

Transport NSW - Road Safety Events Schedule 2023

Please use this live link to see upcoming road safety events for this year.

<https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/edm/assets/documents/road-safety-events-schedule-2021-22.pdf>

(Please note you need to scroll down to the bottom of page 2 to see the 2023 events.)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

Term 2	School Zones are active during this time. roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/flashinglights/index.html	24 April to 30 June
National Road Safety Week	An annual initiative from the Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) Group, partnering road safety organisations and Government. The week highlights the impact of road trauma and ways to reduce it. roadsafetyweek.com.au	14 May – 21 May
Walk Safely to School Day	An initiative of the Pedestrian Council of Australia which encourages all primary school children to walk and commute safely to school. walk.com.au	19 May



ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS

FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023

Fast Facts

WHAT: National Walk Safely to School Day - **Release days available upon request to plan and run this event at your school.**

WHEN: **Friday 19th May 2023**

WHERE: In all primary schools across Australia

WHY: This national initiative aims to encourage children to lead a healthier, more active lifestyle by simply including a walk at the beginning, at lunchtime and at the end of each day. The event also promotes reduced car-dependency, greater use of public transport, cleaner air, improved diets and road safety to primary school children throughout Australia.

MORE INFO: www.walk.com.au/wstsd

Walk Safely to School day with Ozzie

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9yFrf1n9A8>

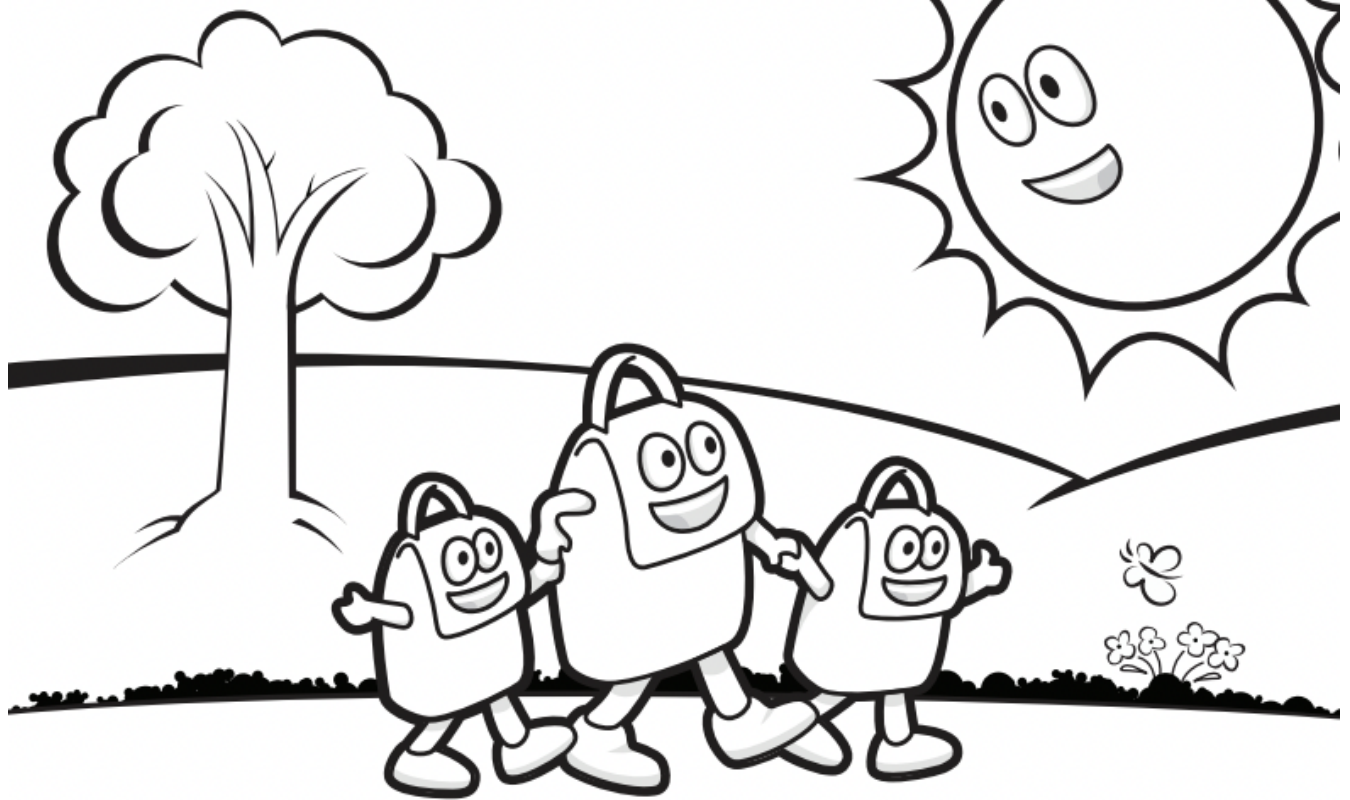
Walk Safely to School day with the Wiggles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQ-6jNG4F4Q>

Walk Safely to School day colouring in

https://www.walk.com.au/WSTSD/images/elements/contentpics/2023/A4-colouring-in_2.pdf

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**WALK SAFELY TO
SCHOOL DAY**

FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023

**Until they're ten,
children must always hold an
adult's hand when crossing the road**



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Road safety



Wearing helmets and riding safely

Wearing helmets

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. The helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.

Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they're playing or riding on wheels –

- Bikes
- Foot scooters
- Rollerskates
- Skateboards
- Rollerblades.

Riding safely

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they aren't ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road away from vehicles and driveways.

The safest places to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards are within fenced areas. This helps your child from riding or falling onto the footpath or the road. Children under 16 and their

accompanying supervising adult riders may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling. Riders need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out.

At intersections, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** procedure.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au

Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 4

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from the roads

Messages to share with your children in Years 5 and 6

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from busy roads

Safety Town

This website is a suite of digital and non-digital teaching and learning activities to support the teaching of road safety from Kindergarten to Year 6 in NSW primary schools. The website includes interactive activities, comprehensive teaching notes, links to relevant transport information, and updated information for parents and carers. Safety Town helps parents to reinforce road safety messages and concepts that are taught at school. This website has now been updated with the New PDHPE Syllabus.

www.safetytown.com.au



Did you know you can order FREE resources for your school through Transport NSW?
Use the link below.

<https://shout.finsbury.com.au/ustore/67/Home>

Click on PRODUCTS then School Use Only

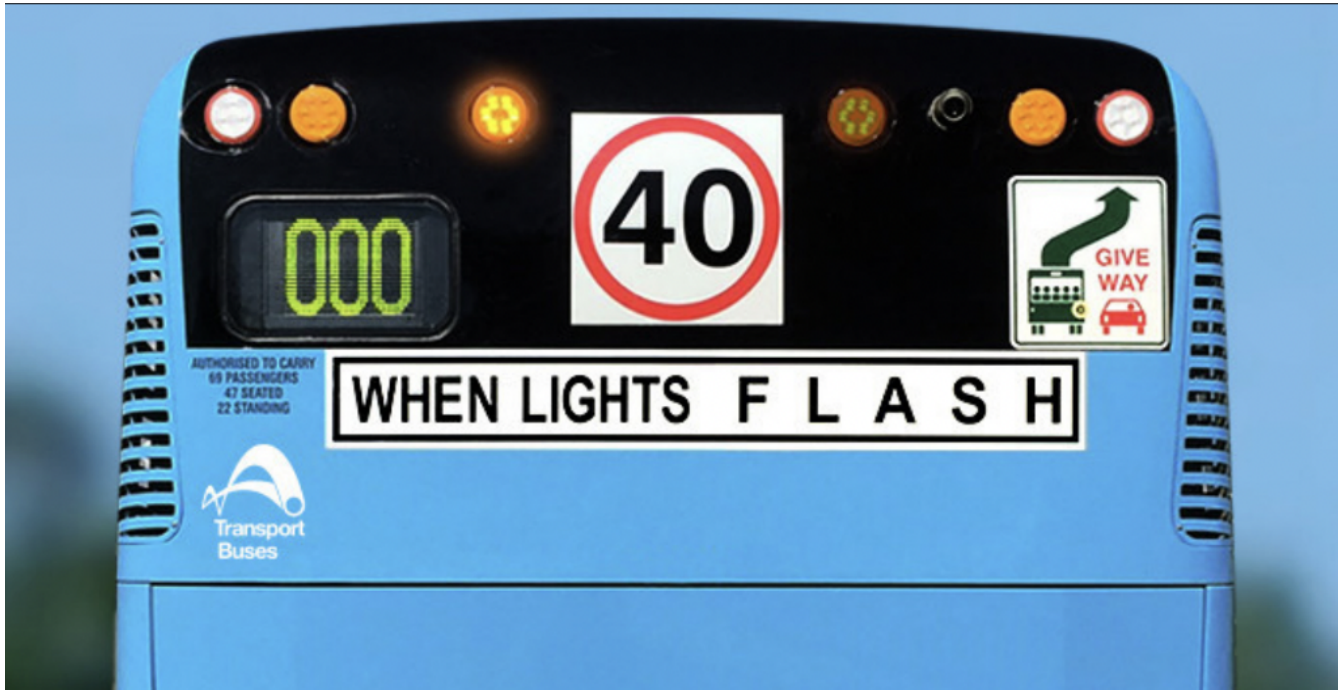


Bicycle Safety
Vehicle Safety
Drivers and Riders

Pedestrian Safety
Families and Carers
School Use Only

Early Childhood Services Only
Road Safety in Your Workplace
Heavy Vehicles Only





Driving safely near school buses

There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children. This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

Lights will flash on the front and back of the bus reminding drivers that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.

Buses can't stop quickly because they are large and heavy vehicles. So, remember:

- Reduce speed to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing
- Give way to buses
- Watch out for children crossing
- Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.

Informal school bus stops

Informal bus stops are not sign posted and are usually found in rural areas. They may be at the front of a property, or on the side of the road, which may make children difficult to see.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the [families](https://www.safetytown.com.au) section on [safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au)



Too many lives lost on NSW roads.
Our goal is zero.

