



Active Streets for Schools program

The Active Streets for Schools program delivers infrastructure improvements around schools to make it safer and easier for children to walk or ride to school.

Walking or riding to school is a fun and healthy way to travel to and from school, which helps to alleviate traffic congestion and increase safety in school environments.

The Active Streets program also includes an educational component, including:

- A map for each school to promote safe routes to school and part way points
- Wayfinding pavement stencils
- First one in/last one out checklists (to educate children about independent travel)
- Active travel tracker cards (to track the days children walk or ride)
- What do I do if...? cards (for children to use if they need assistance)

School map

A map has been developed for each school to promote safe routes. The maps try to promote routes with limited or controlled road crossings or routes that are suitable for large catchment areas for the school. By encouraging children to use similar routes, children create 'active streets' that are safe to travel and help to build social and active school communities.

Part way points

Part way points are a simple way to reduce congestion and increase safety around schools. They help to make the school drop off and collection run easier and faster for all parents by reducing congestion at the school gate.

Part way points are effective because they can be tailored to suit your needs, which may change from day-to-day. A carpark at the local oval or park, or even a quiet residential street, might work well for you.

Part way points are excellent if you live too far away to walk or ride the entire journey, but still want to avoid the congestion at the school gate and increase safety around the school.





Pavement stencils



Wayfinding pavement signage is installed through the Active Streets program to promote part way points and some of the routes highlighted on the school's map. The stencils can be used in conjunction with the school's map to educate children about safe routes to school.

First one in and last one out checklists

First one in and last one out checklists, which are reusable stickers, are provided to assist with educating children about independent travel.

As children begin to start leaving home last or arriving home first, they may require reminding about simple things like turning off the TV.

These stickers can be stuck on a number of surfaces and easily removed, for a final or first reminder when leaving or entering the house.



Active travel tracker cards

Active travel tracker cards can be used to encourage more children to walk or ride to school. The tracker cards can be used to run in class or school competitions.

Prizes could be offered for the highest active travel rates, the greatest increase in levels of active travel or an entry into the draw each time a student uses active travel (so everyone still has a chance of winning).



What do I do if...?

What do I do if cards can be completed and provided to children to ensure they have important information with them if they require assistance on the way to or from school.

The cards include space to write down the child's name, their school, key contacts and what they should do in certain situations (e.g. if they get a flat tyre).



More information

More information and additional resources are available on the Transport Canberra website (www.transport.act.gov.au).