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the
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hospital at Westmead



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Deck the halls for sick kids

The halls and corridors of The Children's Hospital at Westmead are decked with decorations to celebrate the Hospital's annual Christmas Party; **Party Day**.

Party Day is an annual celebration at the Hospital with many wards and departments joining in the Christmas festivities by decorating their areas in different themes and dressing up in costumes to match.

Santa took time out of his busy schedule to video call directly from the North Pole to make a list and check things twice to ensure he captured all the patients Christmas wishes before entrusting his elves to distribute goodies for all the children across the Hospital.

This year, Santa and his elves put together a very special one-hour virtual Party Day for the patients and their families. The show includes special guest appearances from his friends such as children's book author; Andy Griffiths, Guy Sebastian, the Home & Away cast, Disney Princesses, superheroes, Clown Doctors, Captain Starlight, NSW Fire & Rescue, Alpacas and performances from the Wiggles and Johnny Ruffo.

Director of Nursing at The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Alan Gardo, says Party Day is a fun day for not only the patients and their families but also the staff.

"Our dedicated staff spend months preparing and decorating their wards to truly transform the Hospital into a spectacular site for our patients and their families. A child spending time in hospital can be challenging for the whole family so our goal is to bring a little Christmas joy to them," said Mr Gardo.

The Children's Hospital at Westmead is the largest paediatric centre in New South Wales, specialising in treating seriously ill children from Australia and the Pacific Rim.

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