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Don't Forget Walk to School Day

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Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan has issued a reminder that tomorrow (Friday) is walk to school day across Queensland.

The Day designed to promote exercise and safe travel to and from school is being actively promoted in a number of local schools.

“In the course of a generation we’ve seen a huge change in how kids get to and from school,” Ms Nolan said.

“Even when I was at school the majority of kids rode their bikes or walked to school. Now most kids are driven – resulting in traffic chaos around schools and a reduction in physical activity for kids.

Ms Nolan said that she knew that for many working parents with kids in outside school hours care and other arrangements managing kids was a daily struggle that just meant getting them to school as efficiently as possible.

“But there are also overblown concerns about safety for kids walking.

“On the whole the concern about Stranger Danger and danger on the roads has created a whole new risk as there’s traffic chaos on the roads as people drive their kids to school.

“Walk to School Day is to encourage walking and safe biking. It’ll be a fun, healthy day and I encourage people if they can to give it a go.”