



Transit program

By now your grade six students will have started to make plans about secondary school.

For some, the transition journey will be smooth-sailing and exciting. For others it may be scary and filled with uncertainty.

Whitehorse City Council has developed the Transit program to provide students with information, skills and confidence to use various transport options to travel to and from secondary school. Some students may be proficient at travelling on public transport or travelling to school by themselves, however for many it will be their first steps to travelling independently from their parents.

The Transit Program is offered FREE of charge to primary schools within the City of Whitehorse.

Aims of the program

The Transit program aims to encourage students to travel to secondary school by modes that are safe, have limited impact on the environment and involve some form of physical activity.

Program Components

There are three components to the program:

- 1 Pre-session homework activity** for students to start thinking about transport options in their area. (Duration: 30 minutes)
- 2 Workshop** regarding:
 - Transport options available in our area,
 - Road safety issues relating to cyclists, pedestrians, car passengers and public transport passengers,
 - Sustainable transport,
 - Responsibilities associated with public transport,
 - Public transport ticketing and timetables, and
 - Active transport (health and fitness).(Duration 1 hour)
- 3 A group excursion** using public transport to give students practical experience in:
 - Journey planning
 - Safely boarding and exiting public transport
 - Safe and courteous behaviour while travelling
 - Reading mapsCouncil will provide public transport tickets for an excursion to a location of your choice. Schools are responsible for arranging the excursion and any entry fees. (Duration half to one day)



Links to the Victorian Curriculum

The Transit program has been developed in conjunction with primary school teachers and is linked to the Victorian Curriculum, particularly in areas such as:

- Health and Physical Education
- Personal and Social Capabilities
- The Humanities – Geography
- The Humanities—Civics and Citizenship
- Technologies—Design and Technologies

Whitehorse City Council will provide

- Homework activity sheets for students to complete prior to the workshop session,
- A Council Transport Officer will deliver the 1hr Transit Presentation.
- Public transport tickets for each Grade 6 student and accompanying teachers/ parents for the excursion, and
- A transport kit for each grade 6 student.

What schools need to do:

For the program to run smoothly, schools need to:

- Brief classroom teachers on the elements of the program,
- Discuss the program with students and arrange for the pre-session homework activity to be completed prior to the workshop,
- Provide a room large enough for all Grade 6 students to participate in the Transit Presentation,
- Provide an interactive whiteboard, OR a screen/blank wall and data projector,
- Provide the date, location and number of participants for the excursion,
- Involve the students in planning the transport for the excursion (eg research timetables), and
- Complete a post-program evaluation form.

Bookings and further information

Please complete the attached booking form and return to:

Chris Hui
Whitehorse City Council
Email: chris.hui@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

For further information, please phone Chris Hui on 9262 6134.



Transit booking form

School name: _____
School address: _____
Contact person: _____
Email address: _____
Phone number: _____

Preferred dates and times for delivering the 1 hour Transit workshop:

1st preference	Date	_____	Time	_____
2nd preference	Date	_____	Time	_____
3rd preference	Date	_____	Time	_____

Is there an interactive whiteboard and laptop OR data projector/ screen/ laptop available for use during the presentation?

Yes

No

Number of Grade 6 students participating in the workshop: _____

We will tailor the Transit program to suit your needs. Please let us know if students have, or will participate in any other transport programs or activities, (eg BikeEd) so that we don't double up on the content of our presentation.

Is there anything else we should know so that this program can meet your needs?

The following information will be used to book public transport tickets for your excursion. Please note that we are unable to accommodate changes once the tickets have been purchased.

Date of travel: _____

Number of students: _____

Number of adults: _____

Where will your public transport journey commence (eg Blackburn train station)? _____

Where will you be travelling to (eg Melbourne Zoo)? _____

Which mode/s of public transport will you be using? Bus Train Tram

Do you need 2 hour tickets OR daily tickets? Daily 2 hour

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