

Acknowledgements

This Plan reflects the combined efforts of the School, parents, students, and North Shore City Council in the development of the Sunnynook Primary School Travel Plan. It represents the beginning of a long-term process to prevent congestion at the school gate and provide safer school journeys. It is a living document, which will be reviewed annually and updated to reflect changes to the environment and the school community. 'TravelWise to School' is part of a worldwide movement in travel demand management and sustainable transport.

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Preface

In the past 20 years, the percentage of children being driven to our schools has more than doubled.

Car trips to school add to traffic congestion, parking hassles, air pollution, and the increased risk of traffic crashes. When traveling by car, parents and children miss valuable opportunities to meet friends and get to know their local community.

With the help of a local team of Sunnynook Primary School parents, staff, and representatives from Auckland Regional Transport Authority and North Shore City Council, we have developed this travel plan to encourage you all to consider active, sustainable, and safer travel options for your children's school journeys.

I urge you and your children to travel the TravelWise way.

Principal, -----School



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1 Introduction

1.1 Why have a School Travel Plan?

In recent years there has been a dramatic increase in the number of New Zealand children being driven to and from school. Trips to school make up around a third of all morning peak trips in the Auckland Region and just over half of these trips are made by car. As well as causing congestion which impacts across the roading network, car trips to school cause problems for the schools themselves. Traffic and parking issues, local air pollution, the risks to child pedestrians and cyclists, and the decline in children's health and fitness are pressing concerns for schools, parents and communities.

TravelWise School Travel Plans are a process of working with school communities to find out what it would take to reverse these trends, and to discover ways to achieve the vision of making school journeys active, social, safe and sustainable.

1.2 TravelWise Goal and Objectives

The Action Plan sets out a package of measures that will positively influence student and families' decisions on how they travel to and from Sunnynook Primary School. In doing so the goal is to reduce the use of private motor vehicles by making it easier and safer to walk, cycle, or catch the bus.

The Travel Plan is backed by a partnership involving the school community, the Auckland Regional Transport Authority and North Shore City Council. Other agencies such as the NZ Police and New Zealand Transport Agency also have a key role to play in contributing towards the travel plan objectives.



The Sunnynook Primary School Travel Plan goals are:

- To reduce the number of children traveling to and from school by car.
- To increase the numbers and safety of children walking, cycling and car-pooling to and from school.
- To increase awareness and road safety knowledge among students and parents.
- To increase regular exercise by promoting active forms of transport among student and parents.
- To increase awareness and knowledge of the impact of travel modes on the environment.

The process used to develop and implement a school travel plan is illustrated in the figure below. There are five key stages: set up, research, action planning, delivery/implementation, and monitoring/continuous improvement.

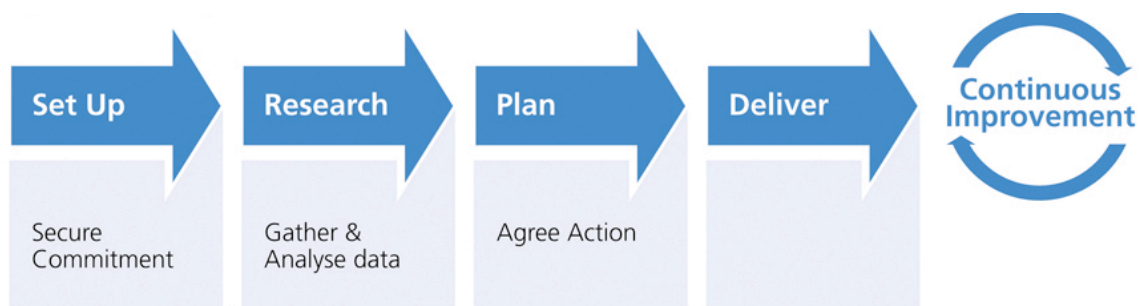


Figure 1: Diagram of School Travel Plan Process



2 About Sunnynook Primary School

2.1 School Profile

School type & Year levels	Contributing (Year 1-6)
Decile rating	8
Number of students	438
Number of teaching staff	27

2.2 Location

School entrances	Lyford Cr for vehicles. Pedestrian accesses off Tobago, Erica Place and Regency Place.
Surrounding roads description	School is surrounded by local residential roads which feed into arterial roads and collector roads including East Coast Bays Road, Sunset Road and Sunnynook Road.
Surrounding land use	Residential. Lyford reserve beside the school.

Figure 2: Map showing school location, 2008



3 Consultation Process

The school embarked on the Travelwise programme in Term 4 2007 and has worked through the process outlined below.

- **Current travel patterns were defined**

Parents, staff, and students completed surveys, identified current modes of travel and potential for using alternatives to car travel. Parents and staff were asked for feedback on traffic and safety issues around the school, and on their journey to and from school.

Part of the consultation process involved a 'Planning for Real' exercise where children were asked to identify their home and how they travel to school, and discuss any issues they had with their journey. Issue cards were placed at the site of concern. Parents were invited to view the map and add their issues of concern about the local road safety.

Figure 3: 'Planning for Real' map



- **The School Travel Plan was developed**

A Travel Report was prepared based on all the consultation data.

A TravelWise Working Group was formed, representing the school, council and local community, to investigate the issues and concerns raised during consultation and to provide solutions in the TravelWise Travel Plan.

- **The Plan was finalised and launched**

The Working Group reviewed strategies in consultation with Council and other key agencies, and adjustments were made to the Plan. The Plan was launched on ----- at a school assembly.

The following people all contributed to the development of this School Travel Plan:

Peter Mulcahy	Sunnynook Primary, Principal
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4 Summary of the Consultation

4.1 Response Rates

Survey forms were distributed to all staff, students and parents of Sunnynook Primary students to complete. The following table calculates the response rates for the different surveys.

Survey	Number of forms distributed	Number of survey responses	Response rate
Class - Year 1 / 2	7	7	100%
Students - Year 3 +	400	253	63%
Parents	400	159	40%

Table 1: Survey Response Rates

4.2 Summary of Data

A summary of the survey data and 'Planning for Real' results can be found in Appendix A at the end of this document.

A comprehensive Data Report was prepared in conjunction with the development of the School Travel Plan and should be referred to for more detailed travel information. A copy of this document is available on request from Auckland Regional Transport Authority.

5 School Travel Plan Strategies

5.1 Objectives & Strategies

The Sunnynook Primary School Travel Plan objectives and strategies used to achieve the goals identified in section 5.2 are listed in the next section. The timeframes have been defined as:

- short term: up to 3 months
- medium term: 3-12 months
- long term: 12+ months