

# Gulyangarri Public School

Travel Access Guide

# Overview

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Our school community of parents, staff and students live within a reasonable walk, cycle or bus trip of the school. This Travel Access Guide provides suggested safe and accessible options for travelling to school.

# Active ways to get to school



# Walking is an active and healthy way to get to school

- Always use crossing facilities where available such as traffic lights, pedestrian crossings, or a school crossing. Remember to Stop, Look, Listen and Think when crossing the road.
- Hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- Share the footpath and walk on the left.
- Look out for cars entering or leaving driveways.



#### Ride your bike

- Always wear a correctly fitted Australian standards approved helmet when riding your bike.
- Ride to the left on footpaths.
- Take extra care near busy roads such as Hume Highway.
- Watch out for cars entering or leaving driveways.
- Give 1 metre space when riding past



# Effective: April 2024



- Always wear a correctly fitted Australian standards approved helmet when riding your scooter.
- Wear a bright-coloured bag, clothing or reflectors such as a vest to be highly visible.
- Give pedestrians right of way on footpaths.
- Check your wheels, handlebars, brakes and frame are in good condition before riding.

# Kiss and drop expectations

- The drop off / pick up zone within school grounds allows a maximum 2 minutes of stopping time.
- Make sure children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side) when getting in and out of a car.
- Drivers are to display their child's full name on the dashboard and stay within 3 metres of their parked car.
- The facility is a left-in left-out with capacity for 24 cars only.
- When the facility is full and you aren't able to enter, safely drive around the block and keep the traffic flowing in our area.

# Message from Our Principal

- Gulyangarri Public School supports sustainably and environmentally friendly transport practices.
- We strongly encourage our school community to walk or ride a bicycle to school either independently or with parental supervision.

# School Bell Times

Start time: 8:30 am

Finish time: 2:30 pm

#### For more information contact:



# Active Travel Map: Gulyangarri Public School

• Students can walk or cycle on footpaths on both sides of the roads near the school.

Reminder: children under the age of 16 are allowed to cycle on the footpath, keeping them safer and more protected from road traffic.

 Bike parking spaces are provided within school grounds. All bike entries are through the pedestrian gate on Lachlan Street, and students on bicycles are required to dismount and walk their bicycles to the bike parking area.

# Car parking and road safety

- Park safely, even if it means walking further to the school entrance.
- Flags at the children's crossing make it an active crossing. At the children's crossing, stop at the stop line, not at the edge of the crossing space.
- Perform turns and other manoeuvres safely.
   U-turns are not allowed on Lachlan Street outside of the school or within the pick-up and drop-off area.
- Give way to people walking or cycling particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always look around carefully, check mirrors and blind spots for children and other cars before:
  - opening your door
  - slowly reversing



#### For more information contact:



# School Access



- Pedestrian access to the school is available via entry points at Lachlan Street
- Bicycle parking facilities are provided within school grounds
- School drop-off/pick-up zone is available along the internal roadway off Lachlan Street

For more information contact:





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# WALKING TO GULYANGARRI PUBLIC SCHOOL



# PLAN YOUR WALKING ROUTE TO GULYANGARRI PUBLIC SCHOOL

The following pages suggest walking routes from neighbouring precincts within the Gulyangarri enrolment catchment. The suggested routes are located on public roads and may have multiple road crossings.

These suggested walking routes will not be supervised by a member of Gulyangarri PS. It is parents' and guardians' responsibility to ensure that children walk to and from school safely.

It is recommended that parents and guardians walk with their child until they are able to safely navigate the route and any potential road crossings.

Timing points are suggested so that groups of students can meet and walk together along the suggested route.





# WALKING SAFELY TO SCHOOL

Safe, active travel is encouraged by the Department of Education to help develop positive attitudes towards health and safety. Walking to and from school helps ease traffic congestion, promotes physical activity and provides a great opportunity to talk about being a safe road user.

As parking around schools is becoming harder schools can encourage parents and carers to walk with their child/ren to and from school or park further from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Every school's surrounding traffic environment is different. Every school's entry and exit rules for students are different and are therefore managed differently.

Parents and carers are responsible for their child's safety when travelling to and from school. Parents and carers are encouraged to:

- Give their child lots of supervised practice in the traffic environment.
- Teach their child about being alert in a road environment.
- Always hold their child's hand up to the age of at least 8 years old, when on the footpath, crossing the road or in a carpark
- Explain why the place they've 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 their child to keep turning their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road.
- Explain why they should look and listen before crossing a driveway, road or carpark.
- 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.

• Observe if older children are ready to cross the road independently.



# DO YOU KNOW THE MOST DIRECT WALKING ROUTE TO GULYANGARRI PUBLIC SCHOOL?



# PLAN YOUR WALKING ROUTE TO GULYANGARRI PUBLIC SCHOOL:

STEP 1: LOCATE YOUR HOME ON THE MAP

STEP 2: FIND YOUR NEAREST MAJOR WALKING ROUTE (#1 TO #4)

**STEP 3: FIND YOUR NEAREST TIMING POINT** 

## FOR EXAMPLE:





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# Where do you ride?

#### Footpath/shared path/cycleway:

- Children under 16 can ride on a footpath.
- Adults supervising children under 16 can also ride on the footpath.
- Be careful of cars entering and exiting driveways.
- Watch out for pedestrians, other riders and animals.

# Look out for pedestrians on shared paths.

#### Crossing the road:

- Be extra careful.
- Walk your bicycle when you cross at a pedestrian crossing.

# Give pedestrians 1 metre of space when riding past.

Give a metre:



# when riding a bike: Clip, check, chime. Clip your helmet Output You must always wear a helmet when riding your bike. Check your brakes Output When sure your brakes are working.

**3 steps to follow** 

Chime your bell



If you pass another rider or pedestrian, chime your bell.

#### Things to remember

Always ask your parents permission to ride.

Loose clothing and items can get caught in your wheels. Secure any loose items, like backpack straps





Shoes with a good tread on the soles will help you grip the pedals and protect your feet. Make sure your laces are tied.



# Always remember to watch out for hazards







#### For more information contact:



# GULYANGARRI PUBLIC SCHOOL BICYCLE ETIQUETTE & SAFETY



# Safety on wheels

Until they are at least 10 years old, adults should supervise students riding bikes to school



# Supervise your child and teach them to:

- always wear a correctly fitted helmet
- ride in a safer place away from where vehicles are or could be
- ride away from roads
- look for vehicles in and near driveways.

# Always check your child's helmet is:

- correctly fitted
- buckled up

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standards approved





# GULYANGARRI PUBLIC SCHOOL BICYCLE ETIQUETTE & SAFETY



# How to correctly fit a helmet



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# 1.

Check the helmet is positioned correctly. Can you fit just 2 fingers between your eyebrows and your helmet?

2.

Check the chin strap is tight enough. Can you fit just 2 fingers between the helmet strap and your chin?

# Check the straps are correctly positioned and free from twists. Do the straps join in a 'v' just below the ears?

# 4.

A grown-up should check your helmet fits correctly and is buckled up properly.



# **SELECT AN ACTIVITY AND GET GOING!**





# To Play Visit: <u>safetytown.com.au</u>

#### For more information contact:





# Keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

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



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

#### For more information contact:



# Additional information

# Something broken on the way to school?

Use the Snap Send Solve app or website to report issues to the people who can fix them.

Things like abandoned trolleys, broken footpaths or water leaks can all be reported in the app.

Download it today from the App Store or Google Play. Or visit **www.snapsendsolve.com** 

# Get a discount on your Bicycle NSW membership

Bicycle NSW is offering a 15% discount on membership for families at our school. This includes insurance and discounts for recreational bike rides.

#### Take up the offer today:

- Visit bicyclensw.org.au
- Sign up for a membership
- Use this discount code for 15% off your membership

#### nswtag

The code expires on 31 May 2023. Don't miss out!



# Benefits of not using a car to travel to and from school

Did you know children who live within 2 kilometres of school are often driven to school?

That means many NSW children could be missing out on the physical, social and mental benefits of active travel walking, riding or using public transport.

Additionally, even active travel part way for one day per week can make a difference to our local traffic congestion.

We can help bring these positive changes to our local community by choosing active ways to get to school.

## Apply for a school travel pass

Depending on where you're travelling, you may receive a free school travel pass, a School Opal card, or both or travel between home and school on NSW public transport. As a general guide:

- Students who live 1.6km away from the school or further are eligible for free bus travel to school.
- Students who live within 1.6km radius of the school for a fee of approximately \$55 per year can receive subsidised school travel.

Check your eligibility for a school travel pass here: https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/applyschool-travel-pass#eligibility

#### Safe travel

Parents and carers are responsible for their child's safety on the way to and from school.

Parents and carers can reinforce what their children learn at school by planning and using safe school travel routes, model safe considerate behaviour and always follow the road rules. Young children, in particular, require active supervision by an adult whenever they are in a traffic environment.

Remember — road safety is everyone's responsibility.

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