

How a Walking School Bus works



Run by Parents, Grandparents, Care-givers... with support from Auckland Transport and promoted by the school. Children are collected from stops along a planned route and dropped off at the school gate. Along the way they socialise with others and form new friendships, learn about road safety, improve fitness and arrive energised at school ready to learn. Each time they walk, Their ticket is clipped (bonus clips for wet days). Full tickets can then be exchanged for a reward as well as going into the draw for prizes at the end of term functions (Milo morning, pizza party...).

FAQ's:

Does the bus run every day?

This is all dependant on if there is a Driver for the bus, ideally, Yes.

What if it's raining?

This is up to the driver, but we encourage it. Each child is provided with a rain poncho that covers them and their school bag. Plus they get extra clips!!!!

Do I have to Drive (lead) the Bus?

We ask that Care-givers drive the bus at least one day a week. But we understand that this is not always possible. In some cases, there maybe enough Adults already to take the bus on the days it operates. Or you can split the walk like a relay and do part of it, then hand the bus over to another adult to finish the journey. It is up to each route to determine the best options for them, just remember this is not a babysitting service.

Do we have to live on the route?

No. There can be multiple pick up points along the way that you can meet at. Some routes are ideal for PARK'N RIDE with large parking areas which maybe you drive past each day.

What are the Ratio's?

The MAX ratio is 1 adult to 8 children. This includes any toddlers that may join in. Older students can join the Student Leader programme and be used to assist with leading the bus but this does not increase the ratio allowed.

Are Bikes and Scooters allowed on the Bus?

Bikes and scooters are not to be ridden on the bus as it is too difficult for the Driver to keep the group together safely.

Can I come along and try it out first?

Sure. If you know someone on your route already then tag along with them, otherwise contact us at wsb.torbay@gmail.com

What is the Aim of the Walking school Bus?

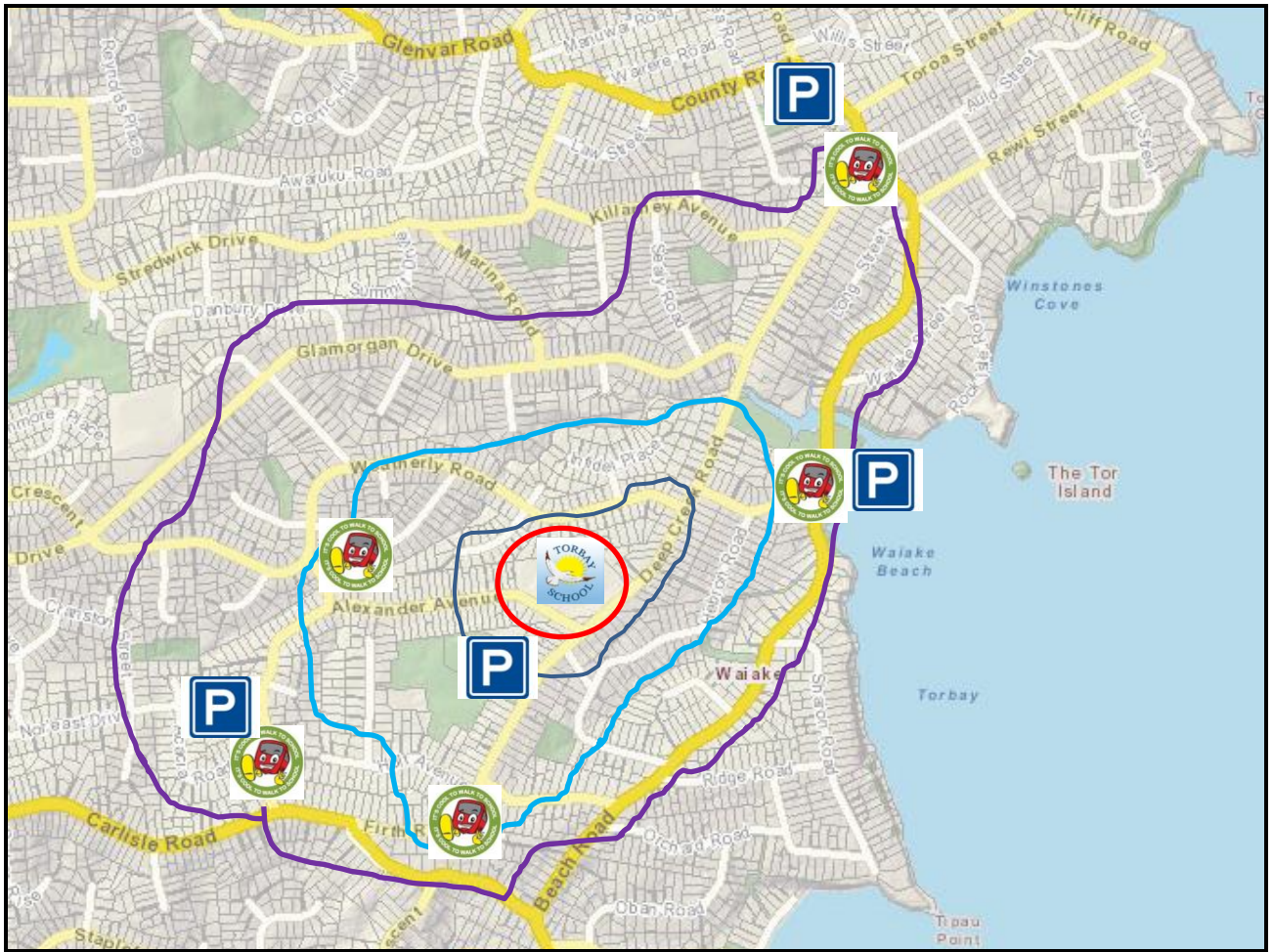
To encourage children to walk to school which provides them with exercise, teaches them about road safety and helps build their independence. As well as reducing the number of vehicles on the roads making it safer for everyone around the busy school area.

How do we sign up?

Collect a form from the office and complete it. They will send it through to me and we will take it from there.



IF I WALKED TO SCHOOL IT WOULD TAKE ME...



1 Minute.



Up to 2 Minutes



5 -10 Minutes.



10 – 15 minutes

Torbay School Walking School Bus routes



Walking School Buses are owned and operated by the parents of the school. Please check with the school on the current status of the route.

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