



National Walk Safely to School Day 2020.

Friday 11th September is Walk to School Day. We are also promoting ride safely and scoot safely too!

Woodbridge has a great morning planned so we ask parents to walk, ride or scoot to the gates with their child/ren on this day. (Students under 10 are not to come alone as per National Safety Guidelines). Students have made small posters/signs about road safety to carry or attach to their bike/scooter on the day.

Options for getting here include:

- Walk from home (Children under 10 must be accompanied by a parent. Parents of older children will need to decide if they accompany them to school or not)
- Park and walk some of the way
- Hazelmere and South Guildford residents, along with anyone looking to park and walk; a walking bus will leave Bruce Elliot Reserve (Bushmead Rd Hazelmere) at 8:15 on the dot with Mrs Kensett-Smith. Parents must still accompany their children on the walk from the park to school and they retain duty of care of their own children whilst walking.

On arrival at school (Years 1-6):

- Walkers will be given a sticker and a raffle ticket to go into the draw for some prizes. They go to the oval with their bags and walk around the oval looking at the safety signs etc. They continue walking until the bell. (There will be NO undercover area available)
- Bike riders- will be given a sticker and a raffle ticket to go into the draw for some prizes. They go to the chess board with their bikes where the local police will perform a safety check on the bike and give out the inspection certificate. They leave their bike there and move to the oval.
- Scooter riders- will be given a sticker and a raffle ticket to go into the draw for some prizes. They park their scooter at the chess board and move to the oval to walk.

When the siren blasts all teachers (1-6) will already be on the oval and students will continue around the circuit until they get to their teacher. Classes will then head off together to enjoy their healthy crunch and sip picnic near their rooms. BYO crunch and sip!

Recess activity: year 1-6 students with pushbikes AND helmets will be permitted to ride a course on the oval, under supervision at recess time.

Lunch activity: year 1-6 students with scooters AND helmets will be permitted to ride a course on the hard courts at lunchtime under supervision.

On arrival at school (Kindy and Pre-Primary):

- Walkers will be given a sticker and a raffle ticket to go into the draw for some prizes.
- All students (K and PP) to go directly to classes on arrival (No undercover area access)
- Teachers will be taking classes to the oval as a group to look at safety signs etc
- Further road safety practises will be completed in the classroom with the teacher

Parents of all age students can revise some of the road safety rules and responsibilities that have been covered at school via activities at the following link:

<https://www.safetytown.com.au/town/welcome-student/>

We look forward to a safe walk/ride/scoot to school day!

Walking together to and from school



Walking to and from school with your child helps ease traffic congestion, reduces your carbon footprint, promotes physical activity and provides a talking point about road safety. See this website for more information.

<https://www.safetytown.com.au/town/welcome-student/>

When you walk with your child, talk about safe behaviour. Always demonstrate correct pedestrian behaviour. The best way

you can help your child to be a safe pedestrian is to:

- give them lots of supervised practice with you or another trusted adult.
- talk with and teach your child about being alert in a road environment.
- always hold your child's hand.
- explain why the place you have chosen is the safest place to cross the road.
- point out dangers, such as vehicles coming out of driveways.
- use pedestrian crossings and traffic lights correctly.
- teach your child to keep turning their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road.
- talk with them about everything they need to think about to keep safe when walking.
- explain why they should look and listen before crossing a driveway, road or carpark.
- talk with your child and reinforce **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road together
 - **STOP!** one step back from the kerb.
 - **LOOK!** continuously look both ways.
 - **LISTEN!** for the sounds of approaching traffic.
 - **THINK!** whether it is safe to cross.

Walking together also helps you to observe if older children are ready to cross the road independently.

At school, your child will learn about road safety. Help them learn the pedestrian safety messages by using them and sharing them whenever you are out and about.

Stage 1

- Hold a grown-up's hand when
 - you cross the road
 - you're on the footpath
 - you're in the car park

Stage 2

- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road
- Use a safe place to cross the road

Stage 3

- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road
- Use a safe place to cross the road