

Record Number of Schools Ready for Walk to School

South Gippsland Shire Council is joining VicHealth to get primary school students walking, riding and scooting as part of the annual Walk to School program.

This year all 18 primary schools in South Gippsland will be participating in the program, making it an all-time record and an increase from the 16 schools who participated last year.

Council will work with these schools to deliver a range of activities to support increased activity for school students with funding from VicHealth.

To support the program, schools have been surveyed to identify support opportunities for their events including healthy breakfasts, wheelie bike and scoot days, walks on the local rail trail, park and walk events and lunchtime walks.

There will be many local activities available for both rural and town schools to participate, with great gifts available for each school.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Manager Planning David Simon was pleased to see the Walk to School program begin for another year.

"Helping our kids get active is so important to their health and wellbeing, which is why it is great to have all local primary schools involved this year.

"This year many schools have nominated senior students to help organise Walk to School activities at their local school. We look forward to seeing their photos and hearing their stories of the range of events held," said Mr Simon.

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