

Walk to School Funding Secured

South Gippsland Shire Council's Walk to School program will be on again this October after securing VicHealth funding.

Increased funding this year will ensure all participating schools will receive greater rewards for their students. Council hopes all 18 local primary schools will participate this year – an increase from 16 schools last year.

Participating schools will have access to a funded breakfast, fruit or materials for art activities. Senior students who assist in organising the program with their school will also receive fun merchandise for their efforts.

Last year partnerships with Bendigo Bank, Sports Frist, South Gippsland SPLASH and independent supermarkets brought incentives to the program which Council wishes to pursue again for this program.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Social Planning Officer Vicki Bradley was pleased the Walk to School program was on offer again this year.

"Council is excited to have received funding from VicHealth to support local primary school students to walk to school in 2019.

"In past years our local schools have used imaginative ways to get students active during October on their way to school or during the school day. We look forward to supporting them again this year," said Vicki.

Those wanting more information about the program can visit <u>www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au</u> or contact Vicki Bradley on 5662 9200.

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