

Why Choose Sustainable Transport?

- The transport sector is a major contributor to climate change and car use significantly contributes to an individual's carbon footprint.
- Half of car journeys are less than 3km but car engines are least efficient while still warming up. Replacing short trips, such as walking to school instead of driving, can help to reduce the negative environmental impacts of using the car.
- Physical activity helps to keep you healthy, fit and happy.
- With more people out of cars and walking the streets instead, your local community will become a safer and more vibrant place to be.



For more information, visit these websites:

Metlink www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au

VicHealth www.vichealth.vic.gov.au

Whitehorse City Council www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Sustainability Victoria www.sustainability.vic.gov.au

VicRoads www.roads.vic.gov.au

Bicycle Victoria www.bv.com.au



Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, Whitehorse City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional owners of the land now known as Whitehorse and pays respect to its elders past and present.

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Service Centres:

Whitehorse Civic Centre

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Box Hill Service Centre

Box Hill Town Hall

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Forest Hill Service Centre

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CITY OF WHITEHORSE



Sustainable Transport Options

FOR GETTING YOU TO AND FROM SCHOOL





School is an exciting time – you learn lots of new things, meet new friends and often get to and from school by yourself. Find out about the different ways of getting around – whether it's by train, tram, bus, bike, car or foot.

Walking or Cycling to School



If you are lucky enough to live close to your secondary school, walking or cycling is a great way to get in some exercise while enjoying being outdoors. Check out the TravelSmart map to see if there a safe and pleasant route to school away from the noise and pollution of busy roads.

Tips FOR WALKING OR CYCLING TO SCHOOL

- Cross at traffic lights or zebra crossings – they are safer than uncontrolled locations.
- Wear bright clothes so that you're visible to drivers, especially at dawn and dusk.
- If listening to music through headphones, have the volume low enough that you're aware of approaching traffic.
- Wear an approved, properly-fitted bicycle helmet when cycling.
- Make sure your bike is in good condition. Check the brakes, lights, tyres and bell regularly.
- Use your bell to alert people when you are approaching them, especially from behind.

Public Transport

There is public transport near most secondary schools in the City of Whitehorse and surrounding suburbs. Catching the train, bus or tram gives you time to catch up with your friends, chat about the day's activities, do some homework or just sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery.

The Metlink website www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au tells you all you need to know about public transport in Melbourne. Look up ticket prices, timetables, maps and use the Journey Planner to find out how to get where you're going.

The Whitehorse TravelSmart map shows all the public transport routes in the City of Whitehorse. Pick up a copy of the map from one of Council's three service centres in Box Hill, Forest Hill and Nunawading (see back page for details).



Tips FOR USING PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- Let people off the train, tram or bus before getting on.
- When you're on board the train, tram or bus, take a seat or steady yourself by holding onto the hand rail.
- If the train, tram or bus is crowded, please offer your seat to elderly people, pregnant women or people who are mobility impaired (e.g. in a wheelchair).
- Allow other passengers room to move if they are getting off the train, tram or bus and try not to block doorways.
- Check the road for vehicles when stepping off trams and buses.

Car Pooling

If your parents drive you to school, find out if school friends live near you and pick them up along the way. Your friends can repay the favour by picking you up on other days. Car pooling can cut down your parents' petrol and parking costs and fewer cars on the road cuts down carbon emissions, which is better for the environment.

Tips FOR CAR POOLING

- Always wear a seat belt.
- Drivers need to concentrate so try not to distract them.
- Make sure there are no loose objects in the car that could cause injury if the car was to brake suddenly.

