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SCHOOLS GUIDE



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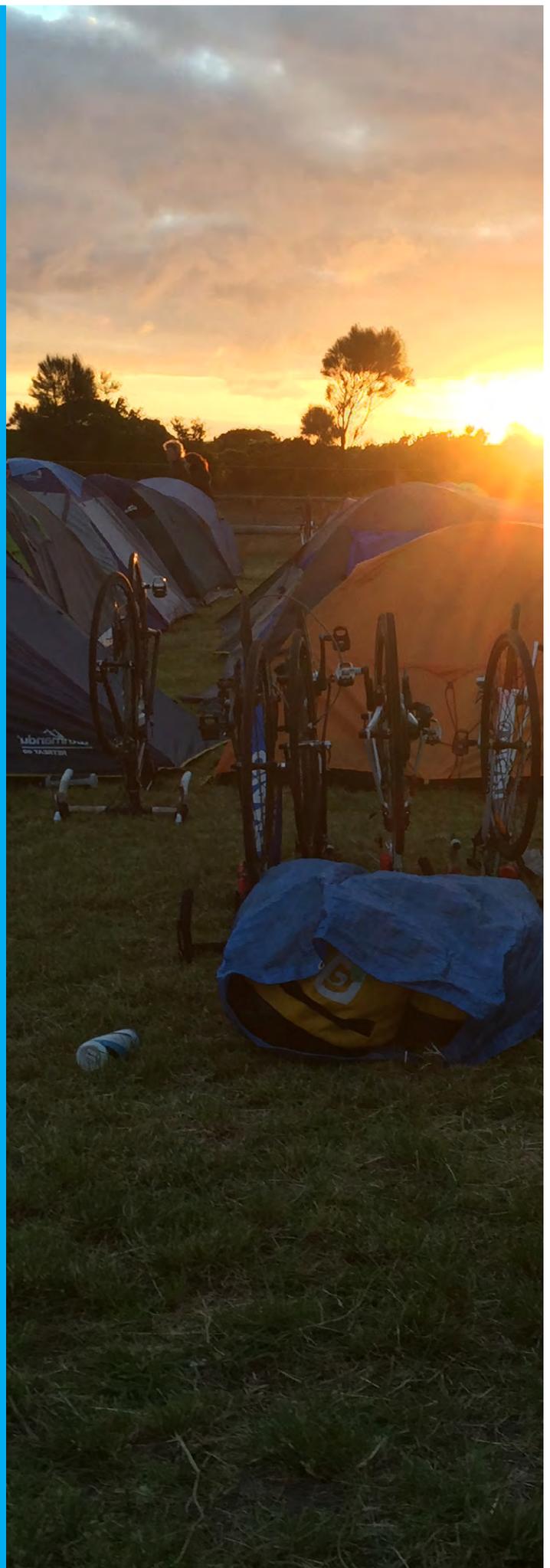
**SATURDAY 27 NOVEMBER –
SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER 2021**

The Great Vic Bike Ride has been leading people on epic bike riding and camping adventures for over 36 years. Each year, over a thousand school students join the iconic, fully supported event to ride and camp through Victoria's beautiful countryside and visit places often left off the typical tourist map. It's a rite of passage for people who ride bikes and has established a proud reputation for being much more than a cycling event.

After the year of 2020, the 2021 Great Vic could not come at a better time. After some extended time at home, giving students a chance to explore the beauty of their own backyard as part of a vibrant rolling community is an experience they will never forget.

The Great Vic gets students outside and active, develops camaraderie, independence and resilience, and teaches the value of achievement. You'll take away students excited for an adventure and return with a group of resilient young people united by a grand achievement.

Join us in 2021 for a 3, 5 or 9 day adventure as we explore Western Victoria's Art Silos and the Grampians.



THE GREAT VIC RIDE OPTIONS

3 DAY RIDE

Halls Gap - Great Western 212km

PRICE	Early Bird	Standard
Student	\$405	\$505
Adult	\$535	\$635

5 DAY RIDE

Rainbow - Halls Gap 320km

PRICE	Early Bird	Standard
Student	\$545	\$645
Adult	\$755	\$855

9 DAY RIDE

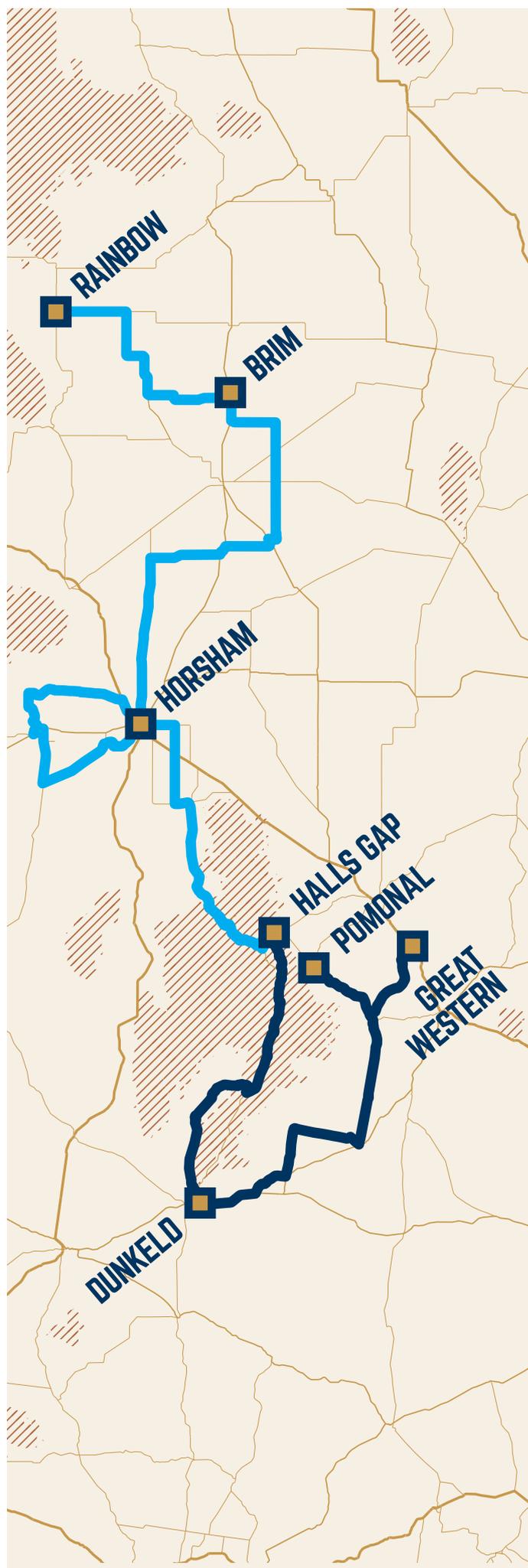
Rainbow - Great Western 532km

PRICE	Early Bird	Standard
Student	\$775	\$875
Adult	\$1085	\$1185

*Each school group of 4 students or more will be entitled to 2 or more Suitably Qualified Adult riders (SQA) free of charge.

KEY DATES

- + **Monday 17 May, 2021**
Early bird entries open
Deposits and full entries available.
\$200 deposit must be paid by August 8 to secure early bird pricing.
- + **Sunday 8 August, 2021**
Early bird entries close
After this date only full entries will be taken (deposits not available).
- + **Wednesday 22 September, 2021**
Balance payments due



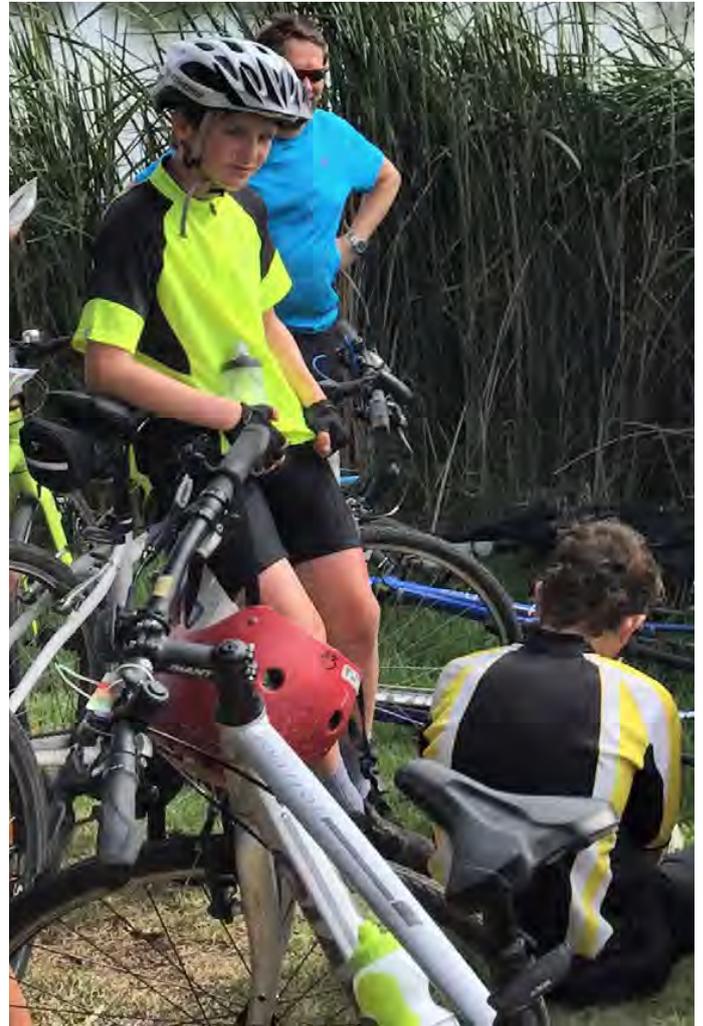
GREAT FOR STUDENTS

The Great Vic makes for a brilliant school camp environment. The ride is a challenging yet fun experience alongside people from all age groups and walks of life. Bicycle Network provides all meals and snacks, campsites, medical and on-route support, allowing schools to focus on educational and developmental goals.

As one of the largest fully supported bike riding events in the world, the Great Vic is a truly unique way for students to see the countryside while learning about themselves and what they're capable of.

PHYSICAL FITNESS AND BIKE RIDING SKILLS

- + Practical bicycle maintenance skills
- + Road cycling skills including balance, signalling and pedalling techniques
- + Spatial awareness skills honed from riding and communicating in groups
- + Improved physical fitness from preparing for and undertaking the ride
- + Improved mental and emotional health outcomes through physical activity and adversity



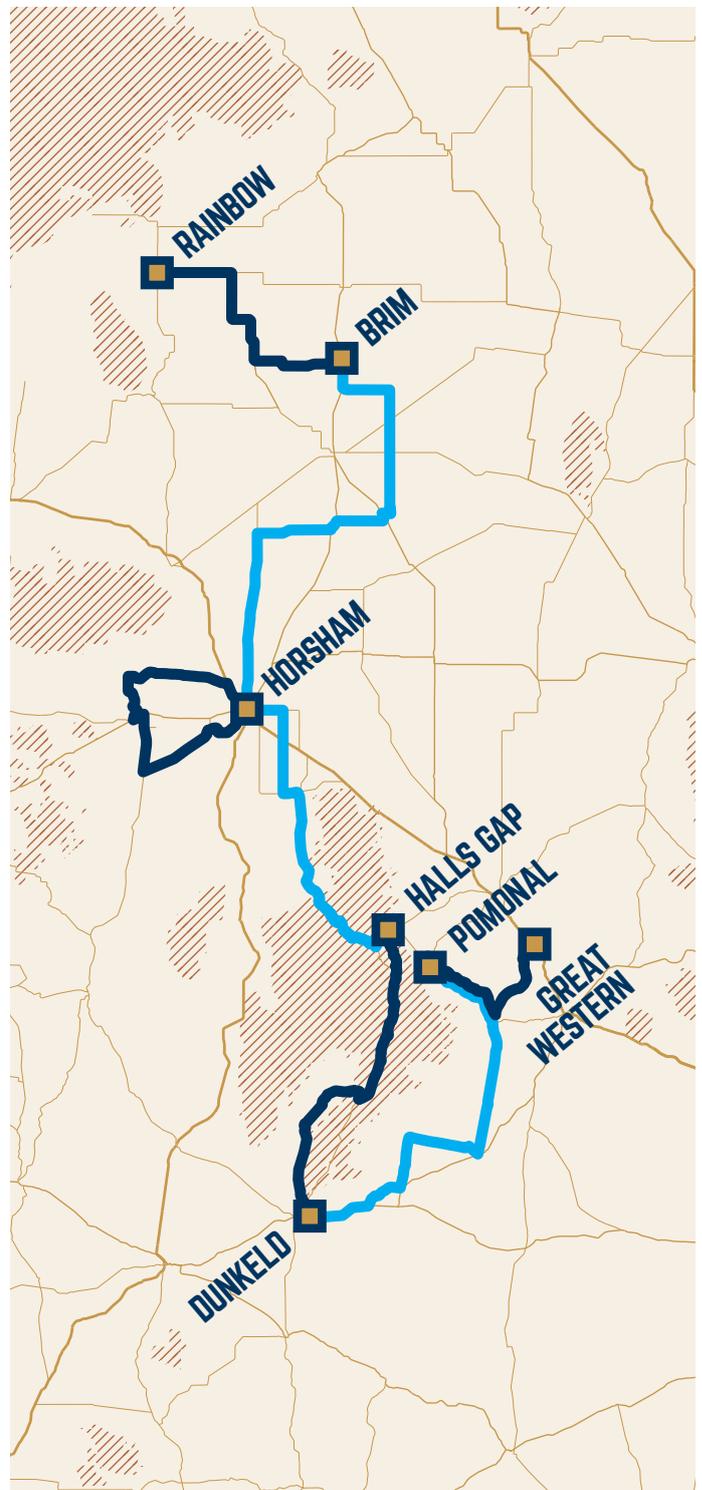
LIFE SKILLS AND EXPERIENCES

- + Sense of achievement leading to improved confidence, resilience and personal growth
- + Improved teamworking and leadership skills from working with peers
- + Exposure to greater social diversity riding alongside other school groups and riders from all age groups and walks of life
- + Improved social skills from living in a dense and close-knit moving community

A DAY AT THE GREAT VIC

The Great Vic is so much more than just a bike ride. Here's what you can expect on any given day:

- + Wake up, throw on some riding clothes, roll up your tent and head to the dining area for breakfast
- + Pack up your bags and take them to the luggage trucks for transport to the next campsite
- + Hit the road! Students can set off in smaller groups or as one big team, it's up to you.
- + Ride at your own pace and follow signs and directions from friendly route marshals, stopping for a look at any attractions that catch your eye.
- + Visit the lunch and rest stops to relax, refuel and regroup.
- + Arrive at the next campsite, collect your luggage and set up tents for the night in the designated school camping area.
- + Visit the Ride2School hub to borrow sporting equipment, games and join the daily briefings at 5pm.
- + Explore your new home for the evening before coming together for dinner at the camp dining area.



Day 1	Rainbow	<i>Arrival day</i>
Day 2	Rainbow-Brim	58km
Day 3	Brim-Horsham	109km
Day 4	Horsham Loop	83km
Day 5	Horsham-Halls Gap	78km
Day 6	Halls Gap	<i>Rest day</i>
Day 7	Halls Gap-Dunkeld	72km
Day 8	Dunkeld-Pomonal	97km
Day 9	Pomonal-Great Western	40km

SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS

We're here for you. The Great Vic Bike Ride is managed by a dedicated team of event professionals, volunteers and contractors; all of whom have a valid Working with Children's Check and are focused on making it easy for everyone to ride. Each day, this team moves our tented community from one town to the next, including transporting a kitchen, toilets, showers, vendors, dining hall, café, and your luggage.

The team also provides a range of entertainment and support at camp and while you're out on the road. An information hub open from camp set-up to sundown will keep you up to date on what's going on in each town we visit along the way.

DAILY SCHOOL BRIEFINGS

A school briefing for teachers and accompanying adults will be held every evening at 5:00pm at the Ride2School zone, located within the schools camping area. Representatives from Bicycle Network's event management and Ride2School team will recap the day's ride and discuss the following day's route and activities. This is also a great chance to communicate with other school groups and acts as a forum to discuss any issues that may arise over the course of the ride.

Attendance at the briefings is compulsory, as it is the venue for discussing all relevant information that needs to be communicated to school groups.

RESERVED CAMPING AREA

Each temporary tent city we set up along the way will have a reserved camping area for school groups. The individual toilet and shower pod units will be located nearby for school groups to use. Students are not permitted to use the toilet and shower trucks as per our [Child Safety Policy](#)

Children are vital and active participants in Bicycle Network's programs and events, so we're proud to have developed a culture that promotes the wellbeing and safety of children at all times. This policy helps us to create an environment where children are safe, happy and empowered.

FLEXIBLE MEAL OPTIONS

The Great Vic catering team have been feeding hungry bike riders on the event for decades, and happily cater to the following meal options: standard, GF standard, vegetarian, GF vegetarian, vegan or GF vegan. All Great Vic Bike Ride meals are produced without the inclusion of peanuts and other tree nuts. However, whilst reasonable measures are taken to ensure meals don't contain nuts, all meals are processed in a factory containing nuts and therefore may contain traces.

Rider's will be asked to choose their meal preference when registering. Special requests outside of the meal options available will not be possible.

RIDE2SCHOOL ZONE

The Ride2School team will set up a marquee within the school camping area where students can interact with team members and borrow sporting equipment, games and activities. This will also be where the daily school briefing is held.

STREAMLINED REGISTRATION SYSTEM

For 2021 we've shifted our registration software to Register Now for the ease of school group registration process. Schools administrators can now input their group details directly into Register Now, share invites with group members and manage their group's payments. Further information about the registration system can be found below.

SCHOOLS TRAINING PROGRAM

This year for the first time we're lucky enough to have Specialized Women's Racing pro and national time trial champion Kate Perry develop an easy-to-follow training plan specifically for school groups to help you conquer your Great Vic goals. This includes nutrition and equipment advice, a 6-week fitness challenge that students can follow in their own time and a 6-month training program in the lead up to the event.

[Learn more about Kate's training plans here.](#)

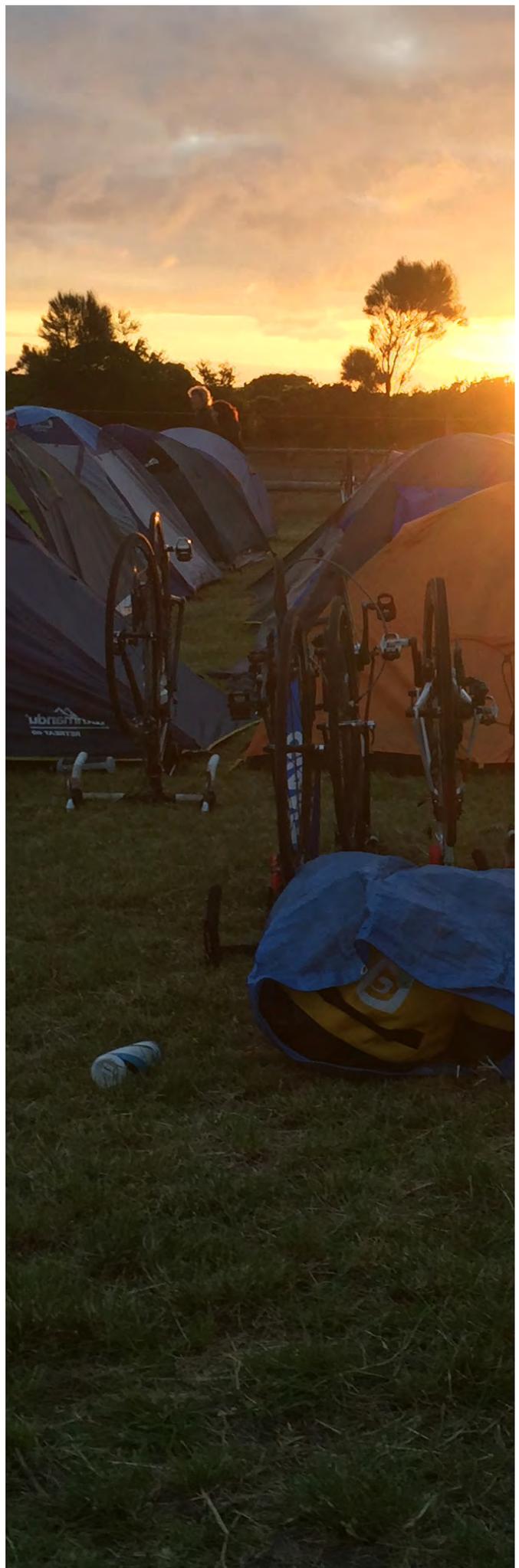
EXTRA SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS

We know organising school camps takes a lot of work, and we're here to help you every step of the way. Our dedicated Great Vic Schools Coordinator, Nick Searles, can assist with any and all issues or questions you may have along the way. There will also be information sessions held in the lead up to the event. See Nick's contact details below!

SUITABLY QUALIFIED ADULTS & THE RATIO SYSTEM

Schools can bring along a certain number of supervising adults that will be responsible for the conduct, behaviour and well-being of their students. Such a supervising adult is known as a Suitably Qualified Adult (SQA). Any teacher or adult member (parent or other adult aged 18+) of the riding group can be considered an SQA and attend the ride free of charge. SQAs that a school group can bring on the ride depend on the number of students attending. The table below outlines the required number of SQAs per school group size. Of course, more adults are always welcome, with adult tickets available during registration.

Number of students in group	Number of SQAs required to attend and free of charge
4-20	2
21-30	3
31-40	4
41-50	5
51-60	6
61-70	7
71-80	8
81-90	9
91-100	10
100 or more	11 + 1 for every 10 students above 100



PAYMENTS

DEPOSITS

For 2021, \$200 deposits are required by 5pm Sunday 8 August to secure your position on the event. After this period tickets may only be purchased for the full cost upfront.

BALANCE PAYMENT

By paying a deposit, you are committing to the full ride payment for each of your riders. The remaining balance payments for all your riders are due by 5pm Wednesday 22 September. Failure to pay the balance of any ticket by 22 September forfeits that ticket and the rider's place on the ride cannot be guaranteed.

MAKING PAYMENTS

When registering your school, you will be given the option for school group members to pay for their own registration fees, or the school can pay for all members from your school group account in Register Now or via invoice. If school group members are paying individually, they will be sent an email with instructions to process their payment. Please ensure your school group and its members are aware of the relevant payment deadlines.

REGISTERING YOUR RIDERS

In 2021 we have updated our rider registration system to Register Now for the ease of school group organisers. Once a school group is created, the school administrator will be able to add riders into the group individually, or you can share a link with participants to input rider details directly.

CANCELLING TICKETS

We really, really don't want anyone to cancel their tickets, but we understand that sometimes riders need to drop out for a variety of reasons. Deposits paid for early bird tickets are non-refundable. Depending on when one of your riders needs to drop out of the ride, some amount may be available to refund. Any refund requests must come from the school. Bicycle Network will not process refund requests directly from riders.

In some circumstances, Bicycle Network members may be able to claim the some ride costs lost due to cancellation under the membership insurance scheme. Membership is encouraged for all riders. If any of your riders are interested membership, give us a call or have a look at our website.

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Item	Up to 30 days prior to event	Under 30 days prior to event
Event entry or balance payment	Full refund (excluding deposits)	No refund
Extras (transport, child tickets, valet, postage, tents, phone charging) Excludes merchandise.	Full refund	No refund
Merchandise	As per HUB's policy	
Upgrades	Anytime - just pay the difference	
Downgrades	Full refund of difference	No refund of difference

TRANSFERRING RIDERS

Instead of cancelling a ticket, we recommend transferring it to another rider. Bicycle Network will help facilitate the transfer of purchased tickets to new riders as late as possible. Ticket transfers can be made at any time prior to Friday 22 October 2021. After 22 October, we require all ticket information to be completed and confirmed so we can print rider passports and finalise any meal options. Transfers required after 22 October may be processed on the event.

Our dedicated school coordinator is available to assist school groups with transfers or any other questions throughout the registration process.

CLAIMING GST INPUT TAX CREDITS

Schools may be able to claim an input tax credit on meal expenses of \$23.50 per rider, per day - this amount is the claimable portion, not the direct food cost per rider per day.

CONTACT - GOT A QUESTION?



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Our designated school coordinator Nick Searles is here to assist at all points in the process, from registering and booking tickets, paying deposits and balances, finalising rider lists, confirming meal preferences and rider details, arranging transport and dealing with any other issues as required. Chat to Nick for further information and to register your interest into the Great Vic Bike ride for 2021.

