

Transport for NSW Media Release

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School zones are back in operation from Monday 24 April

Motorists are reminded to slow down, keep watch for children, and obey school zone speed limits which come back into force with the commencement of Term 2 on Monday 24 April.

Sally Webb, Deputy Secretary of Safety, Environment and Regulation at Transport for NSW said school zones will be back in operation from Monday as it was an officially notified school day.

"We are advising motorists that school zones are back in operation from Monday which is the official start of Term 2 in NSW," Ms Webb said.

"The regulations mean schools zones operate in NSW on all notified school days, including development days which are student-free days for most schools because some students may still attend their schools.

"School zones are clearly marked, with flashing lights and signs so please take note of this warning, obey the law and slow down to avoid penalties and importantly reduce the risk of a serious crash."

Ms Webb said the first day of school in Term 2 coincided with the ANZAC double demerit period when point penalties were increased for offences although fines remained the same.

"Double demerits will be in place from 12.01am Friday April 21 to 11.59pm on Tuesday April 25 for all speeding, seatbelt and mobile phone offences," Ms Webb said.

"Please drive safely in school zones by staying under the speed limit and keeping a look out for children especially-around bus stops, school crossings and Kiss and Ride Zones. We need everyone to work together to keep our children safe on our roads."

Ms Webb said roads are expected to be very busy with the end of school holidays and ANZAC Day public holiday.

"We want everyone to get home safely so please stay under the speed limit, wear your seatbelt, put your phone away, and never drive if you're affected by drugs or alcohol."

For more information on school zones, please visit The Centre for Road Safety at https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/flashinglights/index.html