Dr Cranky's
a bike for every child

School Bike Checks

Getting kids on bikes — safe, inclusive and fun.

A registered charity program delivered in partnership with schools, local councils and communities.

About Dr Cranky's

Dr Cranky's is a registered charity working with local councils, schools, and communities to ensure every child has access to a safe, working bike. We help families check and fix their bikes, and provide recycled bikes, helmets, and locks to those who could not otherwise afford them.

Why School Bike Checks?

- Ensuring every child's bike is safe to ride
- Providing recycled bikes to children who need them
- Hands-on learning for students with additional needs
- Partnering with local councils, schools and families
- Building community engagement and inclusion

8,000+
children given access to a safe, working bike

126
sites reached

700,000+
extra bike rides generated per year

12,900+
community connections made

How the Program Works

The standard program visits your school across two days and four sessions — two before school and two after school — so families who miss the first visit have a second chance to participate.

Day 1 — Bike Safety Checks

Two sessions: 2 hrs before school + 1.5 hrs after school

Families bring bikes to be checked by Dr Cranky's qualified mechanics. Each bike receives a safety inspection and minor on-the-spot repairs — fitting a bell, reflectors, adjusting brakes, tightening handlebars, or replacing a tube. Suitable donated bikes are also repaired on-site for distribution at the follow-up session.

School support needed: Minimum three parent or staff volunteers to manage queues, record owner details, pump tyres and assist with fitting accessories. Children are encouraged to help.

Day 2 — Follow-Up & Bike Distribution

One to two weeks later: 2 hrs before school + 1.5 hrs after school

Families who missed Day 1 can bring their bikes. Dr Cranky's brings recycled bikes sourced to match requests from the first session, ready to be distributed to families who need them.

School support needed: Volunteers needed to manage queues, record details, and assist with tyre pumping and fitting accessories.

Single-day option: Available at $1,500 + GST, though families who miss the session won't have a follow-up opportunity.

Monitoring & Impact

Ongoing tracking

Dr Cranky's records all program activity, including participant details and parent contacts, for monitoring and evaluation. At bike handover we ask participants how often they are currently riding.

Follow-up survey

A follow-up SMS survey three to six months later measures the program's impact — specifically, how much additional riding participants generate. Data collection and surveys are entirely voluntary; families can opt out at any time.

Cost & Funding

Program Option	Cost (excl. GST)
Two-day program 4 sessions – 2 mornings, 2 arvos. 3 staff · parts · up to 6 recycled bikes, helmets & locks provided.	**$2,400 + GST**
Single-day program AM and PM sessions. 3 staff · parts · up to 4 recycled bikes, helmets & locks provided.	**$1,500 + GST**

Discounts available for repeat visits or multiple schools booking together. Larger schools (400+ students) may require an additional staff member and funding.

How is the Program Funded?

The program is typically co-funded through a partnership model:

- Local Council — $1,000–1,200 per day. Usually Active Transport and/or Road Safety programs.
- School contribution — $300 per day ensures the program remains financially sustainable.
- Participant donations — Accepted voluntarily via QR code on the day. All donations over $2 are tax-deductible (Dr Cranky's is a registered DGR charity).

School Budget Pathways

The school's contribution ($300/day) might be drawn from:

- Incursion / Excursion budget allocation
- Physical Education budget

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Ready to bring Dr Cranky's to your school?

Get in touch — we'll connect you with your local council partner and discuss your school's needs.

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