

SCHOOL SAFETY NOTICE TO DRIVERS

There is NO EXCUSE for disobeying traffic control signs and road rules in the vicinity of a school. There are NO APOLOGIES for issuing infringement notices to offenders. Parking dangerously, blocking sight lines, blocking buses and crossings puts children's lives at risk.

Please read and understand the following traffic controls around your school:



NO STOPPING

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a NO STOPPING sign applies.

(Penalty: exceeds \$310 + two demerit points)



NO PARKING

You are permitted to stop in a NO PARKING zone only while you are engaged in dropping off or picking up passengers.

You must stay within three metres of our vehicle.

You must not stop for more than two minutes.

(Penalty: exceeds \$170 + two demerit points)



BUS ZONE

You are not permitted to stop in a BUS ZONE unless you are driving a public bus.

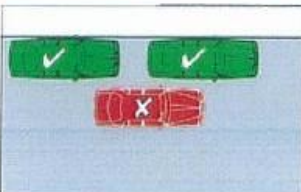
(Penalty: exceeds \$310 + two demerit points)



CHILDREN'S CROSSING

You are not permitted to stop within 20 metres before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing

(Penalty: exceeds \$410 + two demerit points)



DOUBLE PARKING

You must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another car that is parked at the side of the road to wait or pick up or drop off passengers.

(Penalty: exceeds \$310 + two demerit points)

THE COST OF TAKING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOU

The Principal

12 February 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

CHILD SAFETY AND PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS

Schools have returned for Term 1 2015 and once again Wollongong City Council Ranger Services is conducting patrols around schools enforcing parking legislation and encouraging safe parking habits in an effort to increase children's safety. Council and its Rangers have a commitment to safety around schools.

I seek your co-operation in helping us educate the few people who put children at risk either through laziness, a false sense of 'doing the right thing' or by not knowing the simple road rules that apply around schools.

I would appreciate you distributing in one of your first newsletters of the term the 'School Safety Notice' document both as advice and as a warning to parents/guardians picking up and dropping off children with the school zone. School zone parking offences carry substantial penalties, with stopping in a No Stopping zone or a bus zone carrying a \$311 fine along with 2 demerit point as does double parking. Stopping on or near a children's crossing carries a \$415 fine and 2 demerit points. More critically, cars in these places put our children at risk.

We will be patrolling schools in the Local Government Area and we will be responding to complaints of irresponsible or dangerous parking by drivers around schools. We are working cooperatively with the New South Wales Police and the Highway Patrol, the Roads and Maritime Services, Department of Education and Communities and various dioceses. Please help us reduce the risks to our children and help stop these few putting the many at risk.

At schools, Rangers will site themselves openly, to photograph offending vehicles. They will later post out penalty notices rather than risk a confrontation with drivers/parents/ guardians by handing out the "on-the-spot-fine" in front of children.

I have attached URLs to the RMS for "A practical guide from the RMS for road safety around schools" you may find useful, and more on developing a pick up and drop off program. I encourage you to engage your P&C in developing a safe pickup and drop off zone. The RMS site is the best resource for all traffic related matters.

Please feel free to contact me, or Road Safety Officer Naomi Reid, through Council on 4227 7111 about any parking concerns you may have.

This letter is authorised by

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<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/>

http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/dropoff_pickup.html

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/downloads/dropoffpickup/dropoffpickup organise.pdf>

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