Territory parents and primary school children are being encouraged to take part in this year’s *Walk Safely to School Day* this Friday, April 7.

Chief Minister Clare Martin made sure the campaign got off on the right foot when she walked with children at Parap Primary School this morning to promote the event.

“We have to get the good habits going early in life - a healthy child has a much better chance of being a healthy adult,” Ms Martin said.

“This event which is held around the country every year promotes road safety, health, public transport and the environment.

“It encourages children to walk and commute safely to school.

“Parents are being encouraged to walk with their primary age children on the day so they can reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.

“This includes ensuring children up to 10 years of age hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.

“The day also encourages the use of public transport to reduce the level of traffic on our roads.

“Although it’s important as many people as possible take part on Friday – it’s crucial we remember the messages of the day for the whole year,” Ms Martin said.

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