

## 6 Helpful Tips for School Zones

As parents and caregivers, we have a great responsibility to ensure children stay safe in school zones. We also play a key role in educating children about road safety.

**Here are 6 helpful tips for safety in school zones.**

**1** Consider alternative transport modes to reduce the number of vehicles in school zones.

**2** Allow enough time to take your child to the school gate safely and without rushing.

**3** Always observe parking signs and speed limits in and around school zones. They are designed to keep your child safe.

**4** Talk about traffic safety with your child. Identify and discuss places where it is safe to get out of the car and to cross the road.

**5** Teach your child how to cross the road using the 'stop, look, listen and think' process – stop at the kerb, look and listen for traffic and then decide whether it is safe to cross.

**6** Park a few streets away and walk your child to school to reduce congestion and improve safety. This is also good exercise and helps teach your child road safety rules.

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## Parking safely around schools

We all know parking and traffic around school can be frustrating but going against the road rules places not only your child's life at risk, but those of others. Tragedies can occur if care is not taken to abide by these rules.

## Common Parking Restrictions



### No Parking Signs

You may use this area for drop off and pick up only, for a maximum of 2 minutes. You must not queue or wait here. The driver must remain with the vehicle.

### Kiss and Drop Zones

are generally near the school gates and are designated by 'No Parking' signs.

### Here are some key reminders when entering a Kiss and Drop Zone:

Follow the rules of 'No Parking' signs

Be mindful of others who are also dropping off their children

Keep an eye out for children crossing the road when exiting the Kiss and Drop Zone

Be mindful that queuing for the Kiss and Drop zone may result in other breaches to the road rules

If your child is unable to enter/exit the vehicle and enter the school independently, consider parking and walking your child in



### No Stopping Signs/ Yellow Lines

Both No Stopping Signs and Yellow Lines mean the same thing. There might be one or the other or both. Drivers must not stop on a length of road to which this restriction applies, even if you are stopping for a short period to pick up a child. Stopping here may cause a traffic hazard as well as congestion. You cannot stop near a school crossing, always follow the signs and yellow lines.



### Bus Zone Signs

You must not stop within a bus zone at any time. This zone is only available to public buses. If there are no signs, you are not allowed to stop within 20 metres of the approach to a bus stop or within 10 metres of the departure side.

### Double Parking

Drivers must not stop next to a vehicle already stopped or parked at the kerb at any time. This practice is illegal and creates dangerous situations for traffic flow and for pedestrians crossing a road.



Example of cars double parked in a school zone.