

# Road safety



## Driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times around schools. That is why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

### Drive safely

- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- At a supervised crossing, follow the directions of the School Crossing Supervisor. They help manage traffic and assist children to use the crossings on roads near and outside of schools.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

### Park legally and safely

- Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate.
- Always park and turn legally around the school. U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.

- Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park.
- Make sure your child uses the 'Safety Door' (rear kerb side door) to get in and out of the vehicle.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they learn from you.
- It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

**Children learn safe road user habits from you and will continue them when they are old enough to travel alone.**



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