



FAQ for students attending street parade:

How many friends and whānau can I bring to the parade, and can they walk with me?

As many as you like; the more the merrier and yes, they can either walk with you in the parade or choose to line the streets and cheer you on as you walk past. However, if you are taking the bus from Wolfbrook Arena, you will need to make sure you have booked enough seats for you and all your guests.

Are dogs or pets allowed?

No, unless it is a guide dog they must stay at home.

Will the roads be closed?

Yes, they will be closed and there is traffic management in place. The trams will be paused during the parade but please remain off the tracks before the parade begins as the trams will still be operating.

What time does the parade start and how long is the walk?

The parade starts at 10am sharp and the walk will take about 15 minutes.

Can I eat and drink before or after the parade?

Yes, you can. There are many establishments in the central city you can visit. Once the parade concludes in Victoria Square, there will be two vendors there for hot and cold drinks and ice cream. We recommend, once the festivities have concluded, you plan to have lunch either self-catered in the park, or by making a booking at a restaurant or café in the CBD.

How do the buses work?

Hopefully you'll have told us at the time you booked your graduation spot that you require a seat on the buses travelling between Wolfbrook Arena and the city for the Street Parade on Wednesday 9 April. This is the easiest way for you and your guests to get to and from the parade without worrying about parking or paying for other transport. Buses leave Wolfbrook Arena at 9.15am and will depart from outside the Town Hall at 12.30pm; providing you with plenty of time to get lunch.

Please note, you do not have to be graduating on Wednesday to use this service.

What should I wear at the parade?

Wear regalia over your graduation clothes. We advise you wear sensible footwear made for walking. For those graduating on Wednesday afternoon, there will be a short opportunity to change footwear once you are back at Wolfbrook Arena after catching the 12.30pm return bus.

What about bad weather?

The parade is led by the Nor'west Brass Band and concludes at Victoria Square. There, you and your guests will be provided with a UC branded glass for a toast that will be led by UCSA President Luc MacKay. Graduating students will also be supplied a cupcake (gluten free, dairy free and vegan options available). Once the whole parade is in Victoria Square there will be a few short speeches, the toast, and then you will be free to mix and mingle, purchase drinks and decide on your movements before heading to the afternoon graduation celebration at Wolfbrook Arena or, if not graduating, to your own arrangements.

Are there parking options for the street parade?

Christchurch CBD has plenty of paid parking options. The easiest will be The Crossing carparking building, with entry off Lichfield St. However, there will be road closures and changes to surrounding roads for this event which may cause access delays to the building.

The cheapest and easiest method to get 'parking' for the event is to park for free at Wolfbrook Arena and catch the free bus to Christchurch CBD and back again. You can use this service even if you are not graduating that day.

Safety on parade day:

UC staff in red t-shirts and UC Security in high-vis will be at the parade and will provide assistance if required, St John ambulance service will also be present at Victoria Square.