

# The Safe Migration Project

## Starting Secondary School



Practical resources to spark important conversations about safe travel to and from school.

Feel free to add extra slides to suit your school community,  
but please do not alter existing road safety content.





This video is part of the TAC's Safe Migration Project, designed to help parents and carers establish safe travel habits with their children from the very beginning of secondary school.





# Slow down when driving around school neighbourhoods

Help to keep children and teens safe around schools.

- Children and teens are still developing awareness of road risks
- Slow down and drive with extra care around school neighbourhoods
- Driving below speed limits helps keep school communities safe for all





# Plan ahead for a safe journey

Support your child in planning and travelling independently and safely.

- Choose the safest route – **this may not necessarily be the quickest**
- Travel the route together before the term starts
  - Use quiet streets and roads with 40 km/h speed limits or less
  - Avoid high-speed roads and complex intersections
- Discuss any possible hazards and how to avoid them







# Encourage walking to school

**Active forms of travel are great for health, well-being, and the environment.**

- If walking, remind your child to:
  - Avoid distractions like phones when crossing roads
  - Cross roads at pedestrian crossings, pedestrian signals and places where drivers can see them

# Cycle safely to school

Cycling is a great form of active travel.

- To ensure your child cycles safely:
  - Plan the safest route: bike paths, shared-use paths or roads with bike lanes
  - Bikes must have a bell, working brakes, and a rear reflector
  - Wear a helmet that meets Australian Standards
- It is also important that your child knows:
  - Not wearing a helmet incurs a **\$254 fine**
  - **E-scooters are dangerous and illegal** for under 16s in Victoria – fine = **\$305**

## DID YOU KNOW?

Helmets can reduce head injury risk by 74%.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Bambach, M. R., Mitchell, R. J., Grzebieta, R. H., Olivier, J. The effectiveness of helmets in bicycle collisions with motor vehicles: A case-control study. Accident Analysis and Prevention, Issue 53, 2013.



# Support safe and smart public transport use

**Help your child prepare to use public transport safely.**

- Practice public transport routes together before school starts
- Remind your child:
  - Stand behind the yellow line at stations
  - Keep away from the road at bus/tram stops
  - Never cross in front of or behind a bus or tram – instead, get off onto the nearest footpath





# Drive and park safely

If you drive your child to school, prioritise safety.

- All passengers must wear seatbelts or use booster seats as required
- Use designated drop-off zones and follow all road rules
- Consider parking a short distance from school and walking the rest – it eases congestion and improves safety near the gate





# Road safety at our school

- Tip #1
- Tip #2
- Tip #3

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Insert a tip or fact...



# Additional resources

Click the below links to learn more.

- [Public Transport tips](#)
- [Cyclist safety](#)
- [E-scooter road rules](#)
- [Bike Ed Program for schools](#)
- [Road Safety Education Victoria](#)

If you have any questions about these resources, please contact the TAC Education Team at [roadsafetyeducation@tac.vic.gov.au](mailto:roadsafetyeducation@tac.vic.gov.au)