

Road safety around schools

Keeping children safe is
everyone's responsibility





TIPS:



Tip: Part way is OK!

Park a short distance from the school and walk to reduce congestion, increase safety and develop healthy habits.

Speed, congestion and poor parking behaviours impact the safety of children around schools.

Parking restrictions are used to protect vulnerable road users. Parking illegally reduces visibility for both motorists and children, increasing the potential risk of an incident.

Be patient and respectful of others to help keep children safe.



SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

Active travel is a fun and healthy choice that reduces congestion and increases safety around Canberra schools.

1 Bus zone

Buses are large vehicles and need space to safely collect children. Never stop or park in bus zones.

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2 Children's crossing

Motorists must stop and wait for all pedestrians to completely cross the road, including adults. Never stop on or next to a crossing, it reduces the visibility of children.

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3 Pick up and set down zone

Pick up and set down zones are designed to increase traffic flow and reduce congestion for parents, parking in these locations is counterproductive.

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4 No stopping zone

Stopping or parking in no stopping areas is unsafe, it reduces visibility for motorists and children trying to cross the road.

5 40km/h zone

Drive at or below the speed limit at all times, children are unpredictable and haven't developed the cognitive skills to judge traffic.

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6 Verge/footpath

Parking on the verge or across footpaths is dangerous, it reduces visibility for children and other motorists.



NOTE:



Police, Parking Operations, mobile speed vans and licence plate recognition parking vehicles regularly patrol school zones in the ACT to enforce safe behaviours.

Road safety requires a collaborative approach from everyone, including parents, teachers, children and the broader community.



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