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Kedron Safer School Precinct Community Consultation Report



About the Kedron Safer School Precinct

Brisbane City Council is working with our community to create Safer School Precincts across our city.

Our new Safer School Precincts program will improve safety and ease congestion around schools by creating safer and more convenient ways for you to move around your local suburbs.

The Kedron Safer School Precinct kick-starts this innovative new program which combines community engagement, infrastructure improvements and behaviour change to connect places for people in our suburbs.

The precinct supports 3 local schools and the surrounding residents and businesses in Brisbane's growing inner-north suburbs.

Bordered by busy main roads like Gympie Road and Stafford Road, the Kedron Safer School Precinct focuses on treatments that will improve how you move on the local streets where you live, work, learn and play.

Padua College	Year 5 – 12 (boys only)	Approx. 1,460 students
St Anthony's Primary School	Prep – Year 6 (boys and girls)	Approx. 670 students
Mount Alvernia College	Year 7 – 12 (girls only)	Approx. 950 students



About the community consultation

We wanted to empower you to work with us to help co-create the plan for the Kedron Safer School Precinct.

To help us create the best possible precinct for the entire community, we invited you to have your say as part of a precinct-wide community consultation. The 4-week consultation was open to everyone who lives, works, learns or visits the Kedron Safer School Precinct.

Your feedback helped us understand how you move and how you want to move through your precinct, as well as your ideas on how we can improve moving around the Kedron Safer School Precinct.

We will use your feedback alongside our technical data to create the plan of treatments to make it safer and easier to move around your schools and suburbs while also easing congestion.

Digital engagement

Digital engagement was a key part of this consultation. You could have your say through an online survey and mapping tool. The online survey provided valuable insights about your experience in the Kedron Safer School Precinct and the barriers and opportunities you see. The survey received 311 responses, providing us with 11,826 pieces of feedback.

The mapping activity allowed you to put pins on a map of the precinct to highlight potential improvements. Almost 100 people (99) added 385 pins on the map.

In-person engagement

During consultation, we engaged face-to-face with more than 240 people.

This gave us the opportunity to promote the consultation, speak directly with the people who live, work, learn and visit Kedron Safer School Precinct and learn about your experiences.

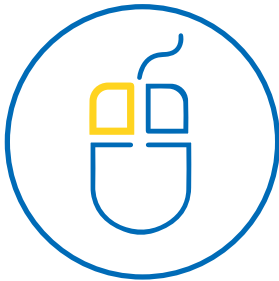
Engagement promotion

To help you have your say and learn more about what's possible in the Kedron Safer School Precinct, we created a range of promotional and supportive collateral.

We activated the precinct with footpath decals and corflutes to raise awareness and direct people to the program website. We also promoted the consultation on social media.

To support you to make informed decisions, we created and shared the Precinct Playbook with you to highlight what's possible with this program.

Consultation snapshot



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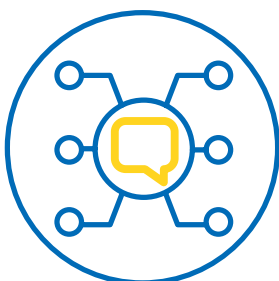
245 people
engaged
face to face



1,997
visits to the Safer School
Precincts webpage



549,039
people
reached



People saw Safer School
Precinct messaging
13,609,799 times



162,648
people engaged
via social media

What you said

About the community

Understanding more about the community that live and move in the Kedron Safer School Precinct helps inform the treatments plan. Based on your feedback, we know:

- just under half (47.43%) of the precinct community are a part of the precinct's school communities
- more than half (56.28%) of the precinct community live in the precinct
- more than one third (32.57%) of the precinct community visit or travel through the precinct regularly.



Your experience moving around the precinct

When we asked you about your current experience moving around the Kedron Safer School Precinct, almost half of you (42.71%) said your experience was poor or very poor.

However, almost one-third of people (28.34%) rated their experience as good or very good. Of these people, nearly 70% live in the precinct (69.56%). This indicates that moving around within the precinct is easier when the places you visit most often (school, home, etc.) are close together.

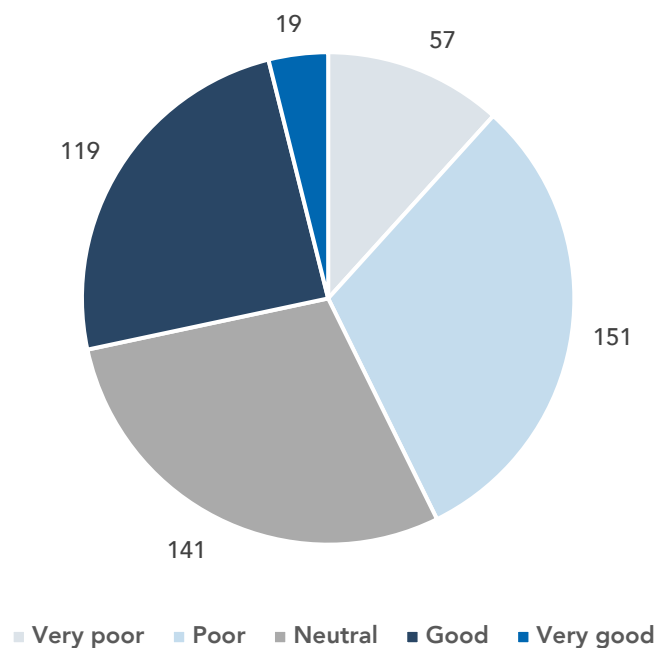
Traffic congestion is a major concern for you, with more than 80% rating traffic congestion in the precinct as poor or very poor.

Many of you are also concerned about road safety in the precinct, with almost 50% (47.63%) rating it as poor or very poor.

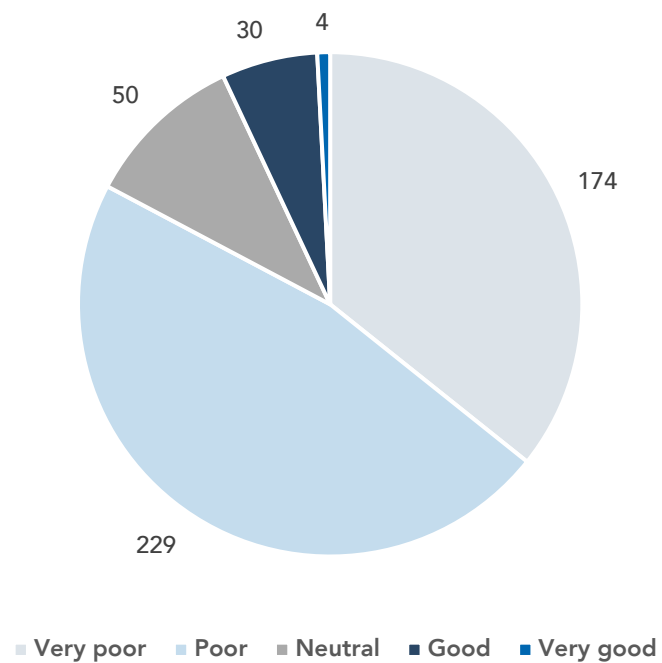
Top 3 perceived causes of congestion in the precinct

1. Unsafe driver behaviour and/or queuing for school drop-off and pick-up
2. Limited access options in and out of the precinct
3. Drivers taking shortcuts through the precinct to avoid major roads – i.e. Gympie Road or Stafford Road.

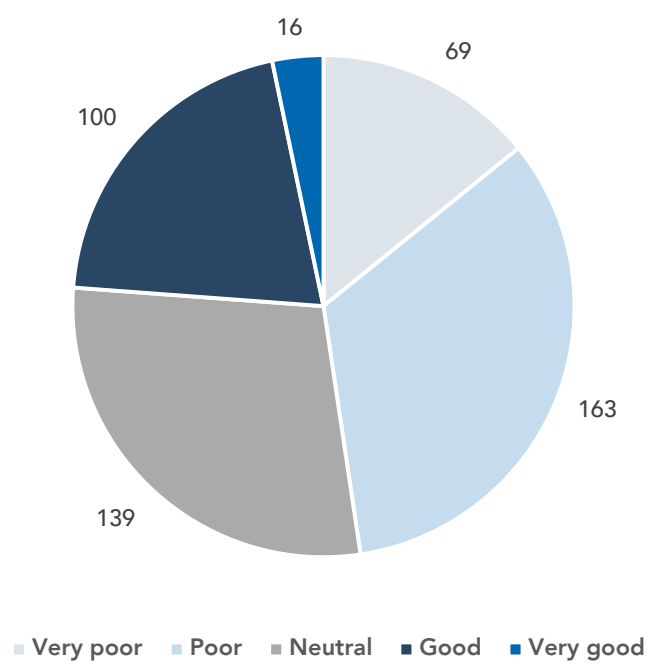
Rating of current transport experience



Rating of perceived traffic congestion in the precinct



Rating of perceived road safety in the precinct



What you said

How you move

Walking

When we talk about walking, we are referring to people moving on foot, people using mobility aids and people pushing prams.

This is important because our walking network should be accessible to people of all ages and abilities.

Top 3 things that help you enjoy walking

1. Footpaths are wide enough and in good condition
2. Walking is safe (well-lit, clear lines of sight, etc.)
3. Walking paths and crossings are in convenient locations

Top 3 things preventing you from walking more

1. Unsafe driver behaviour or vehicle speeds
2. Too many cars
3. Too hot and not enough shade

Riding

Riding includes riding a bike, scooter or e-mobility devices like e-scooters.

These are grouped together as they use the same type of infrastructure and can travel at similar speeds.

Top 3 things that help you enjoy riding

1. Riding surfaces are smooth
2. Pedestrians, riders and motorists are physically separated
3. Low vehicle speeds

Top 3 things preventing you from riding more

1. Too many cars on the street
2. I feel unsafe riding on the street
3. Unsafe driver behaviour or vehicle speeds



Buses

Many people catch the bus to get around. This includes people catching dedicated school bus services, known as district services, and public services managed by Council.

Top 3 things that help you enjoy catching the bus

1. Bus stops are accessible and conveniently located near shops, schools, work, etc.
2. Buses run to their scheduled time
3. Buses get me where I want to go

Top 3 barriers to catching the bus

1. The timetable and frequency of services don't suit my needs
2. Bus arrivals can be unpredictable or unreliable
3. Wanting to go to places the bus doesn't service

Driving

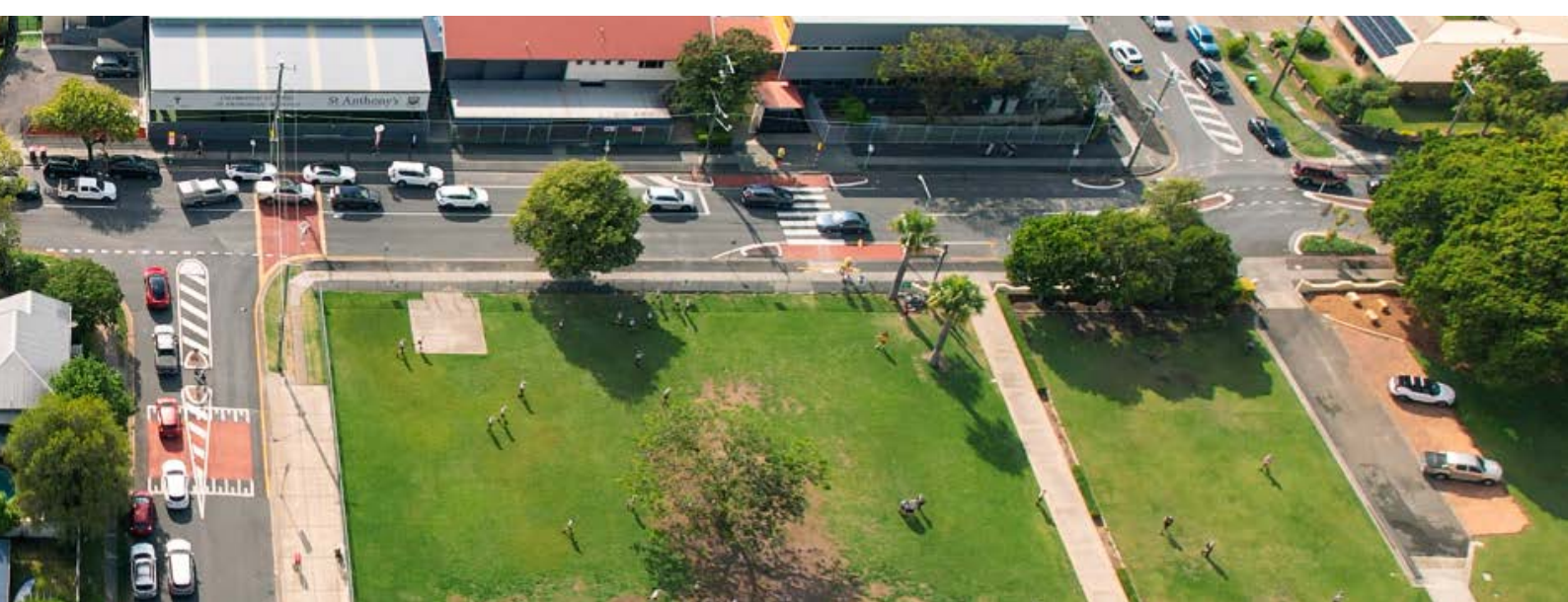
When we asked about your experience driving, we included your perspectives as a motorcycle rider and passenger or driver of a car.

Top 3 things that help you enjoy driving

1. Low levels of congestion
2. Convenient access to local destinations like shops and schools
3. Convenient drop-off and pick-up zones near schools

Top 3 things preventing you from driving more

1. High levels of traffic congestion
2. Too many cars on the street
3. Limited parking availability where I want it



What you said

Common themes/top ideas for improvement

As part of our review of what you've said, we've found some common themes in your feedback.

You said: *Driver behaviour is one of the major causes of congestion and safety issues.*

There's a high number of drivers who are unaware or choose not to follow the Queensland Road Rules for driving and parking in the precinct.

Drivers queue through intersections, park illegally or block driveways and you think this causes many of the road safety and congestion issues.

What we can do

There are a range of treatments we could implement to help improve driver behaviour.

This could be changing the street environment with traffic calming measures, educating drivers or working with the Queensland Police Service for additional enforcement of the Queensland Road Rules.



You said: *There's too many cars on the street.*

The high number of cars driving and parking in the precinct is a major cause of congestion and a key barrier to walking and riding more often.

With so many cars on the street, it's harder to get where you need to go on time – and finding a place to park is more difficult too.

This issue worsens throughout the year as more students get their provisional licences and begin driving themselves to school, further reducing already limited parking availability.

What we can do

To reduce car usage, we can enhance walking, riding and public transport options by upgrading pathways and bus stops.

You said: *Non-local traffic is taking shortcuts on your local streets.*

Non-local traffic – cars, heavy vehicles and commercial vehicles – are using your streets to avoid main roads and taking 'shortcuts' between Gympie Road and Webster Road.

You think non-local traffic is one of the key causes of congestion in your precinct and adds to the number of drivers speeding in your streets.

What we can do

We can discourage non-local traffic by installing traffic calming treatments and lowering the speed limit.

You said: *We want more pedestrian crossings.*

Pedestrian crossings are important to you because they help children and their families cross the road safely, especially in streets with too many cars.

With the hilly terrain and high levels of illegal parking, you find it can be difficult to see when you can safely cross the street.

What we can do

We can make crossing the street safer by installing more pedestrian crossings in key locations.

You said: *Speeding is a concern.*

Many cars speed in your streets, particularly around school drop-off and pick-up times, which makes you feel unsafe.

You want to see reduced speed limits that suit your local streets and drivers adhering to the posted speed limits.

What we can do

To encourage drivers to choose safer speeds, we can install traffic calming treatments such as speed bumps, extend school zones or add Speed Awareness Monitor (SAM) signs.

You said: *We want better footpaths.*

Having smooth, wide and connected footpaths encourages more frequent walking – and that's something you value.

You've noticed a lack of footpaths in key areas where you would like to walk, such as along Goodall Street.

What we can do

We can improve connections by providing high-quality footpaths that make it easier and safer for everyone to get around – including people using prams, wheelchairs or other mobility devices.



Next steps

Thank you for helping co-create the plan for the Kedron Safer School Precinct.

Your feedback has helped shape the plan of treatments that will improve safety and ease congestion around your schools and suburbs.



Phase 1: Consult

Your feedback will help us create the plan to improve safety and reduce congestion around our schools and suburbs.

- **Precincts defined**
We identify precinct areas and begin technical investigations.
- **Community consultation**
We engage with residents, businesses and school communities to understand how you move around and what you want to see in the precinct.
- **Consultation report**
We share a summary of your feedback and the insights you've given us.

Phase 2: Deliver

- **Develop precinct plan**
We use your insights and our technical expertise to create a precinct plan.
- **Precinct plan activation**
We share the precinct plan with you to ensure it balances the needs of your precinct community.
- **We deliver new and improved infrastructure**

Phase 3: Empower

- **Use community insights**
We use your insights to identify ways to empower your community.
- **Empower behaviour change**
We provide behaviour change programs, tools and resources to help schools and the community take advantage of your new Safer School Precinct.







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