

## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

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### **CYCLING KICKS OFF NEW ADVENTURES FOR BAY SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Portland Bay School will receive funds from United Way Glenelg Community Fund to purchase nine new mountain bikes to assist students in their recreation, exercise and therapy needs.

Many of the students have physical challenges that impede their motor skills and the cycling program plays an essential part in developing these fundamental skills further.

“The reality for most of the students, even those who may have the physical capacity to drive a vehicle, will be that they’re unable to obtain a driver’s license due to their diminished neurological capacity,” said Adam Jones, Motor Skills Coordinator teacher at Portland Bay School.

“If we can develop the fundamental skills of being able to ride a bike competently, and safely, many of our students will have a degree of independence later in their adult years.”

Nicole Angelino, Executive Officer United Way Glenelg said she was thrilled with funds going to the All Abilities Cycling program.

“Transportation is incredibly important in a modern society. This project would allow the students, many of whom will be unable to drive, the knowledge and skills required to ride a bike as an inexpensive method of transport.

All young people should be able to participate as valued members of an inclusive community,” conclude Ms Angelino.

Up to 50 students aged from five to 18 at Portland Bay School go through the cycling program.

For more information on how you can support vital programs such as *All Abilities Cycling* please contact Nicole Angelino at United Way Glenelg on 0410 51 3305 or go to their website [www.unitedwayglenelg.com.au](http://www.unitedwayglenelg.com.au)

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#### **Media Interview and Photo Opportunity**

Where: Portland Bay School

When: Wednesday 29 November 2017 9.45am

Who: Portland Bay School students, United Way Glenelg representative

What: All Abilities Cycling project

Why: Donation of funds to purchase nine new bikes to build students exercise and therapy needs