



Double Platinum 2025-26 Connecting Schools Grant Case Study

Bike shed upgrade: a grant journey – Bramfield Park Primary School

What they did

- Upgraded and refreshed school bike shed so students had a safer, more secure and place to park bikes and scooters.
- Used the Connecting Schools Grant process to plan the works, seek quotes, coordinate delivery and communicate progress with the school community.
- Kept momentum by providing updates, celebrating progress and encouraging students to get back into active travel habits once the shed reopened.

What was achieved

- The bike shed returned to full use, giving students a practical and visible reason to ride or scoot to school.
- The upgrade improved access, organisation and confidence for families who wanted to use active travel daily.
- The project helped reinforce the school's commitment to Your Move and active, healthy school travel.

Why it worked

- The project addressed a clear barrier to active travel: students needed a reliable and appealing place to store bikes and scooters during the school day.
- Regular updates kept school community informed and helped build enthusiasm when the upgraded shed was ready.
- The grant gave the school a practical pathway to turn a known need into a completed infrastructure improvement.

Advice for other schools

- Start with the problem you are trying to solve, then match the grant to that need.
- Allow time for planning, approvals, quotes and delivery, and keep families updated if timelines change.
- Use the completion of works as a communication opportunity to remind students and families that riding and scooting are encouraged.

“The bike shed is back in action, giving students a secure and organised space to park their bikes and scooters.

“We are proud of this upgrade and look forward to seeing our students continue to use the space safely and confidently as part of our active travel focus.” - Holly Mercer, Your Move Champion



Background

The school wanted to make active travel easier by improving the facilities available to students who ride or scoot. The existing bike parking area was an important part of the school's active travel culture, but it needed an upgrade to better support daily use and encourage more families to choose active transport.

Project description

Through the Connecting Schools Grant, the school upgraded its bike shed to provide a more functional, secure and welcoming place for students to store bikes and scooters. The project involved planning the upgrade, working through grant and procurement steps, coordinating works and communicating progress with the school community until the shed was ready to use again.

Key steps

- Identified the bike shed upgrade as a priority to support students riding and scooting to school.
- Applied for grant funding and developed a clear project scope.
- Sought quotes and coordinated the practical delivery requirements.
- Managed delays and kept the school community informed through updates.
- Reopened the upgraded bike shed and encouraged students to use it as part of their trip to school.

Outcomes

- Students now have improved end-of-trip facilities for bikes and scooters.
- The project removed a practical barrier to riding and scooting by improving storage and access.
- The upgraded shed created a visible prompt for active travel and helped renew interest in using bikes and scooters for the school journey.

Key takeaways

- Small infrastructure improvements can make a big difference when they address everyday barriers to active travel.
- Clear planning, communication and persistence are important during grant-funded projects.
- Celebrating the finished project helps turn the upgrade into behaviour change by encouraging students to ride or scoot.

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Read the stories about this project:

- [Bike Shed Upgrade – Our Grant Journey](#)
- [Bike Shed Update – We're Back in action](#)
- [Bike Shed Upgrade – Our Grant Journey #2](#)



The completed bike shelter and secure fencing.