



ACTIVITY FOUR:

Know Your Timetable – Plan a journey

Many students use public transport to get to a variety of destinations. This activity has been designed to allow students to research the public transport options available, plan a journey and undertake it.

Student Outcomes

Society and Environment

Strand: Investigation, Communication and Participation
Processing and Interpreting Information

ICP 2.3 The student selects categories and compares information.

Strand: Place and Space
Features of Places

PS 2.1 The student understands that places are characterised by their location and specific natural and built features.

Purpose

This activity will provide an opportunity for the student to:

- Plan an excursion using public transport
- Describe the travel options available through Transperth
- Describe how the location of facilities influences choices people make about visiting places
- Describe the different types of tickets that can be used on Transperth services
- Understand how to purchase and use these tickets
- Understand the penalties incurred for ticket infringements.

Preparation

Prior to the activity teachers can determine a destination that can be reached using public transport.

- Locate relevant timetables for train, bus or ferry services.
- Ensure students have internet access so they can research timetables using internet sites such as: www.transperth.wa.gov.au

Procedure

1. Using timetables and/or the internet, students can plan how to reach a particular destination using public transport.
2. As part of the research students can find out the following:
 - Where can you purchase a ticket?
 - How does SmartRider work?
 - How you add-value to your SmartRider?
 - How long your ticket will last?
 - What are ticket infringements for?
3. Plan the journey and then implement the plan. There are many wonderful educational opportunities that can be accessed by public transport. These include: Perth Zoo, Scitech Discovery Centre, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Fremantle Prison, Aquarium of Western Australia, Mandurah Foreshore Reserve, Penguin Island or Pioneer Village.

Variation

- Students can create a story map or flow chart of the planned excursion.
- Students can photograph aspects of the journey and write a journal recounting the class excursion and what transport was used. Check with the Public Transport Authority to ensure they know students are photographing as part of the Right Track program.



Fact File

For the most up-to-date Transperth travel information:

- Call the InfoLine on 13 62 13 between 6.30am – 10pm weekdays and 7am – 10pm weekends and public holidays
- Visit www.transperth.wa.gov.au to help plan your day using the Transperth Journey Planner, Timetable and TravelEasy
- Visit a Transperth InfoCentre in the city located at Esplanade Busport, Wellington Street Bus Station, Perth Train Station and Plaza Arcade
- Find a Timetable at a train or bus station, Transperth InfoCentre and on board buses and ferries.
- Download the Transperth app on iPhone or Andriod

From the Kids

“My cousin came up from the country. He didn’t know the rules at the train station so when he wanted to get to the other platform he jumped down on to the track to cross over. The Transit Officer saw him and he was fined. He knows the rules now and he knows there are consequences for not knowing the rules too.” – Dianna (17)

