

The Safe Migration Project

Starting Primary 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 primary school.



Try using active forms of travel and plan the safest route

Walking, scootering, and cycling are healthy, fun and environmentally friendly ways to travel to school.

- Choose the safest route – **this may not always be the quickest**
 - Choose streets with low-speed roads (40km/h or less)
 - Cross at pedestrian crossings, pedestrian signals & places where drivers can see you
- Avoid busy roads and complex intersections



Stay close to children when walking

Young children need close supervision on and around roads.

- Always hold their hand when near traffic and crossing roads
- Ensure you can always actively supervise
- Role model “Stop, Look, Listen, Think” when crossing the road

Ride safely on scooters and bikes

Scootering and cycling are great active travel options.

- Helmets are a legal requirement for everyone and must meet Australian Standards
- Use footpaths on low-speed roads, shared-use paths and bike paths
- Ensure you ride with a bell, an effective brake, and a rear reflector on bikes
- You can cycle on the footpath with your child if they are 12 years or younger



DID YOU KNOW? Helmets can reduce head injury risk by 74%.

Ensure children are safe as passengers

If driving to school, prioritise safety.

- Children should travel in the rear seat with the correct restraint or booster for their size
- Booster seats are needed until children can pass the 5-Step Test (typically age 10–12)
- Children should use the rear kerbside door (safety door) when entering and exiting the car

The 5-Step Test

Only when you can say YES to all 5 steps can your child move to an adult seat belt for that particular car.



Back against the vehicle seat



Knees bend at the edge of the seat



Lap belt on top of thighs, not on belly



Shoulder belt between neck and shoulder



Sits properly and can stay seated for the whole journey

Slow down when driving

Help keep school neighbourhoods safe and calm.

- Slow down near schools - children are small, can be unpredictable, and hard to see
- Drive below the speed limit – especially during drop-off and pick-up times
- Park a short distance away and walk to the gate to reduce congestion



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.

- [Child car seats](#)
- [Cycling with children](#)
- [Bicycle helmets](#)
- [Road Safety Education Victoria](#)

If you have any questions about these resources, please contact the TAC Education Team at roadsafetyeducation@tac.vic.gov.au