

School's back

SLOW DOWN FOR SCHOOL ZONES



Welcome back in 2024!

Road Safety is everyone's responsibility

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is committed to ensuring road safety around schools. The safety of children travelling to and from school and the provision of safe crossings are a key priority.

Holidays are over – school zone speed limits are back in force

As the school year rolls around once again and schools' welcome eager students, it is crucial for motorists to hit the brakes and pay attention to the increased traffic and pedestrian activity on the roads - driving safely around school zones is even more important.

Ensuring the safety of children travelling to and from school by walking or cycling, school bus or private vehicle, is **everyone's responsibility**. The start of the new school year brings students and parents new to the school environment. It is important to recognise the streets surrounding educational sites become shared spaces where caution and consideration of others takes precedence.



Practicing responsible road behaviour contributes to fostering a safe environment around schools.

School Zones



School zones are installed to reduce traffic speed near schools during the times indicated in the school zone sign and a vital measure to enhance road safety during peak school hours. It tells you **the reduced speed limit & times when this limit is in place**. School zones are generally permitted on roads adjacent to schools where there is significant school related activity on and beside the road.

Reduced speed limits apply to school zones and areas around schools during drop off and pick-up times. There may be some unsupervised children around school zones who don't always understand or recognise the danger of roads and vehicles. **Take care when travelling in and through school zones.**

Don't be naughty, check you're doing 40. School zones also serve as a protective cocoon around children, ensuring their journey to and from school is safeguarded from the potential hazards of fast-paced traffic.



Children's crossings and School Crossing Supervisors

Today a familiar sight around schools is the School Crossing Supervisor. Their role in the school community is to ensure students who cross the road at the children's crossing do so in a safe manner. Children crossing flags are displayed near crossings around schools before and after school hours when children are crossing the road. A children's crossing may be supervised. School crossing supervisors use a hand-held stop sign to stop traffic and allow children to cross the road safely. When the children's crossing flags are on display, you must stop at the stop bars and give way to any pedestrians on or entering the crossing (regardless of whether a crossing supervisor is present or not).



MOTORISTS MUST GIVE WAY TO PEDESTRIANS AND REMAIN STOPPED UNTIL PEDESTRIANS AND SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR REACH THE FOOTPATH AND RETURNS TO THE KERB

Section 171 - Qld Road Rules – Drivers Approaching Children's Crossing

"A driver must not stop –

- (a) on a children's crossing while the flags are displayed
- (b) or on the road within **20m before the crossing or 10m after the crossing**
- (c) This area is a **"No Stopping or No Standing"** areal and is clearly marked by **"No Stopping or No Standing"** signs or **yellow edge lines**.

"No Stopping or No Standing" signs mean NO STOPPING HERE for any reason. There are NO EXCUSES. It is Safer if you follow this simple rule!

Drivers play a pivotal role in creating a secure environment!

Buckle up! Obey the speed limit! Keep your mobile phone out of reach!

- **DO NOT park your vehicle on the crossing.**
- **DO NOT leave your vehicle in the 'drop off/pick up' area and exit the vehicle.**
- **DO NOT park in the 'no stopping/'no parking' areas.**
- **DO NOT encourage children to walk between legally parked vehicles.**
- **DO NOT drive through crossing until SCS has retuned safely to the kerb.**
- **OBSERVE the school zone speed limit – approach the crossing with care.**



Licence Plate Recognition

The City Parking vehicle (Safe Park) will be visiting all schools. Parking Officers will be patrolling and monitoring compliance of regulated parking in and around schools.

If a vehicle is found to be parked illegally, the City will issue an infringement notice to the registered vehicle owner by post. A photograph taken is used to verify an offence has occurred.



Parking signs and Markings

Always check parking signs carefully near schools, as they are often stricter than normal parking rules. The type of parking restrictions, and the times that it applies, will be on the sign. Parking signs you are likely to find near schools:



No stopping signs - If there is a 'no stopping' sign, you are not allowed to stop or park your car in, or partly in, that area for any reason. Dropping off or picking up passengers or goods in a 'no stopping' area is not permitted!



No parking signs - You are not allowed to park in this area at any time. If the sign has a time displayed, you can park outside of those hours.

Loading zone signs - used in pick-up or drop-off areas. You must not stop in a loading zone unless you are dropping off or picking up passengers (stopping no more than 2 minutes).



No parking on grass verge or grassed area on Council controlled land means NO PARKING – DO NOT PARK IN THIS AREA!

Talk to your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.



Yellow edge lines (stopping and parking is prohibited).

Stop! One step back from the kerb
Look! Continuously both ways
Listen! For the sounds of approaching traffic
Think! Whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across



THERE ARE NO EXCUSES – SAFE PARKING MAY SAVE A LIFE