

YOUTH VOICE

Karina Curry-Hyde and **Caitlin Pienaar** asked their young Artarmon peers what was good and bad about living in Artarmon. These are their answers:

What's good about living in Artarmon?

Arseny Laptev, 8: Well, it's mostly I get to play with my friends at school, and I get to do sport on Friday like basketball, or tennis, or tee-ball. And also, sometimes my mum and dad get to go to the video shop and rent some movies and my friends can come over.

What's bad about living in Artarmon? There's not much bad about living in Artarmon, but my mum always has to drive up to Parramatta everyday to work.

What's good about living in Artarmon?

Anna and Lauren, 11: It has a great school, with really good bands, and we have really nice neighbours.

What's bad about living in Artarmon? It can be boring. Also there are no big shopping centres with shops like Smiggle and Coles.



What's good about living in Artarmon?

Zoe Powell, 16: It is great because it's really easy to get wherever I need to go, and all the people that own the shops are really nice. Most of them haven't changed since I moved here when I was 3. It was also really good as a kid because there are heaps of parks and things close to home, which I think is really important.

What's bad about living in Artarmon? I can't think of anything, sorry. It was the best place to grow up, and I wouldn't have had it any other way.



What's good about living in Artarmon?

Lara Meacock, 15: It's got a train station, so you can go anywhere. The people are also really friendly.

What's bad about living in Artarmon? No one's really heard of it and it's a bit far away from everything.



What's good about living in Artarmon?

Maxine Macdermott, 12: Well, having friends close by and being able to walk everywhere without too much trouble. You also have access to a park close by and bike trails. My friends are close by.

What's bad about living in Artarmon? It's fairly far away from the city, it's easy to follow the train but it's harder than if you lived at, say, Milson's Point. My school friends live elsewhere and it's harder to catch up with them.

What's good about living in Artarmon?

Hugo Opeskin, 15: Everyone's nice and friendly, there's lots of fun stuff to do. We've got really good neighbours and there's such a nice atmosphere.

What's bad about living in Artarmon? Nothing at all.



What's good about living in Artarmon?

Max Anderson, 10: Well, it's close to the shops if you are walking home, and at school, most of the teachers are nice.

What's bad about living in Artarmon? Not much.

