

Active School Travel – Let's Finish the Term Strong!



With the weather warming up, it's been fantastic to see so many of our students walking, riding, and scooting to school. The mornings are brighter, the days are longer, and it's the perfect time to enjoy being active on the way to and from school.

Active School Travel isn't just great for our health—it also helps reduce traffic congestion around the school and is better for the environment. Every journey counts!

As we approach the last week of term, we would love to see **even more students choosing active travel**. Let's finish the term on a high by making our school community the most active it's been all year.

- **Students – grab a friend and walk together!**
- **Ride your bike or scooter safely and enjoy the fresh air.**
- **Families – consider parking a little further away and walking the last part of the trip.**

Special Prize Alert!

Students who **scooter to school** in the last week of term will go into the running to win some great prizes! So dust off those scooters, strap on your helmets, and join in the fun.

Together, we can make a big difference. Let's see how many active travellers we can have in the final week of term!



Applications Now Open – STAR+X Academic Excellence Program

At Grand Avenue State School, we believe every student has the potential to achieve greatness. Our **STAR+X Academic Excellence Program** is designed to extend and challenge high-achieving students in Years 4 and 5 who demonstrate a strong passion for **science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)**.

The program offers:

- ✓ Curriculum enrichment with extension opportunities
- ✓ Intellectually rigorous and challenging learning experiences
- ✓ Real-world problem-solving projects and investigations
- ✓ Access to modern facilities and cutting-edge technologies
- ✓ Collaboration with like-minded peers and industry experts

Since launching, the STAR+X program has received **resounding, positive feedback from our community**. Parents and students alike have praised the opportunities it provides for deeper learning, innovation, and building confidence through challenge.

This is more than an extension program—it's a pathway to deeper learning, innovation, and preparation for future success in secondary schooling and beyond.

Who can apply?

Students currently in **Years 4 and 5 (in 2025)** are eligible to apply, including those outside our school catchment area.

How to apply:

1. Complete the **Expression of Interest form** (link below).
2. Register for the online **Excellence Entry Examination** (50 minutes).
 - Date: Thursday 16 October 2025, 3.00pm
 - Venue: Grand Avenue State School STEAM room
 - Cost: \$10 (invoice provided upon registration)

Applications close **midnight, Sunday 5 October 2025**.

[Click here to complete the Expression of Interest form](#)

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a program that is already making a real impact—**nurturing global thinkers and shaping future scientific leaders**.