

# FAQs for Power Up Schools

## *What is the power up schools programme?*

Power Up aims to boost the number of children walking and biking to school. We'll be doing this through several different tactics including introducing, facilitating or supporting active modes of transport such as bike trains and Walking School Buses, running activations and events during and on completion of the programme, trialling changes to street layouts outside school gates to make drop off and pick up safer and introducing games and activities for children to participate in. The core focus of the programme is the primary outcome - boosting walking and cycling to school.

## *Who is working on this project?*

Power Up Schools is being delivered by Crank Communication with support from Auckland Transport. It is funded by the Waka Kotahi Innovating Streets for People programme.

## *Where is the funding coming from?*

Waka Kotahi (NZ Transport Agency) created the Innovating Streets programme as an opportunity to help councils adapt their streets to better support active and safe transport needs, as well as create safer, healthier and more people friendly towns. Crank, in collaboration with Auckland Transport, applied for funding via the Waka Kotahi Innovating Streets for People fund.

## *When will Power Up run?*

Planning for Power Up with each school has taken place over Term 4 2020. The remainder of the programme will run over Term 1 2021:

- Start of term, new active mode programmes (Walking School Buses, bike trains etc) commence.
- Mid-March, Power Up month begins.
- April - street trials start (exact dates TBC for each school).
- Mid-April, Power Up month ends. Active mode programmes continue with BAU support from Auckland Transport.

## *What is Power Up Month?*

Power Up Month spans mid-March to mid-April 2021. During the month, walks and rides from children on the active mode programmes will be logged on an app that allows them to compete against one another - and between classes, year groups and schools. There will be certificates, prizes and milestone rides badges (badges TBC) that participants will receive to encourage them to keep up with their trips.

## *How long will these trials be going on for?*

The street changes will happen in March/April 2021, but our work asking the community what they want these changes to look like will be happening from January 2021. And that doesn't mean the changes won't be able to be changed later on - we can make changes to the street layout at any point throughout. So if you have any suggestions or ideas even during power up month, we'd love to know! You can contact Alex at alex@crank.nz.

## *Which schools are involved?*

There are currently four schools involved in the Power Up Programme:

- Point Chevalier Primary School
- Upper Harbour Primary School
- Helensville Primary School
- Bayview Primary School

*What are the benefits for the non-school related community?*

Power Up aims to make the streets around the school a safer place to be - a part of this will be reducing traffic in these streets. This means you'll still be able to get in and out of your house, but there will be less other cars to compete with.

*What are the benefits for the school community?*

The reduction of traffic in the areas around schools provides a safer space for children when they arrive at school. There's also an increase of community camaraderie between parents and more social time for kids. The kids and the parent/teacher helpers are getting out and about in the community and getting active at the same time - win-win!

*I'm a resident of one of the neighbourhoods Power Up is taking place in. How do I find out more about what is happening in my area specifically?*

You can check out specifically what's happening in your neighbourhood on the Power Up webpage [here](#) or you can contact [alex@crank.nz](mailto:alex@crank.nz).

*What if I don't like the trials or changes you made to my street?*

That's the great thing about tactical urbanism is that something doesn't work, it's super easy to change! If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints, we'd love to hear them. You can get in touch with us at [alex@crank.nz](mailto:alex@crank.nz).

*I'm interested in being involved! Where do I sign up?*

That's awesome! You can learn more about the project at [our website here](#), and get in contact with our Project Manager Alex at [alex@crank.nz](mailto:alex@crank.nz)

*What is tactical urbanism?*

Tactical Urbanism involves temporary 'tactical demonstrations' and 'trial interventions' to test living, breathing versions of designs with communities in real time. This real-world testing focuses on delivering streets that put people first – making them safer and more liveable.

Simply put, tactical urbanism is when a space is changed temporarily in a way that makes it safer and more people-friendly. If people like the changes, they can be made permanent, or they can be changed to try a different set up. They can be tweaked throughout the process, and the result is a better, safer space for everyone to enjoy.