



Buderim Mountain State School is proud to be a TravelSmart Sunshine Coast School



PLEASE NOTE: Travel information can also be found on the school website
www.budemounss.eq.edu.au under *Our Community*

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 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.

Catch the Bus!

Your children may be eligible for either free travel or for a student bus pass offering discounted fares.

- *Free bus travel:* the Department of Transport & Main Roads offer a School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS) to provide assistance with school transport costs for eligible families. For information please contact Department of Transport & Main Roads on 5477 8400 or <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/School-transport.aspx>.
- *Student bus pass:* Buslink QLD provide discounted bus passes for eligible students living more than 3.2km from school. To apply contact 5474 4733 or visit www.buslinkqld.com.au and select *Bus pass application forms*.

Several school buses service Buderim Mountain State School from as far south as Mooloolah Valley and north to Bradman Avenue, Maroochydore. For information on how and where to catch the school bus, please contact Buslink on 5474 4733 or visit www.buslinkqld.com.au and select *school transport*.

If your children are utilising the bus services provided, please ensure that they are familiar with the code of conduct. More information relating to the code of conduct can be found at www.tmr.qld.gov.au and select *Travel and transport>School transport*.

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 visit www.thecarpool.com.au which is a website designed to link people from similar locations who wish to ride-share.

Walking, Cycling & Scooter Riding

****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****

Walking Wednesdays: Every Wednesday you can walk with your children and with community volunteers to school. Students must be registered to join in. For more information or to register your child contact the Buderim Police Beat on 5445 1661 or ask at the school administration for a registration form.

Although there are off-road pathways leading to all entrances of the school, care should be taken by children as there are many busy intersections and roundabouts close to the school. Children should only cross at traffic lights, pedestrian crossings or at patrolled crossings. The local pathways are detailed in the Sunshine Coast Local Travel Maps, which can be obtained from the Sunshine Coast Council customer service centres or by calling 5475 7272.

There are racks for parking bicycles, skateboards and scooters behind the school canteen. Please ensure that your children wear a bicycle helmet when riding to school, and lock their bikes, scooters and skateboards at all times. For more information on pathway rules to help your child share pathways safely, visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au and select [Cycling and Walking](#)>Share with Care: Road Safety Campaign.

Where to park your car?

There are various parking areas located around the school:

1. On-street parking at rear entrance (Elizabeth Street and Tindale Avenue, near the bowls club)
2. Off-street parking at Buderim Community Hall (Church Street)
3. Off-street parking at Buderim Central Shopping Village (Lindsay Road)
4. On-street parking at main entrance (Main Street)

Where to safely drop off your children?

A drop-off area is located at the rear entrance on Elizabeth Street. In order to keep this area free of congestion, we ask that you comply with the time limits, and utilise on-street car parks where additional time is required. This area is patrolled by local parking enforcement.

In the interests of safety, we ask that you do not stop on Main Street 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. Please do not drop your children off in the bus bays on Main Street.

Patrolled School Crossings

Lindsay Road school crossing shift times are as follows:

Morning 7.55am – 8.55am
Afternoon 2.55pm – 3.25pm

We encourage students to utilise the patrolled school crossings as it is the safest way to cross the road. It is important to cross at these crossings as they regulate local traffic within the school vicinity allowing pedestrians to cross the road safely. Children learn from your example, so please always use school crossings where available.

For more information on TravelSmart Sunshine Coast initiatives, log on to www.travelsmartsc.com.au or contact TravelSmart Sunshine Coast on 5475 7272.