

Report for Avalon Public School Student Travel Questionnaire

Response Counts

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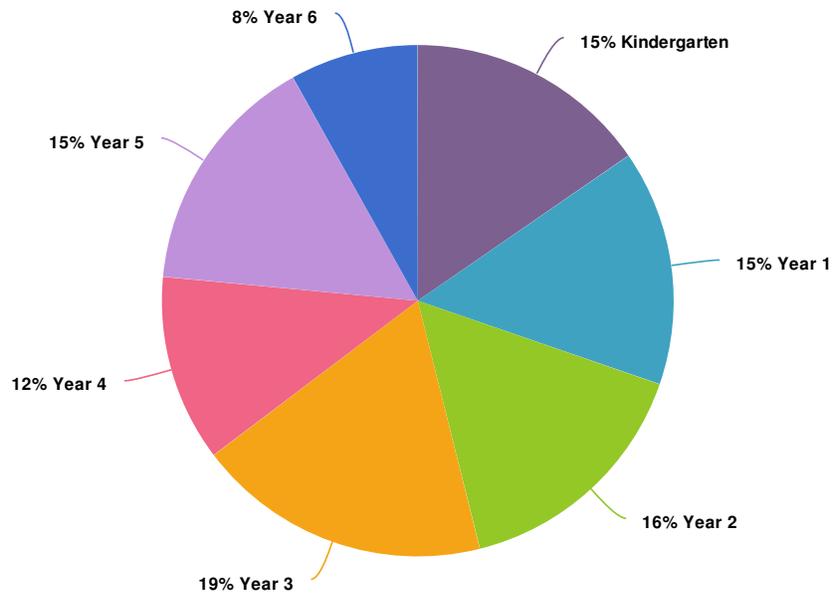
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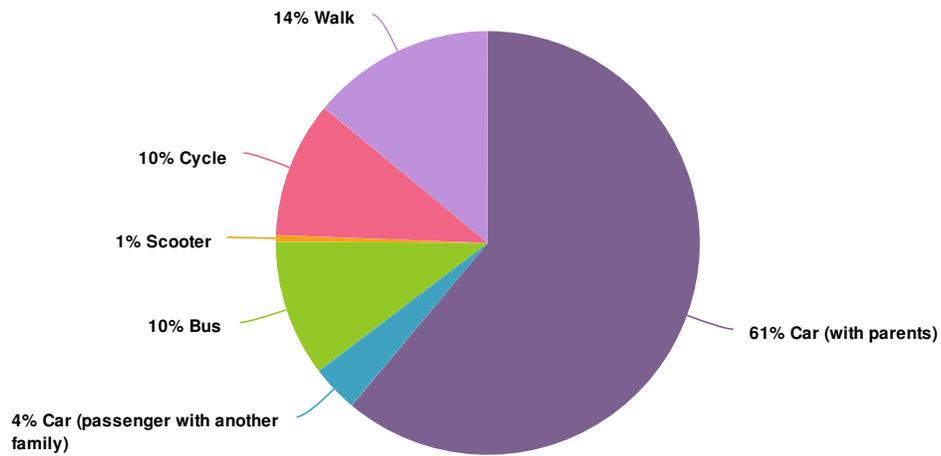
1. What year group is your child in?



Value	Percent	Responses
Kindergarten	15.4%	34
Year 1	14.9%	33
Year 2	15.8%	35
Year 3	18.6%	41
Year 4	11.8%	26
Year 5	15.4%	34
Year 6	8.1%	18

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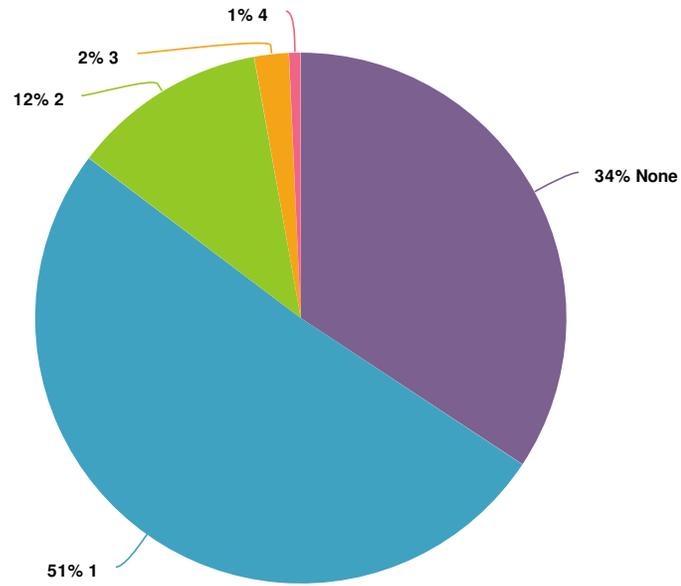
2. How does your child travel to school on a typical morning?



Value	Percent	Responses
Car (with parents)	61.1%	135
Car (passenger with another family)	3.6%	8
Bus	10.4%	23
Scooter	0.5%	1
Cycle	10.4%	23
Walk	14.0%	31

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3. If your child travels to school by car, how many other Avalon Public School students travel with him/her?

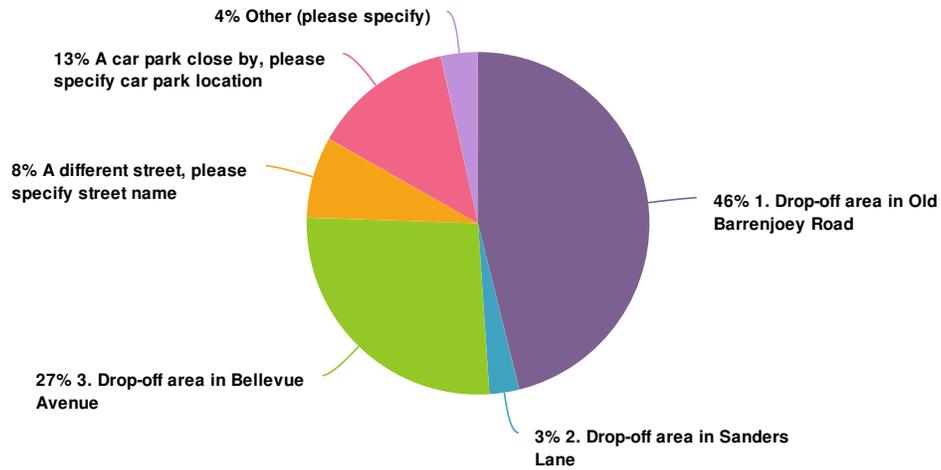


Value	Percent	Responses
None	34.3%	49
1	51.0%	73
2	11.9%	17
3	2.1%	3
4	0.7%	1

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4. If your child travels to school by car, where is he/she dropped off in the morning?





Value	Percent	Responses
1. Drop-off area in Old Barrenjoey Road	46.2%	66
2. Drop-off area in Sanders Lane	2.8%	4
3. Drop-off area in Bellevue Avenue	26.6%	38
A different street, please specify street name	7.7%	11
A car park close by, please specify car park location	13.3%	19
Other (please specify)	3.5%	5

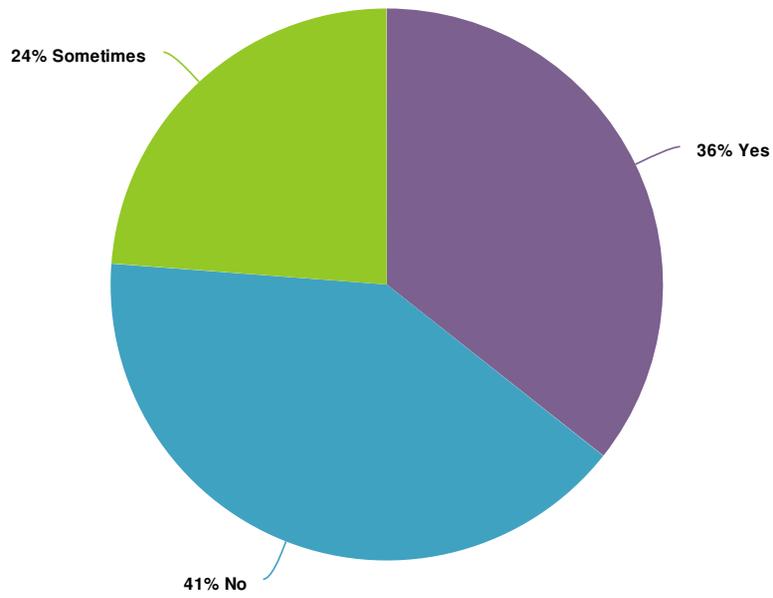
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A different street, please specify street name	Count
Barrenjoey Road	2
Edmund lane	1
Old Barrenjoey road or the crescent	1
Old Barrenjoey road, for OOSH	1
Park in Avalon then walk or drop on Barrenjoey Rd	1
Road next to golf course	1
Street Parking	1
We park in Edmund hock Av and we walk into school	1
Wickham Lane	1
park in bellevue	1
Totals	11

A car park close by, please specify car park location	Count
where available	2
Anywhere legal in Avalon - it can be hard.	1
Avalon shops	1
Avalon village	1
Car park along old Barrenjoey rd anywhere from near the school right down to Woolworths	1
I need to walk my son in to school and park the car , wherever I can found a car parking. Which is nearly impossible if you are not there at least 30 min before the bell.	1
In front of the golf club	1
Next to golf course. We walk in	1
Old Barrenjoey Rd	1
Old Barrenjoey rd car parking space	1
Park nearby and walk in usually near golf course	1
Parks in the shops and walks to school from there.	1
RSL	1
Rsl	1
Where ever I can get a park which is always very difficult	1
Wherever possible hard to find one close by	1
old Barrenjoey rd	1
old barrenjoey road or woolworths	1
Totals	19

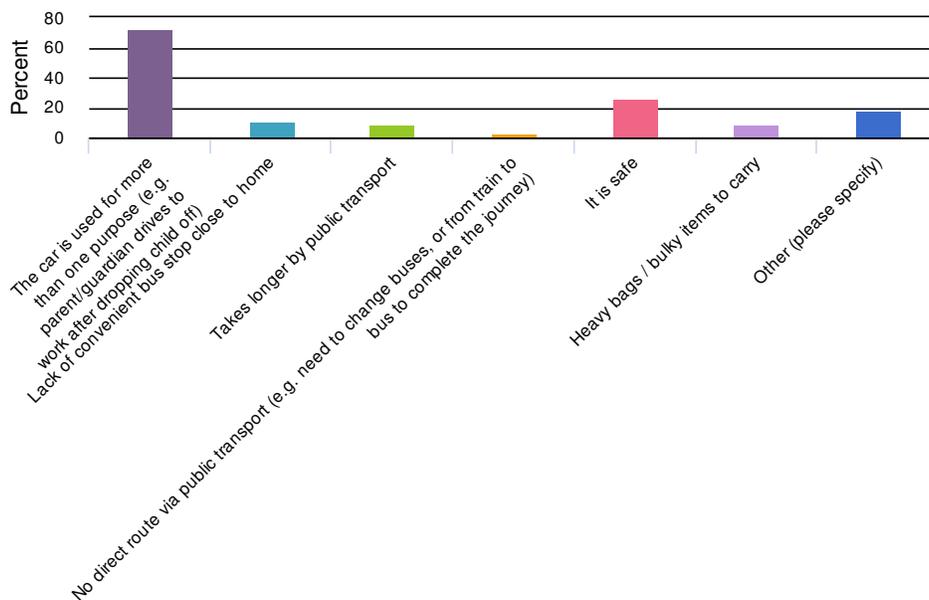
Other (please specify)	Count
Either inside school area where I work or at my job in Avalon	1
I find a park where ever I can after driving around for 30 mins than walk to class	1
Near Avalon OOSH at 7:30am.	1
Park & walk kids into the school	1
Various, depends where park available	1
Totals	5

5. Do you escort your child to the school?



Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	35.7%	51
No	40.6%	58
Sometimes	23.8%	34
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6. Why is the car your preferred method of transport to school? (Tick all that apply)

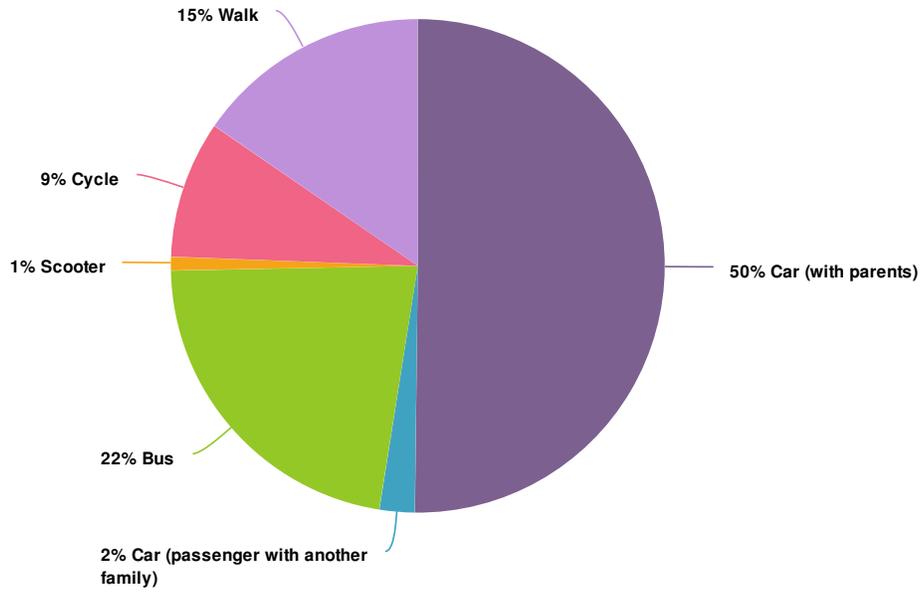


Value	Percent	Responses
The car is used for more than one purpose (e.g. parent/guardian drives to work after dropping child off)	72.7%	104
Lack of convenient bus stop close to home	11.2%	16
Takes longer by public transport	9.1%	13
No direct route via public transport (e.g. need to change buses, or from train to bus to complete the journey)	2.8%	4
It is safe	25.9%	37
Heavy bags / bulky items to carry	9.1%	13
Other (please specify)	18.9%	27

Other (please specify)	Count
Bus often arrives at school late	1
Bus service near us regularly drops children late to school	1
Bus to school is often late.	1
Bus unreliable	1
Child isn't confident to get the bus by herself. It would be great if there were two different start times for infants and primary students	1
Child often goes to OOSH before school	1
Children too young to catch public transport	1
Totals	27

Other (please specify)	Count
Ferlt	1
Have a newborn and a toddler and live to far to walk. Also my son is only in kindy so not ready for the bus. Would like to use the bus next year	1
He's in kindergarten and does not want to catch the bus and it's too far to walk.	1
I am a casual teacher at Avalon school	1
It is too far to walk to school. We found that the timing of the bus doesn't work for before school activities.	1
Lack of confidence to catch the bus at this time	1
Local bus is unreliable and gets to school too late (and leaves too late)	1
Other children and grandparents along for the ride because they need supervision(dementia). Can't manage bus and walk with everyone,	1
Outside free bus pass zone, too young to walk to school alone	1
Sibling isn't confident in catching the bus	1
The bus from palm beach is unreliable and always late meaning that we have no faith in the service and have to use the car instead.	1
Time of bus 717	1
Timing doesn't work in the morning with getting to work	1
Two young children	1
We use the 192 bus service two mornings per week, but my child is still quite young, so I like to drop him to school and see him run in the gate.	1
We walk and cycle some days too but you could only select one option. If we drive it's cause I have to go straight to work afterwards or are taking other kids with us.	1
not open to bus	1
quick and convenient and often travelling onwards	1
taking younger siblings	1
we drop her off with her bike then head to work, she rides home from school	1
Totals	27

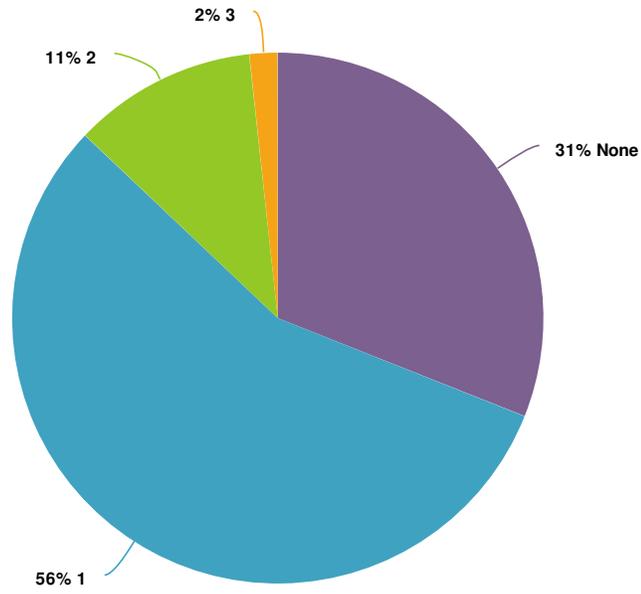
7. How does your child travel from school on a typical afternoon?



Value	Percent	Responses
Car (with parents)	50.2%	111
Car (passenger with another family)	2.3%	5
Bus	22.2%	49
Scooter	0.9%	2
Cycle	9.0%	20
Walk	15.4%	34

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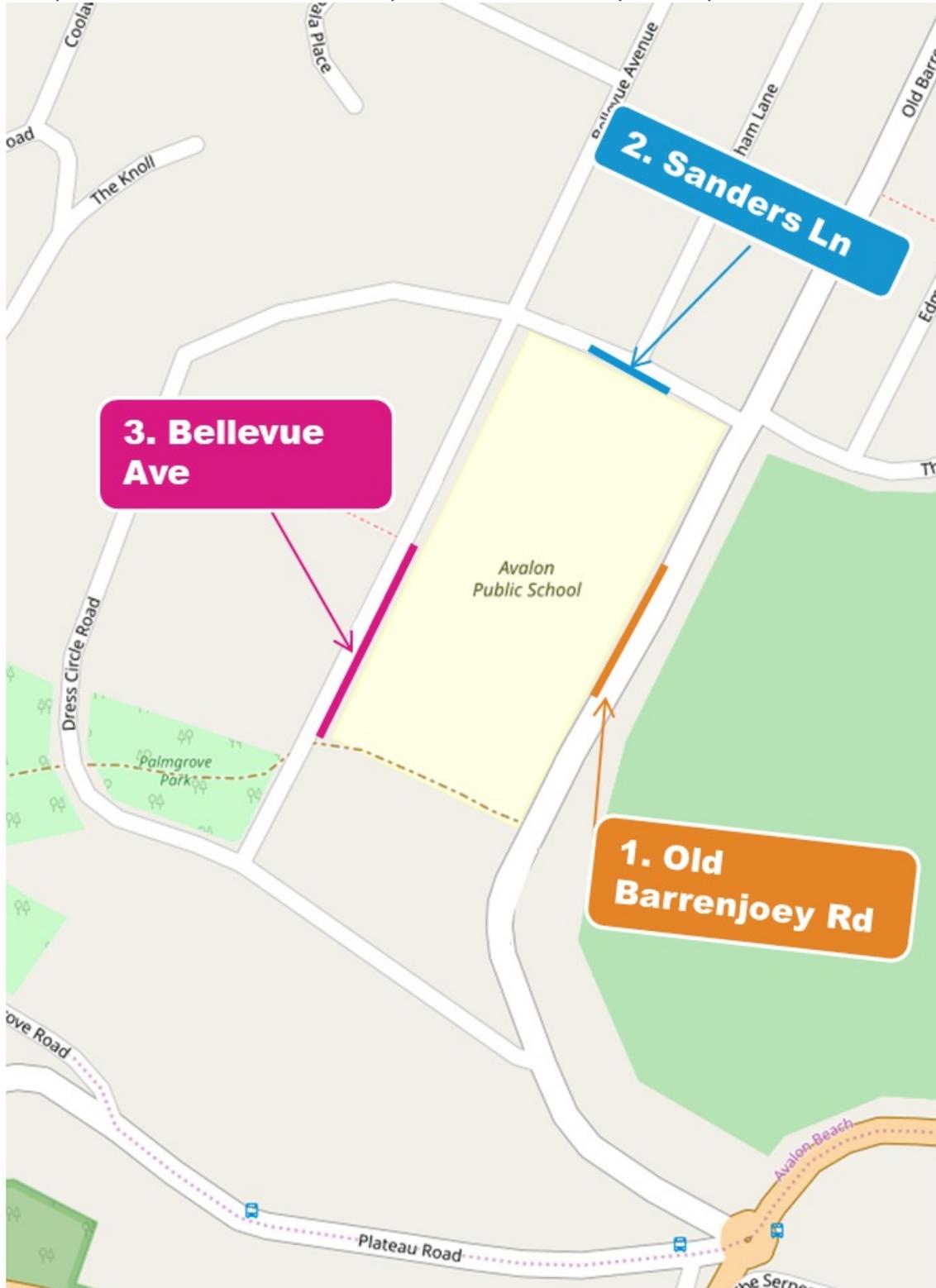
8. If your child travels from school by car, how many other Avalon Public School students travel with him/her?

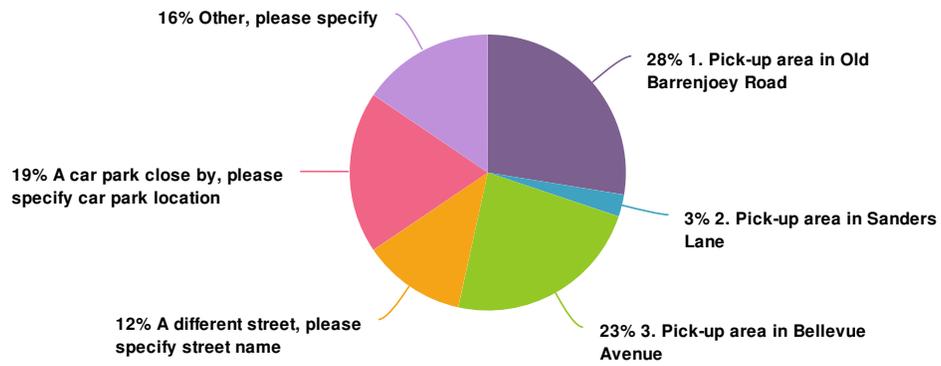


Value	Percent	Responses
None	31.0%	36
1	56.0%	65
2	11.2%	13
3	1.7%	2

Totals: 116

9. If your child travels from school by car, where is he/she picked up in the afternoon?





Value	Percent	Responses
1. Pick-up area in Old Barrenjoey Road	27.6%	32
2. Pick-up area in Sanders Lane	2.6%	3
3. Pick-up area in Bellevue Avenue	23.3%	27
A different street, please specify street name	12.1%	14
A car park close by, please specify car park location	19.0%	22
Other, please specify	15.5%	18

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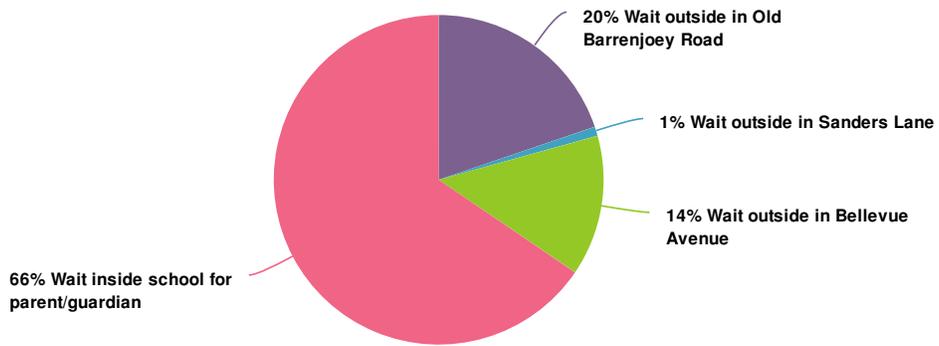
A different street, please specify street name	Count
Barrenjoey Road street parking	1
Dress Circle rd	1
Need to park car and go inside and pick up my son. Very hard with parking and pick up at this lovely school	1
Old Barrenjoey Road but not pick up Zone, near the shops	1
Old Barrenjoey road or the crescent	1
Old Barrenjoey road, OOSH	1
On the shopping strip	1
Park at Edmund hock av	1
Road next to gold course	1
Road next to golf course. I walk in	1
The Crescent	1
Woolworths car park	1
park in Bellevue Ave past Sanders Lane	1
where ever a street park in avalon	1
Totals	14

A car park close by, please specify car park location	Count
where available	3
Old Barrenjoey road	2
Anywhere legal in Avalon often some distance away	1
Avalon village	1
Collect from school and walk to car parked in AVALON	1
If parents collect we park anywhere along old Barrenjoey rd from the school down to Woolworths, if grandparent collects she walks	1
In Town	1
In front of the golf club	1
Old Barrenjoey Rd	1
Old Barrenjoey Road	1
RSL carpark	1
Rsl	1
Same as before	1
Wherever can find one	1
Wherever we can find a park!	1
old Barrenjoey rd	1
old barrenjoey rd shop parking	1
wherever there is a park!	1
woolworths car park	1
Totals	22

Other, please specify	Count
I park and come in in afternoon	2
Wherever there is space. Anywhere from the beach to surrounding roads	2
Anywhere I can park!!!!	1
Anywhere I can park!!!! Sometimes I have to park half way around Dress Circle road as its so busy	1
Collected at classroom	1
I collect him from his classroom 3 afternoons a week and park wherever I can find a park	1
I park where I can and walk into school	1
Near golf course or Palm Grove Road	1
Park & walk into pick up	1
Park in Avalon then walk to school for pick-up	1
Park wherever I can legally and meet him at his class.	1
School	1
We collect our daughter from school so we park near the shops but when she is in Primary we will collect her from a kiss and drop zone.	1
Where ever we can find a park	1
Wherever I can park	1
park in the shopping strip and walk to school or pick up at OOSH. They also get the bus home 1 afternoon per week	1
Totals	18

10. How does your child get to the car?



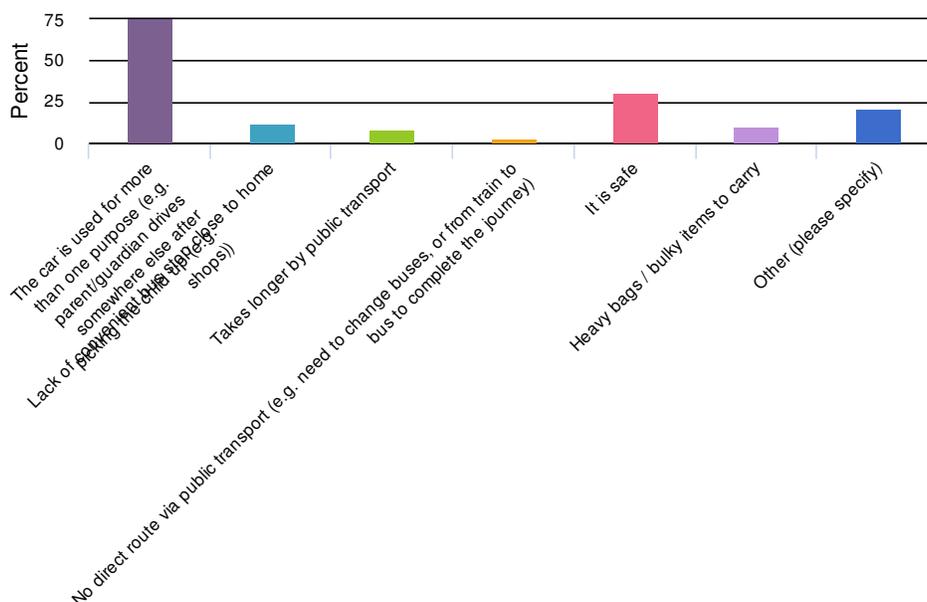


Value	Percent	Responses
Wait outside in Old Barrenjoey Road	19.8%	23
Wait outside in Sanders Lane	0.9%	1
Wait outside in Bellevue Avenue	13.8%	16
Wait inside school for parent/guardian	65.5%	76

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Wait outside on other streets (please specify street name)	Count
Totals	0

11. Why is the car your preferred method of transport from school? (Tick all that apply)

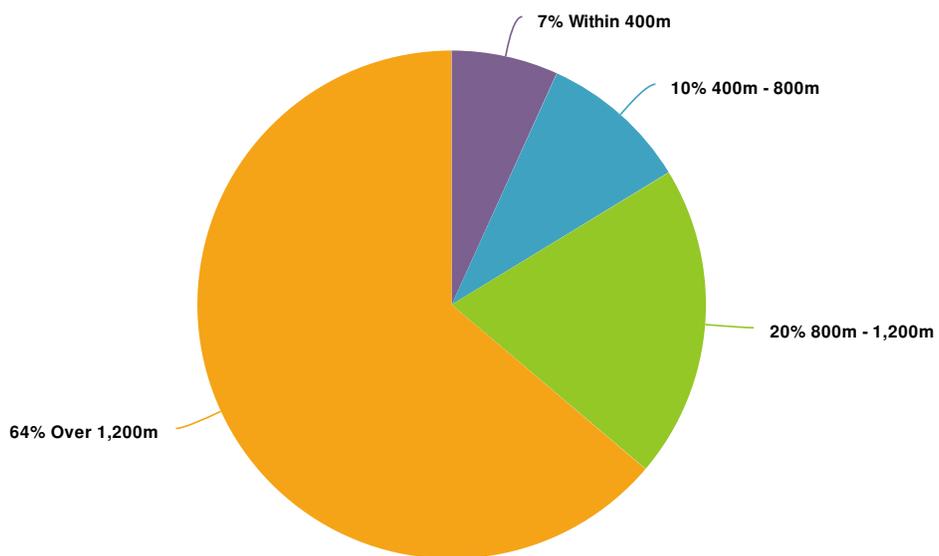
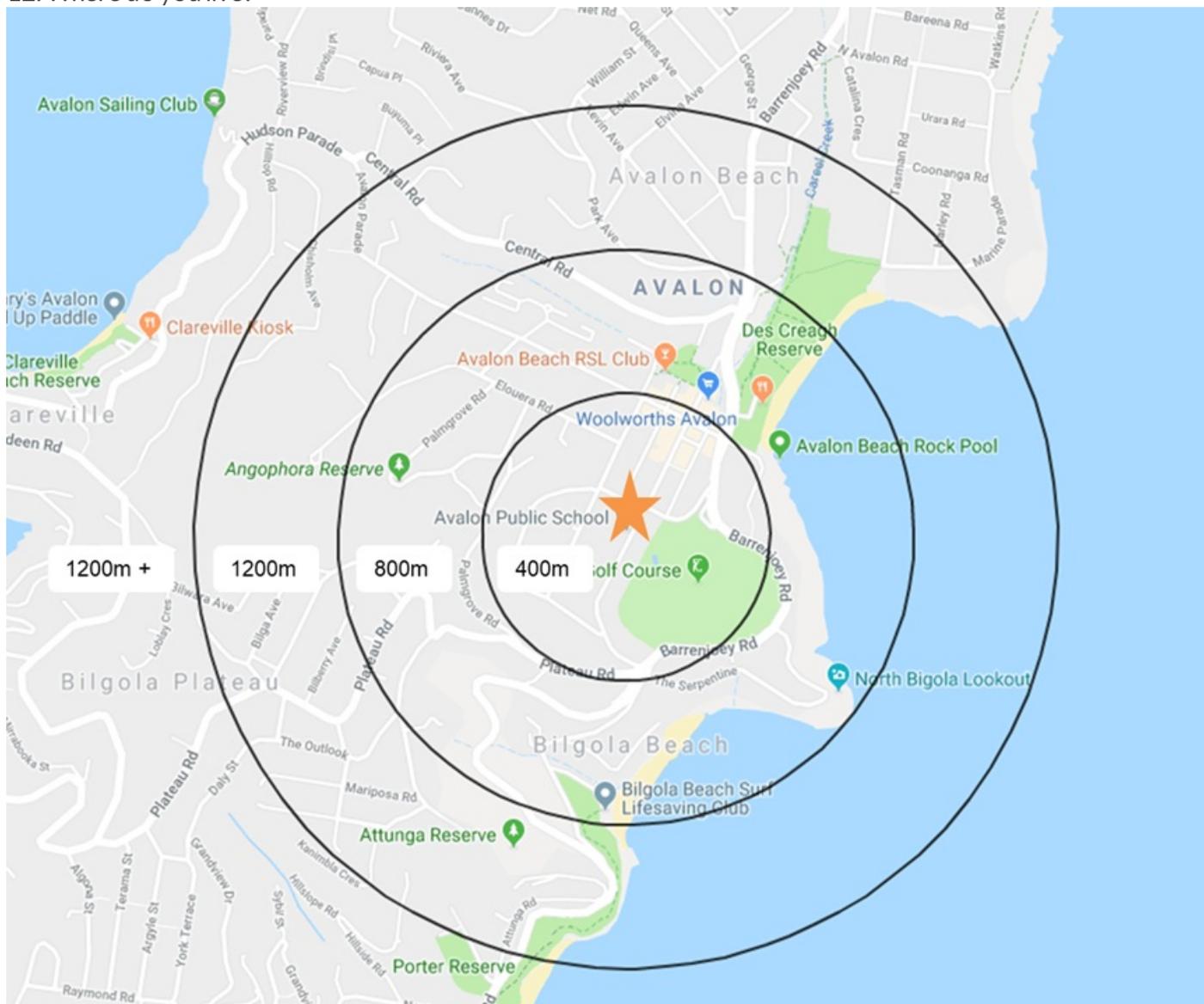


Value	Percent	Responses
The car is used for more than one purpose (e.g. parent/guardian drives somewhere else after picking the child up (e.g. shops))	75.0%	87
Lack of convenient bus stop close to home	12.1%	14
Takes longer by public transport	7.8%	9
No direct route via public transport (e.g. need to change buses, or from train to bus to complete the journey)	2.6%	3
It is safe	31.0%	36
Heavy bags / bulky items to carry	9.5%	11
Other (please specify)	20.7%	24

Other (please specify)	Count
Child preference	1
Children still young with no older siblings for the bus. Hopefully soon. Would also love a safe bike path option from north Avalon	1
Children too young to safely catch public transport or walk home	1
Elderly grandparent and younger child also along for ride due to needing supervision.	1
He is in kindergarten and wants me to collect him from his class room	1
He is in kindy. I like to meet him after school on the days he doesn't have oosh	1
He is still young, and I think he's too little to catch the bus.	1
Totals	23

Other (please specify)	Count
Hill we live on is too steep for young (tired) kids to walk up	1
I have a toddler with me	1
Lack of confidence in catching the bus at this time	1
Outside free bus pass zone, too young to walk home alone	1
Picked up from after school care around 4.30pm and student is only 5 years old	1
She is in year 2. While I would be happy for her to get the bus home her brother is in kindy and I'm not happy for him to get the bus yet	1
There's no clear easy to understand bus map so we're not sure which buses stop near us. For 6m we tried the bus but the morning one often came ten minutes early or late and 20% of the time didn't show up which was a huge problem for all kids waiting	1
Too young	1
Two young children	1
Was not issued a bus pass even though there is not proper roas crossings for the a 9year old to walk safely home.	1
We are the very last bus stop and we don't have a way of knowing if he makes it on the bus or not until the bus comes, as he is only just 6 it feels too risky for us at this point	1
Would love to ride a bike but no paths are adequate and Avalon town Centre has no bike paths. Make Edmund Hock one way, add speed humps and bicycle lane so all the children can ride safely to school with out going through the town centre	1
Young children	1
Younger sibling not confident in catching the bus	1
we fall just out of bus pass area and challenge with older students on bus	1
younger siblings	1
Totals	23

12. Where do you live?



Value		Percent	Responses
Within 400m		6.8%	15
400m - 800m		9.5%	21
800m - 1,200m		19.9%	44
Over 1,200m		63.8%	141

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13. Do you have any thoughts and ideas to reduce car dependency to the school campus?



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17	People need to use their legs more & park further from school! And no be so precious about being parked right at the gate when their children come out!
18	We walk whenever we can - ie not arriving at 730am, or carrying band instruments or when we aren't going straight onto work in the city or straight to activities after school. However lack of footpaths are a real issue for us convenience and safety wise where we live. Even though we live close as the bird flies to walk it's actually over a KM and palmgrove and coolawin both have no footpaths or safe walkways/bike paths.
20	Use buses more. Carpool. Not be so hung up on dropping their children right at the gate.
21	Yes, provide free bus passes to all students
22	Parking further from school & getting out of the car & walking with children / walking from home / catching bus / carpooling / picking their children up 5 -10 minutes AFTER the bell goes....
23	Have buses that are punctual and reliable. An earlier bus from palm beach would make it easier for our family. The current one is 9.00am at palm beach. It is so unreliable, often late making the children late to class
24	Publicise the school bus option at school drop off / pick up. Hand out brochures.
25	If school was open earlier I would be happy for kids to walk or bike ride. Needs to be better drop off zones, we should be able to use bus stop as there are hardly any buses and a turning circle in front of school.
26	Walking to/from school bus (where one or more parents walks with a group of children at a set time so children travel safely) Get the council to put in a footpath on Park Avenue and my 3 children can walk/ride safely to/from school
27	Allow any child regardless of distance from the school to use the bus. Encourage kids themselves to ask mum and dad if they can use the bus.
28	Improve footpaths (Barrenjoey Road/George St) and bicycle paths in Avalon town center and on main roads. Change school hours for primary and infant to ease congestion. Make The Crescent (road) one way so cars can only turn left on to Barrenjoey Rd and not right between school hours as the traffic banks up all the way down to old Barrenjoey road and you have cars going into The Crescent from Barrenjoey Road and there are cars parked either side and it's just ridiculous.
29	Let primary school kids travel on busses as I would not let my 9yr old girl walk by her self 2.3km home with no proper zebra crossing on major road like Hudson parade.

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30	My kids go to OOSH, and on the mornings / afternoons that I or my husband are working from home (twice a week total), then the children walk to/from school. We need the car in order to drop the dog off as well as to ensure we get to work on time.
31	Bus route picking up kids within 1.2km. There are kids who cant walk to school but are considered too close for a bus
32	The kids are happy to go to school on the bus because it is nice and quiet. They are worried about getting the bus in the afternoon because it is crowded and there are much bigger kids on it. Perhaps have smaller buses, a k-2 and a 3-6?
33	My kids go to OOSH, and on the mornings / afternoons that I or my husband are working from home (twice a week total), then the children walk to/from school. We need the car in order to drop the dog off as well as to ensure we get to work on time.
35	Increasing safety. I would live my 10 year old to walk to school but the crossing scenario in Avalon is not safe enough. That crossroads is scary enough for an adult to navigate!
36	Have the bus route start earlier in the morning
37	My son is in kindergarten and wants me to take him to his class and pick him up from his class. I'm sure when he gets older he'll be able to get the bus, as parking at the school is so difficult not to mention the gridlock after school pick up.
38	I can't help thinking that other parents aren't encouraging their kids to walk or ride independently, especially on rainy days. Mine love it! There's a US concept called The Walking School bus where Parents drop off at another location by a certain time & an adult, like the crossing supervisor or a Teacher, walks them the last block or two in a group holding a sign up they can follow. People within 1800 of the school don't feel like their kids are allowed to take the bus.
40	Fix footpaths and include bicycle paths
41	Have a crossing/path nearby our home in Whale beach road which I believe is coming in a year
42	No
44	More direct bus to school from Bilgola Plateau or safe place for children to cross plateau rd to access stairs down to old barrenjoey rd
46	We only drive on the days we are already in the car, the other days we either ride or catch the bus.
50	Parking is becoming a big issue at Avalon Public, with parents regularly double parking which makes it difficult to get by safely. I think parents will still continue to drop/fetch kids and as the school grows this will only become worse. Do kids get free bus travel? If not, maybe that would make a difference.
51	Allow all kids to have a free bus pass, not just K-2. The pass is quite expensive which would put lots of parents off buying one. I believe all kids have a right to catch a bus for free no matter where you live or how old you are.
52	Construction of a path along Wollstonecraft Avenue
53	Free Opal travel for all kids Door to door school bus
54	Bus buddies, bus monitors to keep older children's language and behaviour in check
58	Parents to walk with their children whilst they ride their bikes.
59	A private school bus from Palm Beach would be really handy

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60	If you look on Google maps there a quite a number of unused 'pathways' that link to Avalon Public school eg Bellevue to Dress Circle, then up to Palmgrove. Unfortunately none of these pathways are utilised or accessible, due to overgrowth of vegetation, no steps or clear pathway. They have simply been allowed to merge into the adjacent blocks of land. Reinstating these pathways and making them accessible, would greatly reduce the walking distance for kids travelling to school, and thus could make it more appealing to walk, rather than travel by car.
62	For families living close by a "walking train" could be helpful. This is where a parent or other responsible adult walks a group of children on a pre defined route at a particular time, children can join the group along the route. Shuttle bus from further locations
64	No, but I love kiss and drop in the morning. I can't work out the afternoon pick up as most parents just park and stay in the green zone so I don't bother.
67	Better bus services. Arrive way before bell time instead of on the bell.
70	A bus/mini bus for kids going to OOSH and home from OOSH.
71	Mini-bus local runs
82	The bus would be a great option if it was something that was monitored with a student roll for younger students (k,1,2) eg. Students were ticked off as they got on and so parents could be notified immediately if the child didnt get on. We would absolutely ride/walk to school if we were able to (we are in palm beach) and we do often park in north Avalon and ride down though it is frustrating that there is no bike path through town to school.
88	Dedicated safe bike lanes. A safe way to ride bikes for young children from north Avalon including crossing of Barrenjoey Road at main intersection. Constantly see people rushed and driving through red lights. Scary to have kids crossing at this intersection. Also the footpath is right on the road with cars buses and no seperation south bound near the lights.
91	If the bus was more frequent - local service, combined with the school service there would be a greater take up of the bus use e.g. every 15 minutes is better than every 30 minutes. This way kids can do after school activities as well and still jump on the 192 for a great service home rather than waiting on mum or dad for a pick up. We are in Riverview Road - Stokes Point so for us a more frequent service is highly desirable. Thank you
92	No. I understand there is a problem with too many cars and therefore a dangerous gridlock, but at this stage I have no intention of changing our habits as my child is too young. He still needs to be dropped off and pickup while he is in 'infants'. I fully intend to change this once he hits year 3 and is old enough to travel to and from school on the bus.
95	My son is not ready to go to school alone or be wait outside the school, I'm sure as he gets older he will. Also I have to park nearby as I have a 3 year old and a 18 month old. I can park far and make them walk. I have no idea how to make it work better but it's hard.
98	Stager class time finish times make a designated parking area off road for parents to pick up and drop off,
100	Parking is insane! With 950 students there needs to be a staggered end to the day! Even 10min makes a massive difference and would clear the first lot! Make the drop off / pick up zone going south on old Barrenjoey muchuch bigger. It currently holds about 6 cars only.
102	Yes Give " all "of the kids who live in the local area a bus pass to reduce the amount of parents picking up and dropping off !
103	Buddy infants kids up with local families who have older children to escort younger kids
104	My children are dropped at oosh at 7.30 every morning.
105	School buses getting to school earlier to ensure students aren't late for school

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106	If the bus left earlier from our house I could utilise it in the morning. But due to timing and work I can't
107	I actually don't think it is too bad considering the size of the school. I think there are a handful of parents who consistently do the wrong thing which is a shame.
111	I wish there was better information at the office showing the bus routes and where exactly the kids are dropped off and picked up. I found the information in the brochure was confusing and had to ask around a lot to find the answer.
112	Community bus that travels down palmgrove rd. There are many students from Avalon public that live on this road that all travel by car school.
113	School buses getting to school earlier to ensure students aren't late for school
115	I use oosh services in the morning and my children either walk to after school activities or go to oosh or catch the bus 1 day. So I'm not really the best example of constant school hours car use
121	Unfortunately we need to drop both children by car at present. I would suggest that the "2 minute" kiss and drop zone is not nearly long enough. 10 or 15 minutes would be a practical duration
122	We are working towards getting our daughter to walk to and from school but are concerned about her young age. I expect we will have a group of kids walking together next term
125	My kids are still too young to use public transport or walk to school. As they get older we will explore walking and riding to school.
127	On time school buses
128	More bus stops and routes perhaps. The walk to and from the bus makes a big difference. If it is close the kids can walk themselves and do not rely on parents. I love the buses and they are absolutely fantastic for us. Both my kids use them and it adds an hour to my day.
129	Earlier morning bus- ie one that leaves at 8.30 instead of 9am.
130	More reliable bus service in the morning. Avalon village needs more parking near supermarket.
131	A more extensive footpath network through the suburb. Staggered school start and finish times. Traffic lights at old barrenjoey rd/Avalon pde intersection to allow safer pedestrian crossing.
132	More education about local bus services (we have not received any). And maybe a buddy system for young kids to be monitored by the older more mature kids who live near the same destination bus stops. Also some concern for young students even making it to the bus on time from class on their own.
133	Encourage parents to let their kids walk and cycle. More cycle paths to make it safer??
134	Not for our family... We can send our student with another family when he's older but we're still new here and he's only 6 and we don't know anyone living near us at palm beach going to school...
135	Extend the free bus to include closer to school
138	Walking groups with parents or teachers to school and designated spots on the way home
139	Improve pavements and bike paths within the Avalon area so children can safely bike to school
140	It would be good to have a crossing or shared zone on Sanders Lane. Kids who walk or ride from west of Old Barrenjoey road end up having to cross that street unassisted.

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- 142 Kiss and drop hazardous. Should be no stopping until at least 3:30pm to allow kids time to exit school and be waiting for parents to pick up. Problem is selfish parents holding space and waiting for their child to arrive in the zone. New Kiss n Drop for Infants only (and siblings) pick up from Sanders Lane a possibility to ease congestion ?
- 143 Better crossing at Sanders lane. My child can ride his bike and use all pedestrian crossings except for that section.
- 150 Start building the Hudson Parade footpath :) As it is now, no parent in their right mind would send their kid along Hudson on a bike.... (And a side note: Put up signs that stop caravans and boat trailers from ever parking around the school! There's limited spaces as it is without these cumbersome vehicles taking up valuable parent/carer car spots. Grrr.....)
- 151 "Walking Bus" sounds great. Would need help organising it with the school
- 152 School bus route around the suburbs? This would be especially handy during rainy days.
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- 159 More bus services up different streets
- 162 We are happy to send our 8 year old by bus now that we feel he's old enough to travel with some level of safety. We wouldn't have contemplated it prior to this year. My issue has always been that I'm arriving right on the bell (as I'm rushing from work) and until we bought a smart watch, had no way of contacting our boy to let him know where we were. If the aim is to reduce the number of cars pulling up at the school, then a "safe zone" down in the Avalon village could be an alternative. For example, for set times only (say between 3.30 and 3.45 pm), if an authorised adult could escort and wait with the kids to be collected from say the Community Centre, then the parents could park in the Woolworths carpark, or the council carpark behind the RSL, to collect their child from the Rec Centre instead of the school.
- 164 A more reliable bus service for children using the service that covers palm beach, whale beach and north Avalon. The bus arrives at all different times, usually gets the kids to school after the bell and occasionally it simply doesn't ever turn up. It just isn't good enough, it's not safe to send your child out to wait for a bus that might come 30 mins later (standing on the side of the road) or just never show up, causing the child to be distressed and late for school.
- 165 Living near the school on Old Barrenjoey Road, the behaviour of motorists at pick up time is terrible and getting increasingly worse- double parking, parking over driveways and cars banked up to the roundabout at times. This results in people overtaking on the wrong side of the road and other aggressive behaviour. Suggest Suggestion: - More ranger coverage in the afternoon. - Create multiple pick up zones in surrounding streets (areas could be allocated by grade - Zone parking spaces near shops at the south end of old Barrenjoey Road (vintage cellars, FOC) as 5 min only between 3.25pm and 3.40pm. -Restrict pick up zones directly in front of school to infants only.

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166	Most parent abide by the school parking 'rules' however, having a parking attendant handing out tickets on a daily basis for slightly being late or taking to long is NOT ok especially around the kiss and drop off zones. It it straight up revenue raising and dishonest on councils behalf. Needs to stop! Parents have all situations and most have common courtesy in this situation. Parking office DONT however. (Insert colourful language here)
167	Campaign to get more kids walking part or all of the way home
168	We need to take and pick our kids up from School as they have before and after school activities which we need to go straight to/from. One thing that needs to be organised better is kiss and drop zones. You have to be at the school waiting from 3pm sometimes earlier to get a spot and meet your children which is ridiculous. A system needs to be put in place with a school the size of Avalon PS where the 2min zone flows not having to be parked There for 30mins at a time. Unfortunately this is the only option when you have to be at sport by 4pm not necessarily in the area so you do not have time to park and go into the school!!!
169	More people to park in public carparks in. Av (Woolworths and by Avalon bowling club) and walk from there to school.
175	We actually use a mix of transport for after school. If we have sport after school which starts around 4pm then I get the car otherwise walk or bus it home with friends
176	More reliable bus service- maps of routes- and make the bus reliable...also footpaths around the school desperately need improving- and when we cycle to school (regularly) the Lane has huge pot holes my kids have both had bad accidents- and the bike parking at the school is really bad (not enough)
177	Better bike parking at school, fix the footpaths and potholes around school especially the back lane that 100s students use every day to walk and cycle (post office lane off Saunders one way st)
178	Fix Wickham Lane potholes and widen the footpaths along old Barrenjoey rd. The very dangerous crossing in the middle of the village with 4 zebra crossings badly needs a better solution my kids were run over crossing there after school. Avalon village should be a pedestrian and bike riding haven
179	No
180	Unfortunately no, majority of older kids walk or ride bikes to school as is, the younger kids need to be transported and for me I'm enroute to work so walking isn't an option
181	Safe bike lanes - Barrenjoey Road is dangerous to cross and Avalon is dangerous to bike through because drivers are dangerous at the crossroads. We need traffic lights!!!!
183	I would like to see a safer intersection on Avalon Pde and Old Barrenjoey Road with traffic lights or a round-a-bout so that children can cross the road safely. Then I would be happy to allow my child to walk or ride his bike rather than picking him up from the gate. As it stands, the current intersection is an accident waiting to happen.
184	We are a strong community that does a lot of walking, riding etc but the main issue is many need to drop young ones to school before work. I actually drive to the round about then drop her on the school side of old barrnejoey then turn around further down and head south again as there is always so much traffic with everyone droppping on the other side. I reckon you should make the three drop offs specific for each age group to spread the traffic out, infants to the back gate. Cars with various age groups to the crossing and all primary to drop on the school side as the school side in the mornings is always empty, hence thats the side I drop to make it easier on my child and the traffic. OR get parents to drop the kids in other areas of Avalon Shops and walk to school on their own its so safe there is always so many kids and parents walking etc.
185	Currently the bus (717) that takes them to school picks them up in Nth Av and goes back to Whale beach and beyond. It gets them to school too close to the bell (so they through they were late).
187	Bus services are satisfying our need for now
189	No

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192	More car parks
194	Smaller Avalon community busses and more of them!!! Small designated school buses - for school children only. This will get the cars out of Avalon. I would use the bus if it was option.
195	Crossing at beach car park entrance
197	More reliable bus service in the morning.
198	make buses available to everyone including those within zones
199	It would be greatly appreciated if children are entitled to free bus passes their entire primary school years not just up until Year 2 if you fall out of the catchment areas. Also car dependency is due to other activities happening directly after school times, perhaps there could be a traffic coordinator to help ease the flow of traffic at pick up time.
200	the safety of walking home is of concern - I see kids coming down the back lane and crossing the road at post office to run the back lane to the park and see near misses several times a year. can kids get policed along old Barrenjoey and NOT down the lane.
202	To build a better & safer walkway for my child to walk safely to school. At the moment, we as parents don't feel safe that our child could walk to school on their own. There are 3 crossings without any pedestrian crossings that he should be using on the way to school and no proper pedestrian footpath. The cars drive quite fast along Palmgrove Rd (no footpath), Coolawin Rd to Elouera Rd (no footpath and zebra crossing), Elouera to Bellevue Rd (no zebra crossing on a busy intersection), and crossing is unsafe on Bellevue Ave with Dress Circle Rd and Sanders Lane intersection. Cars in this intersection drive badly due to other motorists parking on both sides of Bellevue Ave (past Sanders Lane). The council should only allow cars to park on one side of the road, not both.
203	Pedestrian footpaths leading to school and safe crossings for kids - like zebra crossings around Elouera Rd and Bellevue Ave, Ruskin Rowe and Avalon Parade, Bellevue Ave and Dress Circle Rd.
204	Safer bicycle pathway options, earlier school start and finish time, a bicycle 'bus' which can carry a number of students.
205	When my child is old enough he may take the bus some days but as I have other younger children I'm usually ferrying them to another activity or the local shops.
207	Better bus. Or child keoride service.
208	Have Rangers there every day. So many parents consider the rules are for other people and not them. It is disgraceful. So many parents stop in No Stopping Zones or leave their cars in the drop zones and walk the kids in when the Rangers are not there. On the days the ranger is there the parents behave. The council could establish a walk to school club with a meeting place, For example, the Des Creagh reserve or Dunbar Park. Students could be marked off on arrival and an auto text would be sent to parents once kids get to school.
209	Encourage families to cycle/scooter/skate/walk together
210	Encourage families to walk/cycle/scooter/skate together, or develop community carpool app if weather, early starts etc make this hard
213	Bus passes be available for ALL students for free (we fall just 'outside area' and have to pay for the bus. Safer buses. There is an issue with bullying on the buses. Both verbal and physical.
214	Make the bus more reliable and have it arrive within a better time frame for school. On afternoons the bus takes over 40 minutes to arrive at Whale Beach Rd.
216	Dedicated bike lanes and safer crossings around the school would definitely make me feel safer walking and riding to school.

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217	The 2 minute drop off zone doesn't work well in afternoons as parents are there from 3 or earlier waiting....thats not what a 2 minute pick up zone is!
218	The 2 minute drop off zone doesn't work because there are parents waiting there from 3pm or before. They should be moved along if their child isn't there, a time limit of 2 mins should be applied.
219	An automated roll call that alerts parents that children have safely arrived at school or that their child/children haven't turned up at school would offer peace of mind to parents and allay safety concerns.
224	More information about buses and how it is safe/ supportive to kindy students. I feel that it is acceptable for kindy students to be taken with parents to and from school as they are very little
226	?
227	?
228	Re introduce neighbourhood watch stickers on police-checked community members letterboxes as safe stops along walking routes. Safer crosswalks - traffic lights at main interesection at Avalon village. Crossing George st and the lanes Sanders and the Golf course one very dangerous for kids.
231	No
232	Being able to cross Barrenjoey Road safety
234	Encourage parents who have to drive due to work commitments or distance to park in Avalon and walk their child from there. If suitable it's a nice walk/ride from most Avalon locations. Leaving home five minutes early to compensate and avoid stress is a good idea... It's a great way to start/finish the day and catch up on news in their lives.
235	We try to use the kiss and drop zone as much as possible in the mornings. Sometimes my daughter rides her bike to school with her Dad riding his bike. One suggestion is to reinform parents that the kiss and drop zones are not the place for a chat in the mornings. The traffic needs to keep moving through these zones.
236	No but I think people should not be permitted with stay in the 2min zone longer then 2min
237	No but do not permit people to park and stay in 2 min zone. Teachers have a car park so leave the roads around the school more open so people have spots to park safely in.
242	no
243	Not really, most days we are driving to work from drop off and driving from work to pick up... biking is difficult as there are big hills of for the kids to get home and often not time due to work and activities to walk to/from
245	Safer walking access to the school to and from Avalon shops and beyond. Suggest for pedestrian crossing to be put between Old Barrenjoey Road and Sanders Land as well as Old Barrenjoey Road and The Crescent. This will allow for more children to be able to walk home.
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249	Offer more buses,

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250 School bus that pick up students from home and make sure the students go to there class room. Special car park for only parents to pick up and drop off. 20 minutes or so. Drop off at entrance, with special teachers meeting up the child and make sure they wait on spot with supervision until there parents are coming for pick up. List with names and organised help from school for pick up and drop off. I think this is a reason why parents are parking in the drop off Zoon. You are afraid that you child will come out and not see you. It's a lot of traffic going on for this small children. Class wise drop off outside school and you pick up your child from the teacher , outside school so you don't need to go in and park. Could be an option for those how can't walk to school. Thank you for doing this survey and are taking this problem seriously.

252 No, but we do need to increase parking opportunities and to get the 2 min pickup zones working more effectively. The 2 min zone isn't effective, there should be more flow & it would help if parents were not parked there at 3pm - which they are, always, always the same ones too.