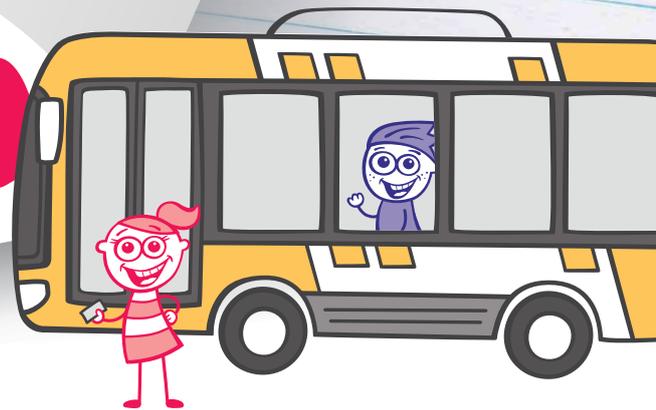# Catching public transport to and from school counts

Catching public transport counts as active school travel.

Public transport benefits

Catching public transport means less traffic, fewer emissions, time to chat with friends, and provides 'me time' to listen to music or read a book.

Using public transport like Surfside buses, trains and trams can be up to four times cheaper than using the family car; and it saves the cost of buying, maintaining and running extra vehicles.

Walking to and from public transport is an easy way to incorporate exercise into the daily routine. It also supports a sense of independence. Not only does catching public transport reduce traffic, but it also contributes to cleaner air.

BUS IT Bus Education workshops

Schools on the Active School Travel program can access free BUS IT Bus Education workshops where students learn how to catch a bus safely.

The workshops aim to build students confidence, road and bus safety skills and proper bus etiquette and also includes a ride on a Surfside bus.

Getting organised

- Students need a *go* card to travel on a bus, train or tram to school. *go* cards are available from many locations.
  - Register your child's *go* card so that it automatically tops-up to have funds in the account. Registered cards can also be cancelled if lost.
- For more information on school travel via public transport, visit TransLink.

Safety tips

- Wait safely at the bus stop away from the road.
- Make sure you hail the driver.
- Let passengers off the bus before you get on.
- Don't leave your school bag in the aisle or on the seat.
- Always stand for adults if the bus is full.
- All passengers should follow the directions of the bus driver.
- COVID measures include:
  - *go* card payments only
  - deep cleaning daily, including touchpoints and *go* card readers
  - more bus services and capacity to support social distancing.

For more information on the Active School Travel program, please visit **cityofgoldcoast.com.au/activeschooltravel**

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