

Media Release

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STUDENTS ON THE MOVE FOR WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

The Allan Labor Government is urging all Victorians to keep an eye out for some of our most vulnerable road users travelling to school by foot this National Walk to School Safely Day.

Thousands of Victorian students are expected to take to the pavement to get to school across the State today, making it vital for all road users to be alert for everyone's safety.

This annual day is a great reminder for all drivers to consider how they can be a safer road user and to promote the benefits for local communities of healthy habits like walking to school.

Moving from the roads to the footpaths will reduce traffic congestion, make school streets safer and contribute to a healthier environment.

Keeping children safe as they get to and from school is everyone's responsibility, and small children can move quickly and unexpectedly.

Tips to keep children safe travelling to and from school:

- slow down to 40km/h school zones and be aware of crossings
- watch out for pedestrians and be alert as young children can be unpredictable and difficult to see – particularly behind vehicles or in driveways and intersections
- use the drop off and pick up areas designated by schools
- park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate, and
- give cyclists at least one metre of space and 1.5 metres on roads above 60km/h.

Drivers are reminded that while some school speed zones operate from 8am to 9.30am and from 2.30pm to 4pm on weekdays during term, other school speed zones are permanent.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"Road safety is a shared responsibility, and we all have a role to play in keeping our roads safe."

"Whether you're walking, riding, an experienced driver or starting out – we can all work together to stay safe on our roads."