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Keep Kids Safe
on roads near schools



City of
Norwood
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With 17 schools located in the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters, the Council is committed to the safety of children on their way to and home from school, particularly in the zones surrounding local schools.

The Council's Commitment

While it is not a responsibility of the Council to provide parking around schools, the Council is required to manage the limited number of on-street parking spaces available—striking a balance for local residents, businesses and road users.

For this reason, parking restrictions are implemented in school zones to influence the behaviour of all vehicle drivers. The Council's compliance officers regularly carry out parking enforcement patrols within school zones and may issue expiation notices to vehicles found contravening the Australian Road Rules.



School Zones

School zones are installed on roads around schools to optimise traffic movement and make school drop-off and pick-up as safe and easy as possible.

School zones are identified by signage and a white zigzag line marked on the road to advise drivers that they are approaching a school zone. Drivers must not exceed 25km/h when a child is within the zone. This includes when a child is walking or riding a bicycle on the road, footpath or median strip. The lower speed limit applies whenever children are in the zone, including weekends and school holidays.

School Crossings

*Australian Road Rule 171**

Crossings are the best place for children and pedestrians to cross roads, as drivers will be more alert and must give way.

Wombat crossings

A wombat crossing consists of a wide road hump marked with thick white stripes. A 40km/h speed limit applies at all times within 30 to 40 metres of the crossing as shown by signage. When a pedestrian is crossing or about to cross the road, drivers must stop and give way.



Emu crossings

An emu crossing features a red 'children crossing' flag displayed on red and white striped posts. When the flags are displayed, drivers must give way to pedestrians crossing or about to cross the road.

Emu crossings are located within school zones, which have a speed limit of 25km/h when children are on the road, footpath or median strip. If the 'children crossing' flags are not displayed, the 25km/h school zone speed limit still applies if there are children present.



Koala crossings

A koala crossing consists of two yellow flashing lights mounted on red and white striped poles. Koala crossings operate only when the yellow lights are flashing. A 25km/h speed limit applies between signs on the approaches to the crossing when the lights are flashing. Drivers must stop and give way to anyone using the crossing or about to cross the road.

Parking Restrictions

Near school crossings

A driver must not stop on a school crossing. Parking is prohibited within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing, as it can obstruct the line of sight for pedestrians and make it difficult for motorists approaching a crossing.

Continuous yellow line

*Australian Road Rule 169**

A continuous yellow line marked on the edge of a road has the same meaning as a 'no stopping' zone and provides greater safety near corners and driveways. A driver must not stop at the side of a road marked with a continuous yellow line.

Double parking

*Australian Road Rule 189**

It is illegal to double park by stopping next to another vehicle already parked near the kerb. Double parking restricts access for other traffic and can block the line of sight for children and pedestrians on the side of the road.

Parking across driveways

*Australian Road Rule 198**

A driver must not obstruct driveway access by stopping on or across a driveway, as this can cause a significant inconvenience for residents, businesses or other motorists requiring access.

Parallel parking

*Australian Road Rule 208**

Unless there are signs or markings on the road to indicate another method, a vehicle must be parked parallel as close as practical to the edge of the road.

Vehicles must:

- Be facing in the same direction as the moving traffic.
- Where there are no parking bays, leave at least one metre between your vehicle and the vehicles in front and behind.
- Unless permitted by a parking sign, leave a minimum of three metres between the vehicle and any continuous dividing line, dividing strip or, if on a narrow road, the other side of the road.

Parking within ten metres of an intersection

*Australian Road Rules 170**

Vehicles must not be parked within 10 metres of an intersection without traffic lights, as they can become a hazard for other road users.

In some areas, the Council has installed solid yellow lines to help drivers identify the 10 metre zone, however, there is no requirement for these markings.

Parking Control Signs



No stopping zones

*Australian Road Rule 167**

A driver must not stop in a no stopping zone for any reason. These zones are usually adjacent to school entrances and at both sides of school crossings.



Permissive parking

*Australian Road Rule 205**

Permissive parking signs specify the amount of time a car can be parked on a length of road. A car must not be parked for longer than the period indicated by the sign. The number indicates how many hours a vehicle can be parked in the zone before it must be moved.



Disability parking permits

*Australian Road Rule 203**

Disability parking zones can be used by vehicles displaying a current Australian disability parking permit. When parking in a permissive parking area, disability parking permit holders can park for longer than the length of time indicated by the sign.

If the time limit on the parking sign is:

- Less than 30 minutes, a disability parking permit holder can park for 30 minutes.
- 30 minutes or more but less than one hour, a disability parking permit holder can park for two hours.
- One hour or more, a disability parking permit holder can park for twice the period indicated by the sign.

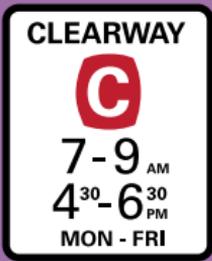
Road Signs and Markings



Bus stops and zones

*Australian Road Rule 183**

A driver must not stop their vehicle within 20 metres before or 10 metres after a bus stop, or within an area that is indicated by bus zone signs.



Clearway zones

*Australian Road Rule 176**

Clearway signs are installed on major arterial roads which have a high volume of traffic during peak periods. The purpose of a clearway is to maximise traffic flow at peak times. It is an offence to park in a clearway as it can create a serious safety and traffic hazard.



Bicycle lanes

*Australian Road Rule 187**

Bicycle lanes are indicated by continuous painted solid white lines and bicycle lane signs. Some bicycle lanes only operate at particular times which are indicated on the signage. The purpose of a bicycle lane is to ensure that cyclists have a safe, clear and unobstructed path in which to travel. It is an offence to drive, park or stop a vehicle in a bicycle lane.



Sharrows

A sharrow is a double-chevron and bicycle symbol marking indicating a shared lane for motor vehicles and bicycles.



No Parking Zones

*Australian Road Rule 168**

A driver may only stop in a no parking zone for the purpose of picking up or dropping off passengers or goods. The driver must remain with the vehicle and take no more than two minutes.

The purpose of a no parking zone near to a school is to provide an area in which motorists can quickly pick up or drop off their children. For the zone to work effectively, it is important that motorists adhere to the restrictions. This helps to maximise use of the available on-street parking during the peak pick up and drop off times.

*Information presented in this brochure has been adapted from the Australian Road Rules as specified under the *Road Traffic Act 1961*.

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