

## Parking near a school

- Play it safe.
- Adhere to the 40km per hour zone when travelling in an operated school zone.
- Do not park on or near a school crossing.
- Do not double park.
- Always let your child out on the kerb side of the road.
- When using the pink drop off zones, you cannot wait more than two minutes or you will be issued with an infringement. Plan to arrive after the bell rings at pick up time.

## Tips for parents

- Map out the safest route possible.
- Prior to the first day of school walk or cycle the route with your child several times so they are familiar with it.
- Talk to your child about what they should do if you are not there on time.
- Identify any 'safe houses' along the way ie. homes belonging to neighbours, relatives or friends.
- Teach your child to always cross at pedestrian crossings or intersections, to stop one step back from the kerb and to be fully alert when crossing the road.
- Teach your child to look out for cars entering and exiting driveways.

## Tips for kids

- Put away anything that might distract you such as mobile phones, music or gaming devices.
- Always use the school crossing, and wait for the Crossing Supervisor to blow their whistle before crossing the road.
- If riding your bike or scooter, check that your helmet fits firmly and your brakes work.
- Only children under 12 years of age and the adult with them are allowed to ride on the footpath.
- You must have a bell or horn on your bike to warn others that you are coming.

**For more safety tips and information go to [mvcc.vic.gov.au/gettingtoschool](http://mvcc.vic.gov.au/gettingtoschool) or contact our Transport Project Officer on 9243 8888.**



# Getting to and from school



### Better Moves to Schools maps

The Better Moves to Schools map is an interactive map designed to help you and your child/ren map out a route to school, find walking/cycling paths that already exist or identify an easy place to park and walk to primary school.

Select your school and view the Active Path and Walking School Bus routes, Park and Walk locations and pedestrian crossings and plot your route.

### Active Paths

Is your school an Active Paths school? The Active Paths initiative is about making it easier for students that want to ride, walk, scoot or skate to school.

Council works with the school and bicycle network through our Better Moves Around Schools Program to identify paths to school which are most direct, fun and based on where students live. Footpath decals will guide students along the way. If your school has Active Paths, grab some friends and make it fun walking to and from school.

To find out more about Better Moves to Schools maps and Active Paths go to [mvcc.vic.gov.au/gettingtoschool](http://mvcc.vic.gov.au/gettingtoschool)

### Walking School Bus

The Walking School Bus is a fun, healthy and safe way for primary school-aged children to travel to and from school.

Children walk to school accompanied by two adult leaders (a 'driver' and 'conductor') picking up children at 'bus stops' on the way to school.

It aims to increase physical activity amongst children and reduce traffic congestion around schools.

The Walking School Bus is a free program run in collaboration with Council, VicHealth, schools, parent volunteers, traders and community groups.

Walking School Bus routes are marked on the Better Moves to Schools maps.

To join a Walking School Bus or to start your own Bus go to [mvcc.vic.gov.au/gettingtoschool](http://mvcc.vic.gov.au/gettingtoschool)

### Walk to School Challenge

Each year we support VicHealth's Walk to School initiative by challenging all school aged children to walk, cycle or scoot to and from school in October.

It's a fun, free and easy way to get active, win awesome prizes and get to know your neighbourhood.

Your school can give you information or check [mvcc.vic.gov.au/gettingtoschool](http://mvcc.vic.gov.au/gettingtoschool) for updates

### Park and Walk

If it's too far to walk to school from home, why not walk some of the way? We've identified a number of Park and Walk locations around primary schools in Moonee Valley to help you experience the fun of walking to school, even if it's a long way from home.

Park and Walk locations are marked on the Better Moves to Schools maps.

