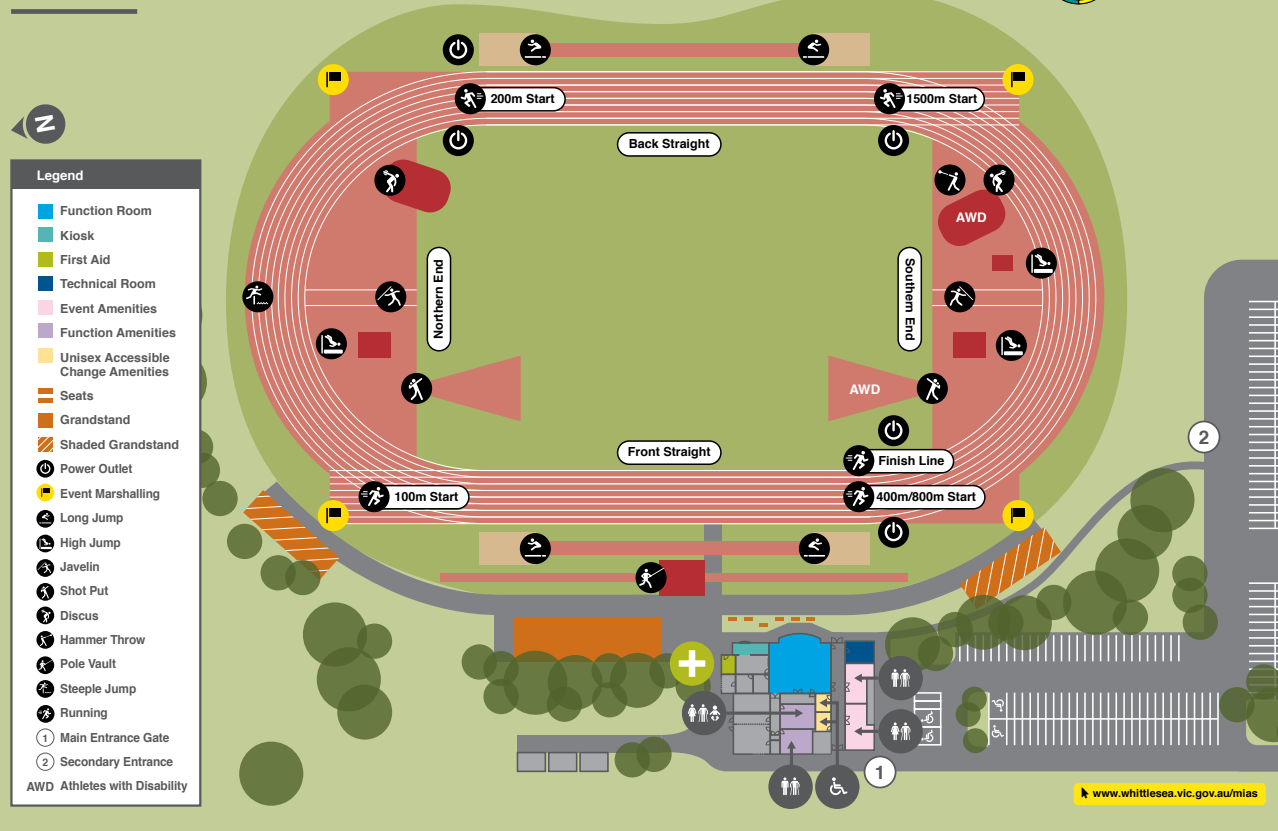
During the day, there will be many different events taking place.

Teachers will make announcements to let students know when events are starting.

It is important students listen to the announcements so that they do not miss their events.

Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium (MIAS)

Stadium



There will also be a map and event schedules displayed at MIAS.

Students can try to follow these to help the day run smoothly.



Each event will have a marshal.

A marshal is a person that helps with things like timekeeping and recording results.

It is important that students listen to and respect marshals. Teachers and marshals will feel pleased when students follow the rules.



Students may need to wait in line for their turn at an event. This is a fair thing to do.

Students can try to quietly count numbers while waiting for their turn.



Students will have break times during the day.

Students can bring their own lunch and water bottles. Students may also be able to purchase food and drink at the kiosk if it is open.

It is important students drink lots of water during the day. This will be helpful in staying hydrated.



MIAS has guidelines for all students to follow.

- Students must try to wait in allocated areas until their event is called.
- Students must stay off the tracks during events.
- Students must take turns for field events. Only one person at a time.
- Students must not retrieve a throwing object until directed by a marshal.
- Students must not litter.
- Students must not chew gum or take food and drink on the track. Water only allowed on the track.

Do your best to respect the rules!



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There is a Technical Room at the stadium.

This is where students will receive their ribbons, get house scores, drop off or collect lost property or ask for assistance.

If a student arrives late, it is important to try to remember to sign in at the Technical Room.

If a student is leaving the carnival early, it is also important to try to remember to sign out at the Technical Room.



School athletic carnivals are exciting events for school communities.

There may be other spectators at the event. That is okay.



School athletic carnivals may be noisy.

There may be amplified announcements, music, cheering and applause.

To help with the noise, students can bring ear defenders or ear plugs.



There will be a quiet space to visit during the carnival if students need a break.

It is okay to use the quiet space.

Students must ask a teacher if they want to use the quiet space.



At the end of the carnival, a teacher will let students know when it is time to pack up and gather for a final announcement.

This is when the results of the day are announced.

Students should be good sports and celebrate the success of each team.



It will then be time to leave MIAS.

There will be a bus that takes students back to school.

Some students may go home with their parents or carers. That is okay.

Students leaving with parents or carers must follow the directions given by teachers.

Leaving the carnival with a trusted adult will help to keep everyone safe.



Thank you MIAS for a great athletics carnival.

Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium



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