

Traffic schools

Traffic schools provide a safe environment for primary school children to learn about road safety.

Generally, traffic schools can be privately hired by the public and community groups, and are also available for public use during school holidays.

By hopping on one of the school's bicycles and riding around the course, children receive a practical and fun lesson on road rules and the importance of courtesy and patience.

Essendon Traffic School

One of Moonee Valley's most-loved institutions, the Essendon Traffic School reopened in March 2002 after a short hiatus in operations.

Based in Montgomery Park on the corner of Albion and Lawson Streets, Essendon, the school is managed by Moonee Valley Council. It has been operating since 1976. A recent acquisition is a tram to teach children about tram safety.

The School's operations support the objectives of Council's Road Safety Plan, which has as one of its aims educating local residents to reduce high-risk behaviour. The involvement of the Essendon Rotary Club, which committed \$10,000 in a joint project with Council to establish new storage sheds at the school, shows the treasured role the school plays in the local community.

To make a booking or for more information please contact Council on 9243 8888.



Kew Traffic School

Established in 1954, Kew Traffic School is situated on the corner of Cotham Rd and Grange Rd in Kew.

The school is staffed by a full-time member of the Victoria Police and is fully maintained by the City of Boroondara.

For more information contact Boroondara Council on 9278 4770

Buzy Kidz Mill Park

Buzy Kidz is a privately-owned traffic education facility (and playcentre) for children. It is located at 3 Development Boulevard Mill Park.

The Buzy Kidz Traffic Safety Program assists children of all ages to develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviours necessary to safely manage the road traffic environment. Included in this course is cycling safety.

The classroom is well-equipped so that children can learn and practise safe traffic behaviour within a safe yet 'real' traffic environment. Buzy Kidz provides road signs, videos, mock-up cars, restraints, safety equipment and bicycles that are used extensively in the traffic safety program. Outside, the enclosed simulated traffic environment includes a bitumen bicycle path that winds its way around corners, up and down hills, over a railway crossing, through traffic lights and road signs and along a freeway.

For more information, visit www.buzykidzmillpark.com.au or phone 03 9437 7727.

DECA – Driver Education Centres Australia

DECA Training, established in 1971, is Australia's largest provider of driver training and education. DECA is dedicated to the improvement of productivity, efficiency and safety on the roads. The facility at DECA in Shepparton includes a safe, enclosed simulated traffic environment with roads, various crossings and traffic lights.

The Careful Cobber program is a traffic education program for primary schools. The objectives are:

1. To develop an understanding of road laws (appropriate to cognitive development) and the need to abide by them.
2. Develop appropriate attitudes, skills and knowledge for safe cycling.

Bookings are usually made at the end of November for the following school year.

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