

Ready to Walk to School

South Gippsland Shire Council has a record number of schools signed up for the Walk to School program this year. A total of 16 out of 18 primary schools across South Gippsland have signed up for students to walk to school this October.

By encouraging active, healthy habits at a young age, students are more likely to continue to be active and healthy as they get older.

Council will be utilising \$10,000 in grant funding from VicHealth to deliver:

- Incentive vouchers for Grade Six students who take a leadership roles for Walk to School such as organising activities and collecting final reports from for their school
- Healthy food vouchers from our local independent supermarkets to provide a healthy breakfast or piece of fruit for students walking to school.
- Promotion of school events on Council's Facebook page and website and local newspapers
- Organising an art competition for schools

South Gippsland Shire Council's Social Planning Officer Vicki Bradley encouraged students and their families to get active during Walk to School this October.

"Council has been fortunate to receive funding from VicHealth in recent years for the Walk to School program and this year has been no exception.

"Walk to School is a fantastic initiative that we enjoy delivering for our community – we hope to see a number of students out there walking, scooting or riding to school this October," said Vicki.

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