



Safe school walk

MEMBER for Canterbury Linda Burney joined Campsie Public School Principal Robin Redhead, parents and carers in walking to school on Friday as part of Walk Safely to School Day.

“The aims of the day are to promote safe pedestrian behaviours, encourage children aged ten years and younger to only cross roads when holding an adult’s hand and promote the health benefits of walking,” Ms Burney said.

Another aim is to reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change, as children become adults.

As part of the day Marrickville Mayor Moris Hanna also joined with Ferncourt, Thomas Becket and Camdenville Primary Schools to raise awareness of the importance of developing healthy lifestyle habits at a young age and to reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.

Marrickville Council provided free drink packs for children and parents registered to walk to school on the day.

Councillor Hanna said he was really pleased that local schools encouraged their parents and carers to walk, cycle or catch public transport to school with their kids.

“Just 30 minutes of something like walking, most days of the week can help you maintain good health, and this is a vital lesson for everyone to learn,” he said.

“Children are great imitators so it’s also important for parents to set a good example for road safety behaviour.”

Walk Safely to School Day is an annual event.