



# Introducing On The Go!



Welcome to **On the Go!**, an innovative and comprehensive Auckland Transport Travelwise programme designed for Year 7 and 8 students in Tāmaki Makaurau, Auckland. This unit of six interactive lessons addresses critical issues facing our communities today, including climate change, road safety, and sustainable transport.

As kaiako (educators), you play a vital role in shaping the future of our society. This programme empowers you to equip your ākonga (students) with essential knowledge and skills that will benefit both them and their communities. By teaching this curriculum-aligned unit, you'll be:

1. Raising awareness about climate change and its impacts
2. Promoting safe and responsible travel habits
3. Encouraging healthy, active and sustainable transport choices
4. Fostering independence and decision-making skills

## Why this matters

Tāmaki Makaurau, Auckland, like many cities, faces significant traffic congestion, with 280,000 daily journeys transporting students. This not only contributes to environmental issues but also causes congestion and safety risks, particularly near schools.

By educating students about climate change, road safety, and sustainable travel options, we can work towards reducing traffic, improving air quality, and creating safer communities.

## Benefits for students and communities

This programme will help ākonga develop crucial life skills, such as safely navigating roads and public transport. It encourages healthy physical activity, which supports both tinana (physical) and hinengaro (mental) wellbeing. Moreover, by understanding their role in combating climate change, students become empowered to make positive changes in their daily lives and influence those around them.

Through **On the Go!**, you'll be nurturing informed, responsible citizens who can contribute to a more sustainable and safer future for Aotearoa, New Zealand.



## On the Go! Programme overview

Lesson	Name	Learning intention (WALT)	Success criteria
1	What is climate change?	Identify what climate change is and why the climate is changing	I can explain what climate change is I can describe the greenhouse effect I can identify the role of fossil fuels in climate change
2	How is climate change affecting the world?	Identify some key impacts of climate change on the world	I can read graphs that show how Earth's temperature is increasing I can examine Earth's polar regions and describe the changes I see I can explain the impacts of climate change on people, animals and places
3	How big is your carbon footprint?	Understand the personal impact an individual can have on climate change	I can explain what a carbon footprint is I can use mathematics to estimate the carbon dioxide emissions from a car journey to school I can explain why reducing carbon dioxide emissions is so important
4	Safe active journeys	Identify road safety rules for pedestrians, bikes and scooters and their importance	I can explain why we have road safety rules to follow I can identify key road safety rules for pedestrians, riding a scooter and cycling I can explain how manaakitanga (respect) applies to myself and others while travelling
5	Using public transport	Recognise actions that are polite and safe when using public transport	I can identify the steps needed for making a journey using public transport I can identify how I should behave and make safe choices when using public transport I can explain how manaakitanga (respect) applies to myself and others while using public transport
6	Getting around Auckland	Plan journeys using the AT journey planner	I can plan a journey to school using public transport, walking or cycling I can plan a journey using a bus, train and ferry I can use the AT journey planner to plan a journey to places across Auckland

**On the Go!** is designed to engage students with key topics on climate change, road safety, and active travel. Over six lessons, students will explore the causes and effects of climate change, consider their carbon footprints, and learn about kaitiakitanga – the Māori value of guardianship and environmental conservation. They'll also explore essential road safety rules and the importance of manaakitanga – the Māori value of respect and care for others, while travelling.

This programme equips students with knowledge and skills to become informed and responsible travellers, positively impacting their communities and the environment.