



Platinum 2025-26 Connecting Schools Grant Case Study

Building an active travel culture from the start – Henley Brook Primary School

What they did

- Used the Connecting Schools Grant to deliver practical bike education.
- Promoted walking, riding and scootering from the school's first year.
- Engaged students, staff and families to build an active travel culture.

Why it worked

- Starting early helped embed positive active travel habits.
- Practical sessions gave students time to build confidence.
- Whole-school engagement connected the project with daily travel choices.

What was achieved

- Students developed bike handling skills, confidence and road awareness.
- Active travel became part of everyday school life.
- The school strengthened its Your Move participation as a new community.

Advice for other schools

- Introduce active travel early and make it visible.
- Use practical programs to build student confidence.
- Share progress to keep the school community involved.

“The AusBike sessions were energetic, empowering and helped students build confidence on their bikes.

“The progression we saw in our students was outstanding. Some even life changing, we had two Year 4 students who had never even sat in a saddle before, by the end of the four weeks, confidently and independently riding.” – Jessine Bonzas, Your Move Champion.



Background

Henley Brook Primary School opened in January 2024 to serve the growing communities of Brabham and Henley Brook. As a new school, it had an opportunity to establish active travel habits early and embed walking, riding and scootering into the school culture from the beginning. Through Your Move, the school quickly built momentum by encouraging families to choose active ways to travel to and from school and by supporting students to build confidence with bikes and scooters.

Project description

Through the 2025-26 Connecting Schools Grant, Henley Brook Primary School delivered a project focused on strengthening active travel skills, confidence and participation. The project supported students to take part in practical bike education and helped the school continue building a positive culture around walking, riding and scootering. The Platinum grant complemented the school's early Your Move efforts by providing targeted support for safe, active and healthy school journeys.

Key steps

- Henley Brook Primary School joined Your Move as a new school and began promoting active travel from the school's first year of operation.
- Used the Connecting Schools Grant to support practical active travel activities, including bike education for students.

Engaged students, staff and families to build awareness of the benefits of walking, riding and scootering to school.

- Maintained momentum by sharing the project through Your Move and celebrating progress with the school community.

Outcomes

- Students had the opportunity to build bike handling skills and confidence through structured, practical sessions.
- The project helped normalise active travel as part of everyday school life.
- The school strengthened its Your Move participation and demonstrated what can be achieved when active travel is embedded early.
- Families and staff were able to see active travel as a practical, positive option for the school commute.

Key takeaways

- Start early to embed active travel habits.
- Practical bike education builds student confidence.
- Link grant activities with whole-school engagement.
- Share success to encourage other schools.

Students completing bike education



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Read the story about this project:

- [Your Move | Henley Brook Primary School – YourMove Connecting Schools Grant 2026](#)

[Check out the video](#) that captures the positive impact the Connecting Schools Grant had on the school community.

