

METLINK GREAT TRANSPORT RACE

Frequently asked questions

How do I register?

Only teachers can register teams. If you are a student, please notify your teacher to register your involvement.

If you are an interested student or parent, contact your school and encourage them to take part.

Register using the online form at greattransportrace.com.au

Who can participate?

The Metlink Great Transport Race is open to all Victorian secondary school students in years 7 – 10.

Teams are made up of four students and one supervising adult. The team supervisor can be a teacher, parent or adult guardian.

Two teams from each school can register.

How do I organise a team?

Students should speak to their teacher about organising a team with class or club mates. Once you have permission from your school and they can provide an adult supervisor, teachers can fill out the online at greattransportrace.com.au

Do supervisors take part in the race?

Teachers or school approved supervisors are required to follow students throughout the race. The race is designed for students to lead, make decisions and navigate their way around Melbourne. The adult supervisor should not participate in decision making but may support the team as necessary.

What is race headquarters (race HQ)?

Race HQ is the starting and finishing point for the day.

When teams arrive at race HQ they register with event officials and receive a race guide listing all the pit stops on offer.

Teams are given a full event and safety briefing. Upon return to race HQ, the scores are tallied and finalists announced.

Teams can return to race HQ at any time throughout the day to rest and use the facilities.

How long does the race take?

Teams must register at race HQ by 9am, before setting off on trains, trams and buses with five hours to complete the race.

Teams must return to race HQ by 2.30pm sharp or time penalties apply. Schools will be free to leave by 3pm.



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What will I get if I participate in the race?

- Public transport tickets – one for each team member to use to travel to race HQ and during the race.
- SUBWAY® lunch – The sub specialists return as a Metlink event sponsor, providing each team member with a six inch sub and one of their famous cookies.
- Carman's muesli bars – help ensure team members keep up their energy levels by providing gourmet muesli bars to all participants during the day at every heat.
- Melway street directories – Melbourne's much loved street directory helps guide each team during their Metlink GTR adventure.
- Metlink GTR backpack with t-shirts, drink bottles and caps for the entire team.
- Spot prizes will be awarded during the heats and grand final winners receive individual and school prizes.

What should I wear or bring on the day?

Wear comfortable shoes. You will be on your feet a lot – high heels are not recommended.

Be prepared for all seasons. Bring along a compact raincoat, fold-up umbrella and sunscreen just in case.

Each team supervisor must have a fully-charged mobile phone. The number will be recorded by event organisers to contact you if necessary. Also remember to bring along the public transport tickets that will be posted to you to use on the day.

T-shirts, caps, backpacks and drink bottles are provided on the day. Students must wear the provided t-shirts as a form of identification.

How are finalists chosen?

The top five teams from each heat advance to the grand final, based on the number of time bonuses they accumulate during the day. Teams gain time bonuses for correct pit stop answers, photos and activities completed. Remember, Metlink GTR is not necessarily a game of speed but strategy.

All teams must return to race HQ by the race finishing time. Late teams receive time penalties.

What are the benefits of taking part in the Metlink Great Transport Race?

The race teaches students to confidently use public transport. Knowing how trains, trams and buses work and where to go for information about their journey gives students the chance to travel around Melbourne safely and more independently.

Students gain skills in navigation and map-reading. It's an opportunity for them to see Melbourne in a way not experienced before. They discover interesting new places in their local area – places they would choose to visit on weekends or holidays.

The race gives students the chance to be active, to strategise, work in teams, represent their school and meet students from other schools.

Teams that reach the grand final have the chance to win individual and school prizes.



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Where can I find more information about public transport?

Metlink is the one-stop-shop for public transport information. Visit metlinkmelbourne.com.au or call 131 638 6am – midnight daily for train, tram and bus information.

Or visit the MetShop, located at the Melbourne Town Hall on the corner of Swanston and Little Collins streets.

Are toilets located on the race course?

Teams can use the toilets and rest at race HQ at any time. Many pit stops have water, toilets and sheltered rest areas.

When will I receive my pre-race information pack?

An information pack will be sent to you two weeks before your race. It will include the race HQ address, start and finish time, public transport tickets for team members and supervisors, and important safety information.

