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PREMIER JOINS WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

NSW Premier and Minister for Western Sydney Barry O'Farrell today participated in the annual Walk Safely To School Day with students from Sydney's West.

Mr O'Farrell was joined by Federal Opposition Leader Tony Abbott at Belmore North Public School, where students embraced the day's message of the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle and practicing safety around roads.

"Walk Safely To School Day has grown into an important day on the school calendar in raising awareness of the importance of an active, healthy lifestyle and road safety," Mr O'Farrell said.

"The national event shows how easy it is for primary school aged children and their parents to build healthy activities into their daily program, and gives students experience and confidence to walk in their local communities.

"All these simple measures add up and help our children to keep obesity and other health problems at bay.

"Walking to school each day will teach young children the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, educate them about road safety rules and reduce traffic congestion around schools.

"I'm pleased more than 90 per cent of NSW primary schools are participating in today's event, reinforcing those important messages to our children.

"The NSW Government is committed to other measures such as fast-tracking the rollout of flashing lights for school speed zones to ensure the roads around our schools are as safe as possible for our children.

"I congratulate the Pedestrian Council of Australia on their support for this event which is growing bigger and better every year," Mr O'Farrell said.

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