

## SOCIAL STORY

John Tonkin College ESC Disability Expo



## Guidelines

Thank you for choosing to use a social story written for John Tonkin College ESC Disability Expo.

A social story is a document that uses storytelling techniques to explain new experiences and environments to people who are autistic or have sensory sensitivities.

Anyone who is nervous when attending a place or event for the first time, may benefit from access to a social story.

For your social story to be successful, we recommend you follow these guidelines.

- Read the social story often and preferably 2 weeks in advance of visit.
- Read in an environment free from distractions.
- If reading to someone, help the person to understand key points.
- Once the visit has taken place, re-read the social story to celebrate achievements.





I might travel to the Expo at Mandurah forum by bus or car.

If I go in a car, there are car parking bays on the roof top including ACROD parking. There is over 2800 parking bays.

Extra-long ACROD bays are located on the top level of the multi-deck car park, with access from Dower Street or Pinjarra Road.

If I go by bus, there are bus stops on Mandurah Road, Pinjarra road and Dower Street. There is more information on the Mandurah Forum website about parking and transport. <u>https://www.mandurahforum.com.au/direction</u> <u>s/getting-here</u>







When I arrive, there are many entrances to get to the Expo. The Expo will be set up between H&M and the food court.



There will be a number of tables and people from different organisations greeting me and may wish to speak to me or hand out information for free to me.

I don't have to speak to people if I don't want to.





There is a chill out zone, should I need to take time out. Noise reduction earmuffs will be available for me to use whilst sitting on the beanbags. This is located between Cotton On and Platypus Shoes stores.





There are unisex wheelchair accessible toilets located near the food court behind Elite Day Spa. The Changing Places facility is located in the same location.

More information about a Changing Places facility can be found here <u>https://www.mandurah.wa.gov.au/explore/</u> <u>getting-around/changing-places</u>.





I can check out the John Tonkin College ESC Facebook event page by scanning the QR code, for more information about the disability expo.





Going to the John Tonkin College ESC Disability Expo will be fun.





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