

School Website Information- Travel Choices at Bray Park State School.

We encourage families to 'leave the car at home' and consider healthy and active transport options when travelling to and from school. For students attending Bray Park State School there is a bus service and shared pathways for students and their families to use when actively travelling in the mornings and afternoons.

Active and Safe Maps

To build on a healthy and active lifestyle we suggest you walk, scoot or cycle to and from school. Even once a week will make a difference. If you are unable to actively travel all the way to and from school, why not try part of the way. Our Active and Safe map is a great resource to get you started! Several meeting points have been identified where you can park a short distance away from school and either walk, cycle or scooter the rest of the way to and from school with your children. These routes average about 800m (and only take 5 - 15 minutes to walk) so it's an easy way to improve fitness, road safety awareness and spend time together with family and friends.

Walking, Cycling and Scooting

When actively travelling to and from school it is important to cross roads and streets at the appropriate locations, such as supervised crossing, pedestrian refuges or at signalised lights. Children cannot judge speed and distance the same as an adult, which is why it is important that when you are accompanying your child to, or from school, your family use the safest route possible. We know everyone's lives are busy however it doesn't take that much longer to walk to a supervised crossing or pedestrian refuge than to risk yours or your children's lives.

For everyone that scoots or cycles to school there is a large bicycle/scooter parking area which is accessible from the Hopetoun Street entrance. Please ensure that your children wear a bicycle helmet when cycling or scooting to and from school. Although the bike enclosure is locked between school hours we suggest your child brings a bicycle or scooter lock with them

Catching the public transport

There is a bus company that services our school. If you would like to consider this as a form of travel to and from school for your child please contact the following bus company, Thompsons Bus Services to get information about the timetables and routes.

All students need to conduct themselves in a safe manner when waiting for, travelling on and after exited a bus. Therefore, if your child is utilising the bus services provided, please ensure that they are familiar with the [code of conduct](#).

Carpooling

Carpooling is a great option for those families who have no alternative to driving to and from school, such as those who do external sports in the mornings or afternoon or extracurricular activities like instrumental music. There are many benefits of carpooling. For example, you can save time, share the cost of fuel and maintenance, and you don't have to compete for a parking spot every day.

Top Ten Tips for Carpooling

1. Have a set time and place to meet
2. Always drive carefully and follow the road rules
3. Ensure your vehicle has the correct seating arrangements for the age of the children in the car
4. Determine your route and schedule – avoid side trips unless pre-arranged
5. If the driving is not equally shared, establish a method for reimbursing driving expenses

6. Keep in touch and establish a chain of communication to prevent misunderstandings
7. Be punctual
8. Establish what music, food and drinks are acceptable in the vehicle
9. Keep your car in good repair
10. Give your carpool time to work

Please note that carpooling is not encouraged as an alternative to walking, cycling or catching the bus where these options are available to you. For those families who have no alternative to driving to and from school, we encourage you to take another child or children with you if you can. This will improve the safety of the school precinct for your children.

2 Minute Loading Zone

A two-minute drop-off area is located on Hopetoun Street. This area is well signed. In order to keep this area free of congestion, we ask that you comply with the two-minute regulation as stated on the signs.

Where to safely drop off your children?

Please do not drive through or drop your children off in the bus bays. This incurs a fine and demerit points and is unsafe for all parties.

In order to keep the school area free of congestion, we ask that you use the following strategies:

1. Walk or ride to school whenever possible
2. Use the Active and Safe Map and park away from school and walk
3. Tell your children to wait inside the shelter sheds (Hopetoun Street and Sparkes Road entrances) until you arrive.
4. Carpool where possible.

In conclusion, we can all work together to reduce congestion around our school but more importantly, we will be teaching our children to be environmentally sustainable whilst encouraging healthy lifestyle options.

For more information on any of the above and more, go to the Moreton Bay Regional Council's website at www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/travelchoice/