A couple of people riding bicycles

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Riding a bike is a life skill that helps Victorians to move about their local community, travel to school or work, save money, build fitness, improve independence, and make social connections. Bike riding is for everyone!

The table below provides an overview of the resources and support available to assist you in successfully implementing a Bike Ed program at your school. Please note that these supports will vary according to location and circumstances. They are also subject to change - please inform us if any of this information is out of date on Bikeed@transport.vic.gov.au

If you still need further assistance, please contact Bikeed@transport.vic.gov.au

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| **Element of support** | **Organisation/Assistance** | **Details** | **Link** |
| Equipment – Funding for Bikes (and other equipment) | TAC Road Safety small grants program | The TAC Road Safety Small Grants Program is designed to support community groups and organisations to develop and implement effective community-based road safety projects. Funding of up to $ 5,000 is available. | [2025-TAC-Road-Safety-Grant-Program-Support-and-Collaboration-Grant-Funding-Guidelines-Updated.pdf](https://www.tac.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/916217/2025-TAC-Road-Safety-Grant-Program-Support-and-Collaboration-Grant-Funding-Guidelines-Updated.pdf) |
| Sporting Schools | Sporting Schools offers grant opportunities for primary schools, and targeted grant opportunities for secondary schools in relation to Years 7 and 8 students. Grants support the delivery of sport-based programs to help students build the confidence and capability to be active for life.  AusCycling supports the delivery of the cycling/Bike Ed component of Sporting Schools. | [AusBike for Schools: Bike Education with Sporting Schools | AusBike](https://ausbike.au/sporting-schools) |
| Active Schools | The Active School initiative provides ***eligible*** government schools with a range of grants to support schools to increase physical activity. These grants can be used for the purchase of equipment (bikes, helmets, teaching material etc) or storage. | [Student Resource Package – Targeted Initiatives: Active Schools (Reference 142) | education.vic.gov.au](https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-resource-package-srp-targeted-initiatives/guidance/active-schools-reference-142) |
| Variety | Variety offers funding for bikes, helmets and locks for individuals and schools. | [Variety : Bikes Grants](https://fundraise.variety.org.au/how-we-help/bikes-grants) |
| Dr Cranky | Dr Cranky’s is a primary school-based bike recycle program that aims to ensure all kids have access to a roadworthy bike. They also do Bike Checks at schools and community centres (limited areas). | [Dr Cranky's - Home](https://www.drcrankys.com.au/) |
| Rotary | Rotary is a global network of more than 1.2 million neighbours, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Your local Rotary club may assist with possible volunteers or funding. |  |
|  | Back2bikes | This volunteer led organisation can assist in providing low-cost Bikes to disadvantaged students. | [Back2Bikes - Bike donation, recycling and volunteering](https://back2bikes.org.au/) |
| Equipment – Hire etc of Bikes | Various (and subject to change) | | **Suburb** | **Name** | **Contact Details** | | --- | --- | --- | | Ballarat and district | VicRoads Ballarat Customer Hub | Di Nevett  0418 364 013 [Di.Nevett@transport.vic.gov.au](mailto:Di.Nevett@transport.vic.gov.au) | | Colac Corangamite | RoadSafe Otway | Cliff McAliece  0418 532 500 [cliffmac1@bigpond.com](mailto:cliffmac1@bigpond.com) | | Fitzroy | Fitzroy Police | (03) 9934 6400  [christopher.mcgeachan@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:christopher.mcgeachan@police.vic.gov.au) | | Geelong | Corio-Norlane Lions Club | John McKinnin  0419 319 664 [mckinnin@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mckinnin@bigpond.net.au) | | Bass Coast | Wonthaggi Police Station | (03) 5671 4100 [brendan.horrocks@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:brendan.horrocks@police.vic.gov.au) | | Mansfield | St. Mary's Primary School | (03) 5775 2670 [principal@smmansfield.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@smmansfield.catholic.edu.au) | | Metro Melbourne | Melbourne Community  Bike Ed and Hire | 0407 352 126 [paulmacca1962@gmail.com](mailto:paulmacca1962@gmail.com) | | Mildura | Community RoadSafe Mildura | Tressna Martin 0458 745 695 [roadsafemildura@gmail.com](mailto:roadsafemildura@gmail.com) | | Morwell | Latrobe City Depot | (03) 5128 5664 | | Monash City Council suburbs | City of Monash (Transport Engineering Dept) | (03) 9518 3555 [mail@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@monash.vic.gov.au) | | Cardinia Shire Council | Pakenham | 1300 787 624 [mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au) | | Wellington Shire | Wellington Shire Council | Melissa Bransdon (03) 5142 3012 [melissabr@wellington.vic.gov.au](mailto:melissabr@wellington.vic.gov.au) | | Swan Hill | RoadSafe Central Murray | RoadSafe Central Murray [roadsafecm@gmail.com](mailto:roadsafecm@gmail.com) | | Wangaratta | RoadSafe NorthEast | Glen Clarke 0409 838 241 | | Bass Coast | Wonthaggi Police Station | (03) 5671 4100  [brendan.horrocks@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:brendan.horrocks@police.vic.gov.au) | | Yarragon | First Track Adventures | 0427 342 761  [mike@firsttrack.com.au](mailto:mike@firsttrack.com.au) | |  |
|  | Back2bikes | This volunteer led organisation can assist in providing Bikes for loan or hire at no/low cost. | [Back2Bikes - Bike donation, recycling and volunteering](https://back2bikes.org.au/) |
| Bicycle Recycle | Have a range of second hand bikes at no or low cost | [www.bicyclerecycle.com.au](https://vicroads.sharepoint.com/sites/ChildandYouthStrategyProjects/Shared%20Documents/Projects%20and%20Programs/Bike%20Ed/Training%20and%20support%20materials/Additional%20resources/www.bicyclerecycle.com.au) |
| Equipment – Funding for Sheds and storage | Active Schools | The Active School initiative provides ***eligible*** government schools with a range of grants to support schools to increase physical activity. These grants can be used for the purchase of equipment (bikes, helmets, teaching material etc) or storage. | [Student Resource Package – Targeted Initiatives: Active Schools (Reference 142) | education.vic.gov.au](https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-resource-package-srp-targeted-initiatives/guidance/active-schools-reference-142) |
| Your school budget | It is important to recognise that all schools have budgets and although this is often a longer-term solution, bicycle storage can be funded from within a school’s local budget. A rationale or business case for the storage of bikes will be needed. It might be useful to seek example of storage solutions and suppliers from other local schools. |  |
| Bike Maintenance | Bike maintenance grants – Transport Victoria Road Safety grants | Funding is available for the registration of Bike Ed trailers, maintenance of existing bikes, trailers and the purchase of **replacement** Bike Ed equipment.  There is also funding for the Bike Ed challenge. | [Community Road Safety Grants Program - Transport Victoria](https://transport.vic.gov.au/news-and-resources/transport-safety-campaigns/community-road-safety-grants-program)  [2024-25-community-road-safety-grants-program.pdf](https://edge.sitecorecloud.io/stategovernc45d-cftw-production-c9ca/media/Project/TransportWebsite/Forms/2024-25-community-road-safety-grants-program.pdf) |
| Dr Cranky | Dr Cranky’s can provide a Bicycle Hospital at your school or School Bike Checks.  Dr Cranky's is a registered charity that relies on volunteers, donations and schools' support to run. | [Dr Cranky's - Home](https://www.drcrankys.com.au/) |
| Men’s sheds | Men’s shed can provide a no or low cost alternative for Bike maintenance. | [Find a shed - Victorian Men's Shed Association](https://www.vmsa.org.au/find-a-shed/) |
| Good cycles | A not for profit offering competitive rates in Bicycle maintenance and purchase. | [Good Cycles | Changing lives. Changing communities.](https://www.goodcycles.org.au/good-bikes/) |
| Your local bike shop | Your local bike shop can provide value expertise and possible sponsorship of your bike maintenance. They can also provide an important local link to advice and expertise in bicycle purchasing for parents. |  |
| Program support delivery (in school) | AusCycling’s AusBike program | The peak organisation for cycling in Australia offers support to conduct in-school programs of 4-6 weeks (through Sporting Schools funding) or a one day free incursion program for Years 3-6. It can also assist in linking your school with the local cycling club. | [AusBike: Safe & Fun Bike Riding Programs for Kids Aged 5-12 | AusBike](https://ausbike.au/) |
| Personnel support (In school and out of school rides) | Bicycle User Groups | Bicycle User Groups, or BUGs, are groups of like-minded bike riders who gather together to go on social rides and advocate to improve bike riding conditions in their local area. They are possible sources of volunteers and extra assistance for your Bike Ed program. | [Bicycle User Groups (BUGs) | Bicycle Network](https://bicyclenetwork.com.au/tips-resources/maps-and-rides/bicycle-user-groups-bugs/) |
| Cycling Clubs | Local cycling clubs can provide a valuable resource for schools, in terms of possible volunteers, expertise and to provide a community cycling pathway for interested students. | [Find your nearest Club or Riding Group | AusCycling | AusCycling](https://auscycling.org.au/find-a-club) |
| Parents at your school | School communities always provide a wealth of expertise, skills and knowledge. Check amongst your parent communities for valuable volunteers for your program. |  |
| Rotary clubs | Rotary is a global network of more than 1.2 million neighbours, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Local clubs can assist with possible volunteers or funding. | [Rotary Clubs in Melbourne & Victoria (VIC), Australia](https://www.clubsofaustralia.com.au/clubs-in-victoria-79/) |
| Other | Your local council | Whilst every local council operates differently it is worthwhile to reach out to ascertain the support and or funding that they can provide for your schools’ Bike Ed program | [Council contacts list | Vic Councils](https://www.viccouncils.asn.au/find-your-council/council-contacts-list) |