



**St Mary's
Catholic School
ELLERSLIE**

It's easy to join a bus...

Our Walking School Bus coordinators will be happy to answer any questions, register your child for a walking school bus or arrange a trail walk.

Amy Street / Ellerslie Square Walking School bus:

Walking School Bus operates 5 days

morning - depart from ellerslie square 8.20am (amy st walkers meet 8.10am at #3 Amy St)

afternoon - collect from the square 3.10pm

Katie Pinfold email: katie@lx.net.nz mob: 021 646 199

Morrin Street Walking School Bus

Walking School Bus operates 5 days

afternoon - collect from Morrin St 3.05pm

Kathleen Lonergan email: kat@stellarpresentations.co.nz mob: 0211 060 513

This service relies on volunteers, so if you are interested in leading a Walking School Bus, please contact us today.

We are a Walking School Bus School



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“A Walking School Bus is a fun, safe way to get to school and help your child make friends and integrate into school life.”

Walking School Bus

Walking school buses contribute to reducing the amount of traffic around schools. In Auckland, there are more than 350 active walking school buses, with over 4,000 children walking to school. That's a lot of active feet on the street. St Mary's Catholic School Ellerslie encourages safe, healthy and active ways to travel to and from school.

How the buses work

A walking school bus is just like a school bus except children walk to and from primary school under the supervision of adult volunteers (often parents/grandparents), who act as the walking school bus driver.

Children are collected from stops along a planned route and dropped off at the school gate. Afternoon walkers meet children within the school grounds and walk to a safe central meeting point away from the congestion of traffic at school and busy roads.

St Mary's Walking School Buses

Walking school buses are for primary school children and are popular with 5-8 year olds, who are still developing road safety skills. Older children may enjoy the bus when given responsibilities, such as looking after younger children or watching for 'sneaky driveways'.

You don't have to live nearby to join us, in fact most families drive to the meeting points and there are two St Mary's walking school buses to choose from:

- Amy Street / Ellerslie square
- Morrin Street

Your children can walk as little as once a week or as much as every day and adults only need to be able to lead a walk once a week.

Why join a Walking School Bus

- Children learn and practice road safety & earn rewards
- Meet families in your school community
- Help your child gain confidence and integrate into the school**
- Reduce traffic in / around school and stress of finding a park
- Meet your child in a safe place away from the traffic congestion

If you are new to our school - this could be a great opportunity to meet families in your new community and help your children make friends to support their transition into school life.

* Caregivers are invited to come along until your child is ready to walk independently.

** The walking school bus can be effective in building confidence to enter the classroom independently.

To find out more: Walking School Bus Maps are available on the school website '**general information**' link. Contact details for the Walking School bus coordinators are on the back of this brochure. Rosters are updated during the term and new members are welcome to join in **anytime**.

