

# Media Release

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## NEW PROGRAM TO HELP SCHOOL CHILDREN TAKE MORE STRIDES

Victorian school children will be inspired to walk or ride to school with a new Allan Labor Government initiative encouraging daily physical activity.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced the *Kids Active Travel Program*, which provides funding of up to \$680,000 for eligible projects that support primary school children to walk or ride to school.

Local councils and organisations will team up with local primary schools to deliver activities that promote active travel.

Examples of activities include before and after school walking and riding groups, bike education and maintenance sessions, installing bike storage at school, increasing signage, and using technology to confirm students' safe arrival at school.

Funded by the *Victorian Budget 2023/24*, the program will prioritise projects for primary schools in Hume, Dandenong, Wyndham, and Shepparton and focus on areas with high levels of social disadvantage.

The program builds on other Government initiatives aimed at getting young Victorians moving throughout their day, including *Active Schools* and *Active Victoria*.

The *Victorian Budget 2023/24* is providing more than \$11 million for initiatives like the *Kids Active Travel Program* to help keep Victorians active and healthy and address the key barriers to participation.

For more information about the program, visit [sport.vic.gov.au](https://sport.vic.gov.au).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

*"The Kids Active Travel Program will help families break the habit of driving to school every day and empower kids with a new mindset where they're thinking about being active before and after school."*

*"When kids are given opportunities to be outside and moving, they start to realise the benefits for themselves – this gives them a new way of thinking and a new routine that they'll pass on to their own kids."*