

INFORMATION SHEET FOR WHĀNAU AND STUDENTS

Project Title: Bikes in Schools Evaluation
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Kia Ora, Talofa Lava, Malo Lelei, Ni hao, Greetings Whānau & Students

We invite you to participate in the evaluation of *Bikes in Schools*.

What is Bikes in Schools?

Bikes in Schools aims to give students regular and equal access to bikes, and the opportunity to learn and practise riding in a safe environment. The programme usually involves a bike track (or tracks) within the school grounds and a set of bikes and helmets. *Your school is looking at establishing a bike track over the next 3-years, and therefore we invite you and your child to be part of this evaluation.*

What is the Bikes in Schools evaluation?

Mackie Research is evaluating the Bikes in Schools programme for the next 3-years (on behalf of ACC). This evaluation will be used to identify the effects of Bikes in Schools and to further improve the programme. We will investigate:

1. How Bikes in Schools is being delivered in different schools across New Zealand
2. The effect of Bikes in Schools on:
 - bike access, cycle safety knowledge & skills, cycling participation levels of the school community
 - students' physical activity levels and students' engagement at school

What does the evaluation involve for me and my child(ren)?

- A questionnaire for students to be completed in 2016, 2017 and 2018. This will be completed at school and will take approximately 15-minutes.
- The researchers visiting the school to observe Bikes in Schools lessons and students' bike skills.
- There may also be a survey or focus group for parents/caregivers approximately 1-year after the bike track has been built.

Your name and your child's name will not be used in any reports or documents and all information will be stored securely. You and your child(s) participation in this evaluation is voluntary and can be withdrawn at any time, without any consequences. Your school will be provided with a summary of results in 2018.

What do we need to do?

If you and your child are ok with being involved in this evaluation you don't need to do anything.

If you **do not want** your child to be involved in the evaluation you can either **contact Greer Hawley** on the details below or let your child(s) teacher know.

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Do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.