Sunshine Beach State School is proud to be a TravelSmart Sunshine Coast School

As a TravelSmart Sunshine Coast School, we encourage you to ‘leave the car at home’ and consider your transport options when travelling to and from school.

What is TravelSmart Sunshine Coast?

TravelSmart Sunshine Coast is a voluntary travel behaviour change program facilitated by Sunshine Coast Regional Council that encourages the use of sustainable transport including walking, cycling, carpooling and public transport, as an alternative to driving the car.

The TravelSmart Schools program aims to:

- Raise awareness about the impacts of high car usage on our environment and community;
- Improve road safety by reducing traffic congestion around our school;
- Involve the whole school community in finding ways to reduce car trips to and from school;
- Encourage children to make independent travel choices by recognising the influences of ‘the car culture’.

How can your family be TravelSmart?

Travelling smart to and from school is simple; all you need to do is leave the car at home and walk, cycle, catch public transport or carpool instead. We recognise that it’s not easy for all families to be TravelSmart all of the time, however by travelling smart just one day a week you can reduce your greenhouse gas emissions from private vehicle use by up to 20% - not to mention reduce traffic congestion around the school. You can make a difference, even if it is only one day a week!

We hope that the following information assists you with your TravelSmart options.

Walking, Cycling & Scooter Riding

There is an extensive pathway network linking all of Noosa to Sunshine Beach State School. The local pathways are detailed in TravelSmart Sunshine Coast’s Local Access Guide, which can be obtained from the Administration Office or Sunshine Coast Regional Council on 5449 5200. To increase safety and surveillance in the school vicinity, please ensure that your children are always accompanied by a responsible adult when walking or cycling to school. There is also a footbridge over Eenie Creek Road which runs from Noosa Aquatic Centre to the Bicentennial Hall Carpark. This footbridge is a recommended route for families to follow when walking or cycling to school, as a safe alternative to crossing Eenie Creek Road at the traffic lights.

There is a large bicycle parking area for bicycles which is accessible from the Ben Lexcen Drive entrance. Please ensure that your children wear a bicycle helmet when riding to school, and lock their bikes at all times. For safe scooter storage, please utilise the cage adjoining the Administration building.

School Bus

Several bus routes service Sunshine Beach State School from as far south as Coolum Beach and north to Cooroy and Pomona. Queensland Transport offers a School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS) to provide assistance with school transport costs for eligible families in certain circumstances. The following types of assistance are available to students who meet eligibility guidelines:

- kilometre-based school services
- safety-net assistance
- assistance for isolated students.

- fare-based school services
- conveyance allowance

Please contact Buslink on 5474 4733 or www.buslinkqld.com.au for more information and route details, or for transport from Peregian Springs, please contact Coolum Coaches, on 5473 7172.
Carpooling

Carpooling is a great option for those families who have no alternative to driving to school, and has many benefits. You can save time, share the cost of fuel and maintenance, and you don’t have to compete for a parking spot every day.

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 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.

You may also like to check out www.thecarpool.com.au which is a website designed to link people from similar locations who wish to ride-share.

Where to park your car?

On-street car parking is provided along the Bicentennial Drive frontage to the school, on both sides of the road, as well as on Ben Lexcen Drive. In addition to this, there is a ten-minute drop-off area at the end of Ben Lexcen Drive adjacent to the Prep entrance.

Where to safely drop off your children?

A two-minute drop-off area is located on the corner of Bicentennial Drive and Ben Lexcen Drive. In order to keep this area free of congestion, we ask that you comply with the two-minute regulation, and utilise on-street car parks where additional time is required.

In the interests of safety, we ask that you do not stop on David Low Way or adjacent to school crossings to drop your children off to school. Please park your car in a legal allocated car park and walk your children to the nearest gate.

How about Park & Ride or Park & Walk? Part Way is Okay!

Following are 5 suggested ‘Park & Walk’ locations extracted from the TravelSmart Park & Walk Guide. By parking and walking, you will enhance your health and wellbeing and assist in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and congestion in the school vicinity.

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<td>If you decide to drive, park your car along Solway Drive, between Oceania Crescent and Bryan Street. Follow the pathway to the end of Solway Drive and cross the road at the traffic lights. After crossing, take the stairs/pathway onto Ben Lexcen Drive and follow the pathway to school.</td>
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<td>The Southern Cross Stroll</td>
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<td>The Grasstree Amble</td>
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For more information on TravelSmart Sunshine Coast initiatives, log on to www.travelsmartnoosa.com.au or contact TravelSmart Sunshine Coast on 5449 5188.