School Zone Road Safety Resources

Please note there is no cost to schools for these resources.

Parking and traffic rules / safety tips for school zones **NEW**
This double sided A4 document provides an easy to read quick reference guide to the important road safety rules within school zones while also explaining why the rules are there. Safety tips for school zones and students are provided in an illustrated and easy to understand format in either hard copy or electronic copy.

Please note this document is also available in Korean and Chinese.

School travel ideas guide
This guide offers school communities alternative, sustainable and safe travel solutions for students. With many schools growing in size as our city expands, we are seeing more and more traffic congestion around schools during the peak morning and afternoon periods. Providing parking for every vehicle that needs to access schools is no longer feasible due to the lack of available road space and increasing vehicle demand.

Many of the ideas in this guide will not only assist in alleviating the congestion issues within your school zones, they will also provide opportunities for learning, exercise and encouraging children to be independent and road safe.

A5 flyer - ‘Park legally in school zones’
This double sided flyer is a handy resource for parents and should be included in school information packs. Order these on the attached order form. At the start of each new school term, Rangers will be handing these out in School Zones to educate the school community. Please note this flyer is also available in Chinese and Korean.

A3 poster - ‘Park legally in school zones’
This poster displays the stated fines and demerit points for parking zones around schools. Display these in prominent areas around your school, E.g. on the school notice board or in your newsletters. Order these on the attached order form. Please note this poster is also available in Chinese and Korean.
Electronic version - 'Park legally in school zones'
The A5 flyer and A3 poster (see images below) can be emailed to your school in PDF and JPG format, Include on your school website or in the school newsletter or print up as needed. Order these on the attached order form in English, Chinese and Korean versions.

School Fence Banner (2000mm x 750mm) - 'Park legally in school zones'
Display these banners in a safe, prominent position on your school fence to remind the school community of the typical parking restrictions in School Zones. There is a limit of one banner per school. You can order these on the attached order form in English and Chinese & Korean text versions.

Below: School Fence Banner 'Park Legally in School Zones'

PARK LEGALLY IN SCHOOL ZONES AND KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!

NO STOPPING
Bus Zone
No Parking

HEAVY FINES AND LOSS OF DEMERIT POINTS APPLY

No Parking = Drop-off / Pick-up zone 920mm x 610mm corrflute sign.
This is an A1 sized sign to inform parents and other road users about the benefits of the No Parking zone. These signs are designed to be attached to the school fence within the No Parking zones around schools.

When managed effectively by the school community, No Parking zones can provide a safe and effective way to deliver and pick-up children from school. These will be installed by Council where possible on school fences when ordered.

Please note: Some roads, particularly cul-de-sacs, may not be suitable for large scale passenger drop-off and pick-up. In such cases the length of drop-off and pick-up zones will be limited if they are provided.

DROP-OFF PICK-Up ZONE

2 minute maximum stay. Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle. PENALTIES APPLY

Hornsby Shire Council
Other rules to be aware of in school zones

Driveways and Footpaths

Parents should also be aware that parking on driveways across footpaths to drop-off and pick-up endangers young pedestrians. When a footpath is blocked the pedestrian is forced onto the road. It is preferable for parents to drop their children further down the street so they can walk to the school gate in safety. Traffic Rangers may issue infringements to motorists obstructing footpaths.

**Penalty:** Stop on path/strip in built-up area (in school zone). **Fine:** $177 + 2 demerit points.

![Driver must not stop on a driveway or footpath in a way that blocks pedestrian access.](image)

Stopping across driveways blocking access to property

Drivers are not permitted to park their car across a driveway access.

**Penalty:** Stop on/across driveway etc. to/from land (in school zone). **Fine:** $177 + 2 demerit points.

Double Parking within school zones

Drivers are not permitted to stop or park between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road.

**Penalty:** Double park in school zone. **Fine:** $319 + 2 demerit points.

Construction Zones around schools

Over the course of the coming year pupils walking to school may be effected by temporary impacts of new construction relating to road works or development on private land. Please be mindful of temporary changes and how they may affect students while walking to and from school. Council may be able to assist with planning alternative routes or limiting work during school travel peak periods.

Useful Contacts

**Council - (02) 9847 6666 for:**
- Parking issues & infringements
- Damaged or obstructed footpaths
- Trees obstructing pathways or signage
- Damaged or missing traffic or parking signs

**NSW Police for:**
- Speed enforcement
- Illegal U-turns
- Disobeying traffic signals; and
- Other moving violations

**Roads & Maritime Services - 132213 for:**
- Changes to speed limit / school zone signage & maintenance
- Change to traffic light signals
- Request for speed cameras
- All issues on major roads
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#### Please complete the following details to assist with your order.

School: 

Contact name to be delivered to: 

Delivery address: 

Contact email (please include for PDF/JPG delivery): 

Contact phone: __________________________ Date of order: __________________________

#### Return your order form via any of the following:

**Email**: 
ltipping@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

**Fax**: 
Attn: Road Safety Officer
Hornsby Shire Council
(02) 9647 6999 (records dept.)

**Post**: 
Attn: Road Safety Officer
Hornsby Shire Council
PO Box 37
HORNSBY NSW 1630
# Parking and traffic rules in school zones

You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting not only your child but other children at risk. The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you will be fined. **Please choose safety over convenience.**

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<td>You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a max. of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times and cannot leave your vehicle unattended.</td>
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<td><strong>PEDESTRIAN CROSSING</strong></td>
<td>You must not stop or within 20 metres before a PEDESTRIAN CROSSING or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.</td>
<td>So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.</td>
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<td><strong>DOUBLE PARKING</strong></td>
<td>You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.</td>
<td>Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.</td>
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*Please note: The above information is current as of 1 January 2016. Penalties set by NSW State Government and reviewed on 1 July each year.*
Safety tips for school zones:

EXITING THE CAR
Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.

APPLY BRAKE
Make sure the park brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.

PARKING
NEVER double park.

CROSSING
NEVER park across a pedestrian crossing.

NO U-TURNS
NEVER undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.

NO 3 POINT TURNS
NEVER undertake a three-point turn in close proximity to the school.

Safety tips for students:

BUCKLE UP
Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped.

STORE ITEMS
Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position.

BE READY
Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seat belt.

EXIT SAFELY
Always get in and out of the back seat through the safety door - the rear foot path-side door.

Demerit Points:
* The Demerit Points Scheme is a national program that allocates penalty points (demerits) for a range of driving offences. A driver who has not committed any offences has ‘zero’ points. If you commit an offence that carries demerit points, the points are added to your driving record.

If you incur the threshold number of demerit points within a three-year period, a licence suspension or refusal is applied. The three-year period is calculated between the dates the offences were committed. It ends on the day your most recent offence was committed.

For further information regarding demerit points please visit: rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits/