

Star Struck 2025 – Show Week Procedures for Parents

We're excited for your child to be part of Star Struck 2025! Please read the following information carefully, as it outlines important drop-off and pick-up procedures for show week. These procedures differ between rehearsal days and performance days, and it's essential they are followed closely.

Star Struck is a major performing arts event, bringing together public school students from across Newcastle, the Hunter, and the Central Coast. In 2025, more than 4,200 students will take to the stage at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre across four shows, with audiences of up to 4,000 people per performance. With such large numbers involved, it is critical that all parents and carers adhere to the procedures outlined below. These measures are in place to ensure the safety and smooth operation of the event. During performances, Star Struck staff, security personnel, and police will be onsite to assist and support a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

Tech & Dress Rehearsals (Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 June)

Your child's school will communicate their specific drop-off and pick-up times, as these vary from school to school.

Drop-Off

- Students MUST be dropped off at the A–Z Flags area located within the Newcastle Showground grounds (see map below).
- Your child's school will advise you of the specific flag letter allocated to them.
- A supervising teacher will meet students at the designated flag and escort them to their dressing/holding area.
- Parents are not permitted to enter the venue.

Pick-Up

- Students will be dismissed by their supervising teacher from the same A–Z Flags area.
- Students cannot be collected from the dressing/holding areas or while in transit between spaces.

Show Days (Friday 13 & Saturday 14 June)

Your child's school will provide specific drop-off and pick-up times, as these vary from school to school.

Drop-Off

Students are to be dropped off at the dressing/holding area doors (not at the A–Z Flags area). You may:

- Use the drop-off zone on Brown Road, where staff will escort students to the dressing/holding area, or
- Park nearby and walk your child to the dressing/holding area doors (please note: parents are not permitted to enter beyond this point).
- Allow extra time and follow all traffic signage and directions from staff.

Pick-Up

Students will be dismissed from the A–Z Flags area.

Please note: Brown Road will be closed to vehicles approximately 30 minutes before the end of each show. To ensure a smooth pick-up:

- Park in a surrounding street, and
- Walk to the A–Z Flags area to collect your child.

Road Closures and Special Arrangements for Star Struck 2025

To ensure the safety of all performers and patrons, special parking and traffic arrangements will be in place during Star Struck week, especially for the four performances on Friday 13 June and Saturday 14 June 2025. Please read the following carefully. Police and traffic management staff will be on-site at Brown Road during all performance times.

Rehearsal Days (Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 June)

- The Newcastle Entertainment Centre car park will be free for parent drop-off and pick-up on these rehearsal days.
- Usual drop-off and pick-up procedures via the A–Z Flags area will apply (see school-specific communications).

Performance Days (Friday & Saturday)

1. **No Parking on Brown Road:**
 - Brown Road will be one-way only and used as a drop-off zone only.
 - No vehicles will be permitted to park or stop for extended periods.
 - Traffic management staff and Police will supervise this area.
2. **Drop-Off Access – Before Each Show:**
 - All vehicles must approach Brown Road from the Broadmeadow Road end (south).
 - Brown Road will operate as one-way during this time.
 - Parents may briefly stop in the designated drop-off zone, but must remain in their vehicle.
3. **Parking for Audience Members:**
 - Parents attending the shows are encouraged to park in the surrounding streets or in the Newcastle Showground car park (entry via Griffiths Road).
 - A \$15.00 fee applies.
4. **Pick-Up – After Each Show:**
 - Brown Road will be closed to all vehicles approximately 30 minutes before the end of each show.
 - Parents must park in nearby streets and walk to the A-Z Flags area to collect their child.

Personal Belongings

Please ensure that all personal items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Valuables and money should not be brought to the venue or left in bags, as Star Struck cannot take responsibility for lost or damaged items. As the show is double cast, all belongings must be taken home after each performance, as holding areas are shared between groups.

Show Times

Friday 13 June

Show 1 - 11am (Cast A)

Show 2 - 7pm (Cast B)

Note the show is 2hrs 30mins long with an interval. It may run over time.

Saturday 14 June

Show 3 – 1pm (Cast B)

Show 4 - 7pm (Cast A)

NEC Venue Map

Please see venue map for access, drop off and pick up points.

