



Green Travel Plan

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Introduction

The purpose of this Green Travel Plan is to promote initiatives for more sustainable travel to St Anthony of Padua Catholic College Austral of students, parents, staff and visitors. The Plan is designed to complement broader sustainability initiatives for the College and is important in promoting patterns of behavior which protect and improve our local and global environment.

Major Objectives

There are three major objectives of St Anthony of Padua 's Green Travel Plan:

1. To promote alternative options to the car for travel to and from college for St Anthony of Padua staff and students;
2. To promote more efficient and green use car travel where the car is chosen as the mode of travel
3. To promote alternatives to the car for visitors travelling to and from St Anthony of Padua.

Anticipated Outcomes

The Green Plan seeks to achieve the following benefits:

1. Improved staff and student health and wellbeing by promoting cycling and walking to improve physical activity and health;
2. Reduced the college's carbon footprint through reduced car trips for students, staff and visitors and the adoption of efficient vehicles internally;
3. Reduction in local traffic congestion and resulting air pollution;
4. Enhancing the economic efficiency of the College's operations; and,
5. Creating opportunities for St Anthony of Padua to demonstrate strong leadership in the area of sustainability.

Measuring Performance

St Anthony of Padua regards the following indicators as significant in evaluating the success of the Plan:

1. Changes in the number of staff members travelling to work by car;
2. Changes in the number of students travelling to college by car;
3. Establishment of cycling as a viable practical alternate to traveling by car and
4. Promote more sustainable car usage

Benchmarking

With respect to the aforementioned performance measures the College has set the following benchmarks:

1. To reduce individual driver car-based travel for staff by 25% by achieving:
 - At least 5% of staff regularly commute to the college by cycle
 - At least 10% of staff car pooling
 - At least 10% of staff using public transport or shuttle bus services
2. To reduce student travel by car by 30% by achieving:
 - At least 25 of students travelling by public transport
 - At least 5% of students cycling
 - Actively discouraging senior students who are of license age from driving to the college
3. To provide the infrastructure so that the necessary step change can be made by funding and building:
 - Providing quality corporate standard end of trip cycle storage, cycle maintenance, locker, shower and change room facilities for at least 10% of staff
 - Providing marked car-pool reserved bays who have entered into a staff car pooling arrangement
 - Providing at least one electric vehicle charging bay for staff
 - Providing covered well-located safe cycle bays for at least 15% of students

- Providing convenient safe cycle parking for visitors near the main entry

Resourcing the Green Travel Plan

- All of the infrastructure commitments will be funded by Sydney Catholic Schools as part of the college development programme.
- The College will establish a sustainability committee who will monitor performance of the Plan and report on progress annually.

Key Initiatives

The College will:

Survey and Report

- survey parents, students and staff to raise awareness of the Travel Plan, afford respondents an opportunity to provide input into green travel strategies and establish a baseline for future analysis of travel arrangements.
- conduct bi-annual surveys to assist in evaluating the efficacy of green travel initiatives.

Information and Awareness

- make available to staff, students and parents via the College's website information regarding alternatives to car use.
- Publish articles and/or information in the College Newsletter to raise awareness of broader impacts of sustainability focused travel choices.

Facilities

- provide the necessary infrastructure

Promote Walking

- promote the benefits of walking to staff, students and parents.
- review its practices to limit impediments to walking as a viable means of travelling to College.

Promote Public Transport

- collaborate with bus service operators to establish college bus travel routes as early as possible
- promote public transport options generally.

Promote Efficient Car Use

- promote more efficient use of cars for trips to and from work. Publish details of staff wishing to carpool on the College's intranet.

Promote Electric Vehicles

- promote the use of electric vehicles by providing charging facilities.

Use Technology to Reduce Travel Requirements

- invest in technology to facilitate electronic meetings, excursions and interactions generally.

Strategies

The College will:

1. Publish relevant articles in the college's newsletter. Matters of interest might include: the health benefits of walking, College sustainability initiatives, driving to reduce emissions, and the true costs of carbon emissions.
2. Establish a dedicated space within the St Anthony of Padua website where the College can publish information pertinent to sustainability generally and green travel specifically and report results of its own initiatives.
3. Construct adequate bicycle parking facilities within the Precinct.
4. Construct additional shower and bathroom facilities convenient to the bicycle parking spaces and make these facilities available for morning use.
5. Following an appropriate education and orientation process, publish staff, student and parent travel information to facilitate car-pooling, cycle groups or walking teams.
6. Provide premium carparks for carpooling vehicles
7. Install an electric charging station in the staff carpark for electric vehicles
8. Provide safe cycling training for students electing to ride a bicycle to College
9. Organise walking activities during lunch breaks to introduce staff and students to the benefits of walking and improve physical conditioning of participants
10. Promote the use of IT supported conferencing and excursions
11. Substitute carbon fueled machines with electric or otherwise more efficient alternatives where feasible
12. Support local and national initiatives such as Bike Week and Earth Hour