

Carpooling to and from school counts



If you live a bit too far away to walk, carpooling counts as another way families can active school travel. Work with the families of your child's friends and carpool to and from school.

Carpooling benefits

Carpooling means more cars at home and less in the zone – it reduces traffic, is good for the environment, saves money and time and means everyone moves through the school zone faster.

Many cars travelling to and from school only carry one family. Sharing driver responsibilities with another family in the same street or nearby will save time, money, and wear and tear on cars.

RACQ estimates a medium-sized car costs around \$200 a week to run, so carpooling is one way to save on fuel and car maintenance costs.



Getting organised

- Arrange to meet with other parents and carers at the beginning of each term to plan the route to school and the schedule.
- Talk to friends in your child's class and see who lives nearby and is going your way.
- Make a time for pickup, and always encourage children to be ready and waiting for their lift.
- Ensure the car has enough space for booster seats, school bags and equipment.
- Create an email, text or social media group to communicate easily.
- Assign the same day of each week to one parent.
- Remind the children who is picking them up – especially early in the term.
- Always double-check no school bags or equipment has been left behind.
- Teach your child to say thanks for the ride!

Safety tips

- Wear your seatbelt.
- Don't distract the driver.
- Hop out of the car on the footpath side, never on the traffic side.

