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GO ACTIVE 2 SCHOOL FOR RYDE KIDS

Ryde Public School will launch the Go Active 2 School project on Friday, 19 November 2010 at 11.00am.

The project, developed by Council in partnership with local schools, police, health and educational bodies, aims to encourage more students to walk safely to school on a regular basis.

To achieve this, the project provides kits to assist children and parents to plan their walking journeys to and/or from school.

City of Ryde Road & Community Safety Officer, Chris Hellmundt, said: "In order to develop the program and give ownership to the school and parent a 'walkability' audit was conducted in the local streets surrounding the school to map the best walking routes and identify hazards to walking."

The Go Active 2 School kit contains:

- Transport Access Guides (TAG's) maps of safe walking routes to school and transport information
- Fluoro safety vests to increase children's visibility when walking to and from school
- Go Active 2 School branded water bottles and pedometers as incentives for the children to walk
- Information on healthy living and being sun smart.

Ryde Public School is the latest school in the area to join the project.

City of Ryde has partnered with NSW Health Promotions, NSW Police and the Department of Education and Training Road Safety Curriculum Support to develop this project.

Photo Opportunity: Ryde Public School, Pope Street, Ryde, 11.00am

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