



MEDIA RELEASE – INAUGURAL CBR ACTIVE TRAVEL GRANTS RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

Eleven local CBR Schools have been successful in the inaugural Active Travel Grants Program, securing up to \$1,500 each for initiatives to support students and families ride or walk to school.

The grants, funded by the ACT Government, are part of the Ride or Walk to School program delivered by the Physical Activity Foundation. The grants are designed to provide a financial boost for schools to implement initiatives tailored to their school community and ultimately, encourage more kids and families to use active travel to get to and from school.

Physical Activity Foundation CEO Lucille Bailie was delighted with the number of schools who applied for grants in the first ever round and particularly pleased to see the range of initiatives the grants will support.

“We’ve delivered Ride or Walk to School to more than 40,000 students from 87 schools across Canberra since 2012, with schools accessing free bikes and helmets, Safe Cycle curriculum aligned educational resources, TQI Accredited Teacher training, local area maps, events and promotions to support active travel across the school community.

“Thanks to our major evaluation of the program we know we’re on the right track with increases in active travel at participating schools, but we also know that individual schools have a bunch of great ideas and the grants will enable them to implement some exciting initiatives that meet the needs of their school community.

“From a designated family ride or walk to school day with breakfast to bike maintenance sessions for students, from a student cycling trip to Stromlo Forest Park to new bikes for the school set – there’s some terrific initiatives to suit each school and to encourage and celebrate participation in active travel.

“The health, social, emotional, educational and environmental benefits that flow from the simple act of riding or walking to school are well understood, but it’s just as rewarding to see local school communities embrace the Active Travel Grants and Ride or Walk to School Program more broadly and entrench great active travel cultures within their own school communities.

“We’ll watch with excitement as these initiatives are rolled out and schools can look forward to other Active Travel Grants Program in the future.”

(See a full list of Grant Recipients and Initiatives on the next page)

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School	Program	Initiative	Grant Amount
Campbell High School	It's Your Move Safe Cycle for High Schools	Bike storage	\$1,500
Mother Teresa School	Ride or Walk to School	Bike maintenance	\$1,500
Yarralumla Primary School	Ride or Walk to School	Ride or Walk to School encouragement campaign	\$1,500
Theodore Primary School	Ride or Walk to School	Ride to School Week (Oct) event support and breakfast, Bike maintenance	\$1,500
Maribyrnong Primary School	Ride or Walk to School	Weekly Grades 5 and 6 Bike Program, Bike maintenance	\$1,500
Ainslie School	Ride or Walk to School	"Enhance Active Travel @ Ainslie School" Project, incl bike sheds upgrades, bike maintenance	\$1,500
Charles Weston School	Ride or Walk to School	2 new bikes for "Passions Program". – a 5 week student enrichment program	\$1,500
Bonython Primary School	Ride or Walk to School	Bikes repair and maintenance	\$1,500
Yarralumla Montessori	Ride or Walk to School	Purchase a Junior size bike rack	\$1,500
Telopea Park School (K-6)	Ride or Walk to School	A designated ride/walk/scoot to school day for students and families	\$1,500
Telopea Park School (7- 10)	It's Your Move Safe Cycle for High Schools	Increased and improved storage areas	\$1,500