

# BACK TO SCHOOL



## Don't be hasty, think of your child's safety!

**The daily drop off and pick up can be stressful, but it should always be safe.** Whether your child is returning to school or it's the beginning of your child's school journey, ensuring their safety in and around school zones and educating them on safe street practices is a top priority.

### **School zones and speed limits**

Reduced speed limits apply to school zones and areas around schools during drop off and pick-up times. Schools are busy areas where there are often lots of unsupervised children who don't always understand the danger of roads and vehicles. Take care when travelling in and through a school zone. Don't be naughty, check you're doing 40!



### Parking at school safely

Take extra care when parking in or around schools and follow the signed parking rules at all times. Many schools operate 'drop and go' zones with a 2 minute parking maximum. When used correctly, drop and go zones are very safe, effective and help reduce traffic congestion.



### Here's how you can help keep your child safe in a school zone:

- Say goodbye to your children on the school side of the road – never get them to cross the road to their school entrance alone
- Walk across the road to meet your children after school; always get them to use the pedestrian or school crossing
- Try to leave home early to avoid arriving at the busiest times
- Follow the directions of all signs
- Park a safe distance from all crossings
- Always single park (double parking causes accidents and traffic jams)
- Organise a safe place to meet your children in case you are late for collection
- **Report illegally parked vehicles;** if someone has parked illegally it can be dangerous to both you and your child.

## Parking Dos and DON'Ts

### DO

- ✓ Be aware
- ✓ Be responsible
- ✓ Be courteous
- ✓ BE SAFE

### DON'T

- ✗ Park in a loading zone; only stop for the allowable amount of time
- ✗ Stop on a school or pedestrian crossing or on the road 20 metres before or 10 metres after the crossing. Keep a safe distance.
- ✗ Stop or park in a No Standing zone
- ✗ Park in a bus stop or bus zone unless you're driving a bus! (12 seats +)
- ✗ Park on a yellow line
- ✗ Park facing the wrong way
- ✗ Park over a drive way
- ✗ Park on a footpath or nature strip
- ✗ Park on a painted island; or
- ✗ Park in a disabled parking bay unless you have a permit



**Council patrols parking around schools** using automated number plate recognition technology which has the ability to detect both parking and moving vehicle offences.