



GLEN EIRA
CITY COUNCIL



ACTIVE SCHOOLS



Car-free, walk safely to school day – Friday 21 October

As part of Active Schools – Go for Gold 2022, we are supporting schools to run a car-free, walk safely to school day on Friday 21 October 2022.

Our aim is to have all participating schools be car-free on the same day with entire school communities walking to school together.

Not only is this a healthier way of travelling to school, it reduces traffic congestion, makes roads safer around schools and helps the environment.

Council is hoping to have the Mayor, CR Jim Magee and some Councillors available to join schools in the initiative and walk to school with them.

Frequently asked questions about how to run the car-free day activity:

- **Who coordinates the program at our school?**

We suggest schools delegate this activity to their parent committees or perhaps their senior student leaders to work through the details and promote the day.

- **How do we promote the day?**

Council will supply an editable flyer that can be tailored for your school and distributed to students and their families. We will also provide some newsletter text so you can communicate about the day electronically to your community.

Glen Eira will also supply each participating school with a sign to place on your fence. The sign will be editable with a whiteboard marker so your school can continue to run car-free days each term or a couple of times a year.

- **Do we have to walk a set distance?**

We suggest a distance of approximately 1km, but it is totally up to your school and your organising committee. Whatever is practical for your school is fine.

- **Where do we get everyone to meet?**

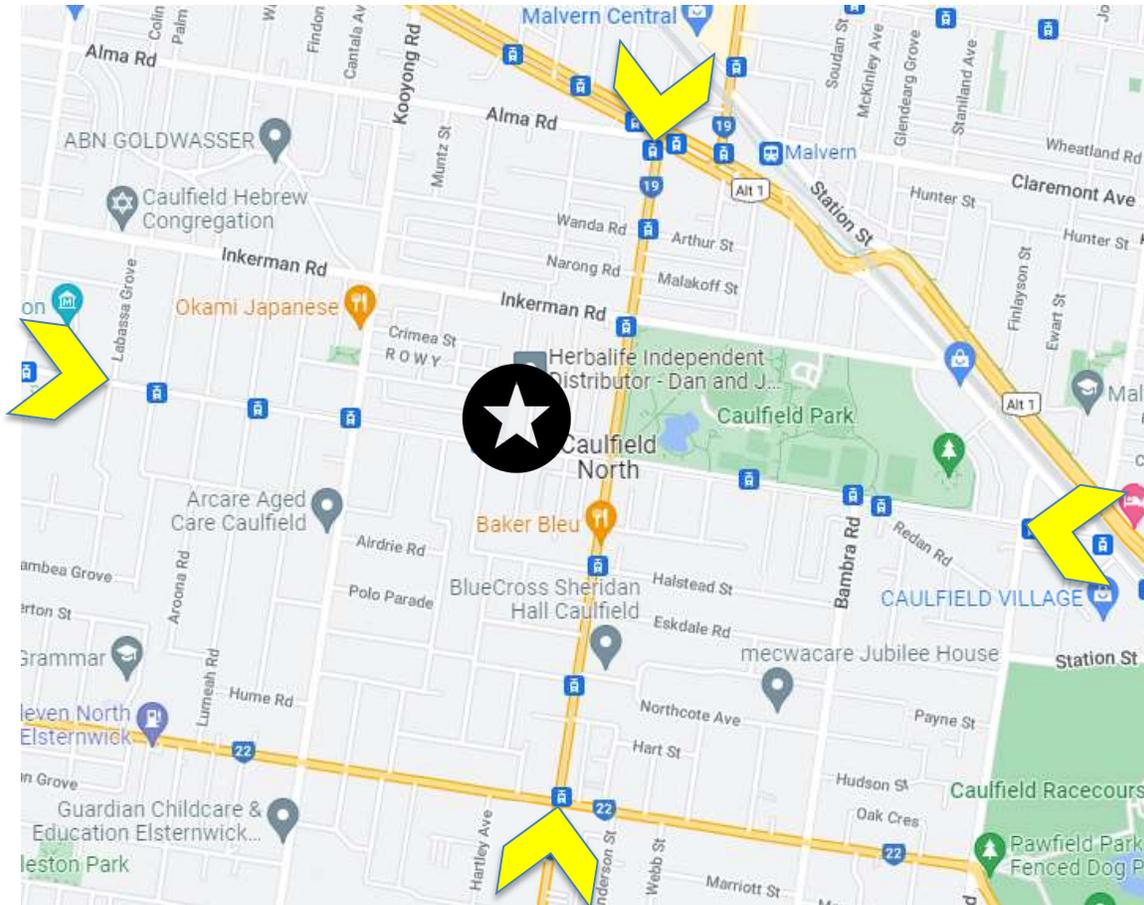
This is determined by your school and your organising committee. Schools that have conducted this type of activity in the past have based the meeting points on four locations – north, south, east and west of the school. Everyone then departs at the same time and walks together towards the school. See overleaf for a sample map to give you an idea.

- **What time do we meet and depart?**

This will depend on your school's start time and the distance you decide to walk. For schools that start at 9am, we suggest a meeting time of around 8:15am and a departure time of 8:25am. This should have your groups arriving at school near or around 8:45am.



Sample map with north, south, east and west meeting points. The black star is the school location.



If you have any further questions, please contact us by emailing activeschools@gleneira.vic.gov.au or call 0435 214 533.