

Active Travel Survey

What is it?

An Active Travel Survey:

- Determines how your students, staff and parents are travelling to school
- Can be conducted annually or incorporated through a Hands Up program (See resource link below).
- Provides a benchmark to determine whether your school has been increasing your active transport use.

Used for:

Monitoring Active Travel Levels

Active Travel Plan Objective:

Evaluation and Monitoring

Setting up an Active Travel Survey

Scope

- Determine what you want to find out
- Commit to how often you would like to conduct the survey. Pick a realistic timeframe (e.g. annually).
- Consider whether the questions are relevant for the appropriate audience (e.g. parents vs. preps).

Set Up

- Determine how you want to survey your school community and consider the administration cost
- Utilising online survey tools such as Monkey survey is great as it can generate a report for you.
- Contact the Knox Transport and Traffic Team on 9298 8769 to assist with set up.

Advertise

- Advertise your Active Travel Survey closing date via assemblies, newsletters and staff meetings.

Collate

- Compile the results to the surveys. You may find a trend that you want to encourage or address.

Monitor

- Monitor the travel patterns to school by conducting an Active Travel Survey on an agreed frequency (e.g. annually during the same time of the year).

Examples of What to Ask

- What grade are you in?
- What street and suburb do you live in?
 - This determines where people are travelling from and whether the distance is walkable.
- How did you travel to school last week?
 - Use a grid with the weekdays on one axis and the different modes of transport on the other
- How did you travel from school last week?
- How would you like to go to school each day?
 - Options include walking, cycling, scooting/skateboarding, public transport
- What would encourage you to travel by yourself or with friends to or from school more often?

Additional Resources:

- www.knox.vic.gov.au/safeandactiveschools > Example of an Active Travel Survey
- www.bicyclenetwork.com.au > Search 'HandsUp'