Safe school travel

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Tips to improve children’s safety around your school

- Children aged four years to under seven years must be secured in a forward facing restraint or booster seat.
- Children aged four years to under seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child restraint or booster seat.
- Children should always get in and out of the car through the rear kerb side or ‘safety door’.
- Always drop your children on the school side of the road.
- Meet your children on the school side of the road, preferably at the school gate – particularly in wet weather.
- NEVER call to your children from across the road. Teach them to wait until you come to them. Talk with them about what they should do if you are not there on time.
- Children up to at least eight years old should hold an adult’s hand in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road. Children between eight and at least ten years old should be closely supervised by an adult in the traffic environment and should hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.
- Talk your child through the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ routine every time you cross the road together:
  - STOP! One step back from the kerb.
  - LOOK! For traffic to your right, left and right again.
  - LISTEN! For the sounds of approaching traffic.
  - THINK! Whether it is safe to cross.
  - Always look and listen for traffic as you cross the road.
- Always slow to 40km/h when travelling in an operating school zone.
- Always obey parking signs as these signs help save children’s lives.
- NEVER leave a child of any age in a vehicle without adult supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to tragedy.
- Always drop-off and pick-up your children from your school’s designated area, following your school’s road safety procedures with care and courtesy.
- Many schools have adopted a school ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ zone – a facility that is convenient for drivers while enhancing the safety of children.

For a free copy of the School ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ initiative brochure, Stock No 4509 4011, containing information on establishing this initiative at your school, contact the RTA.

Offence and penalty when committed in an operating school zone

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* These values are higher for provisional drivers and are doubled during designated holiday/long weekend periods.

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Move Ahead with Street Sense is a road safety education program delivered as part of the PDHPE program in all NSW primary schools.
Parking safely near the school

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Parking unsafely can put children’s lives at risk. Increased fines and loss of demerit points apply when certain offences are committed in an operating school zone.

Parking or stopping on or near a pedestrian crossing
The minimum penalty of a $344 fine and the loss of 2 demerit points applies for stopping or parking a vehicle on or near:
- A pedestrian crossing.
- A children’s crossing.
- Any marked foot crossing.

The following behaviours put children at risk outside the school
- Calling children across the road.
- Dropping children on the wrong side of the road.
- Leaving children in a vehicle without adult supervision.
- Double parking.
- Parking in a bus zone or driveway.
- Making an illegal U-turn.

Double parking
The minimum fine for double parking is $258 and the loss of 2 demerit points.

Making an illegal U-turn
The minimum penalty for making an illegal U-turn is a $258 fine and the loss of 3 demerit points.

Parking on the footpath
The minimum penalty for parking on a footpath or across a driveway is $143 and the loss of 2 demerit points.

Parking or stopping on or near a pedestrian crossing
The minimum fine for parking here is $143 and the loss of 2 demerit points.

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