

STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL OPENS UP A WHOLE NEW WORLD!



HERE ARE SOME HANDY TIPS FOR FAMILIES:

Plan how your child will get to and from their new school

It is important to think about the best options for your family and be familiar with the rules - so that ALL children are safe around schools.

If you are in Year 7, your family still has 2,400 more school trips to make!

ie. 10 school trips per week x 40 weeks per year x 6 years of secondary school

Reduce your car trips around peak school times

There will never be enough carparks right outside the school gate for every family. Consider walking, riding or scooting to and from school. Look for nearby parking locations such as parks, sporting reserves or shopping areas and walk the rest of the way. Watch our *Active Travel* animation for more information (link below).

Support and encourage greater independence

Secondary school provides a great opportunity for independent travel for your child. Is public transport an option? Can you walk them part of the way? Can they start the walk home themselves and meet you at an agreed meeting place? Can they ride/scoot to school? Do they have friends/family they can walk with? Active travel has so many lifelong benefits for young people:

- A great regular source of physical activity (improved fitness, cardio & metabolism).
- Better academic performance (burn off excess energy and gain more focus).
- Opportunities to interact with friends and others in their community.
- A great time to think, relax, reflect on their day.
- Opportunities to make decisions independently, learn from mistakes and gain the confidence that comes with success.



Follow the signs around your school



The signage around your school is there to keep all children safe. Please read and follow the signs:

SCHOOL ZONE 40 KM – slow down, lots of children



NO STOPPING – you cannot stop your car here at all



NO PARKING SCHOOL DAYS – this is a 2-minute only Drop off Pick up Zone

Parking Compliance regularly patrol school precincts and fines are issued for illegal behaviour. Watch our *Driving Safely Around Schools* and *Drop off and Pick up Zones* animations for more information (link below).

Use the safest crossings

Where available, School Crossings are the safest place for all pedestrians to cross the road, no matter what age. Encourage your child to choose the safest crossing option. Watch our *School Crossings* animation for more information (link below).

Be considerate of the local community and each other

Double-parking, parking on nature strips and blocking driveways are illegal and dangerous. Be patient and think about the impact of your behaviour. Watch our *Driving Safely Around Schools* animation (link below).

Make a commitment to being Safe Around Schools

Take the time to learn more: Watch our short *Road Safety Animations* available on YouTube - City of Casey Safer Communities. Read all information from your School and seek further information if you are not sure.

Visit casey.vic.gov.au/safe-around-schools

We can all work together to get everyone to school and home again safely.

