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## **Term 2 Week 4 18 May 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 2. Again, it has been a rocky start to the term as we have seen numerous changes due to Covid isolations and wet weather restricting our outdoor activities. The children have been amazing coping with different teachers almost daily and the staff have been outstanding at coping with extra students in classes, extra playground duties, missing their RFF and taking on extra roles when we are unable to find replacements. Our office staff have also been doing their very best to manage with limited staff. We thank you for your ongoing support and resilience with coping with the many changes.

Well done to our cross country runners who did a great job yesterday! We were lucky enough to finally have some beautiful sunny weather for the competitors and the spectators. Thank you Mr Griffin for your amazing organisation and our teachers and special helpers. We couldn't do it without you!

Our Year 3 & Year 5 students will have completed NAPLAN by the end of the week. We congratulate them on their effort and concentration. We know that they've done their best!

It was fabulous to see so many families onsite for our Mother's Day Breakfast. We thank the P&C for hosting, their organisation and our lovely chefs for a beautiful breakfast and our wonderful band who provided entertainment. Also a huge shout out to all our volunteers who helped during the Mother's Day Stall.

Last week I attended a startup meeting for our Oval Rejuvenation Project with representatives from our P&C, Clare Salke and Dominic O'Brien. The project is set to commence during the July school holidays and will hopefully be completed well before the 10-week timeframe allocated. Once we receive concept drawings, we will be able to share how amazing the new oval will look. This is a huge project, and we thank the P&C for all the hard work in securing the grant and the additional funds to complete this long-awaited dream pitch.

Plans for the Metro Renewal Project which includes an upgrade of the staffroom, administration block and 2 classrooms are well on their way, and I will be able to share the proposed plans at this week's P&C meeting. We are very fortunate to receive this upgrade and are very excited about the upcoming changes to our school.

















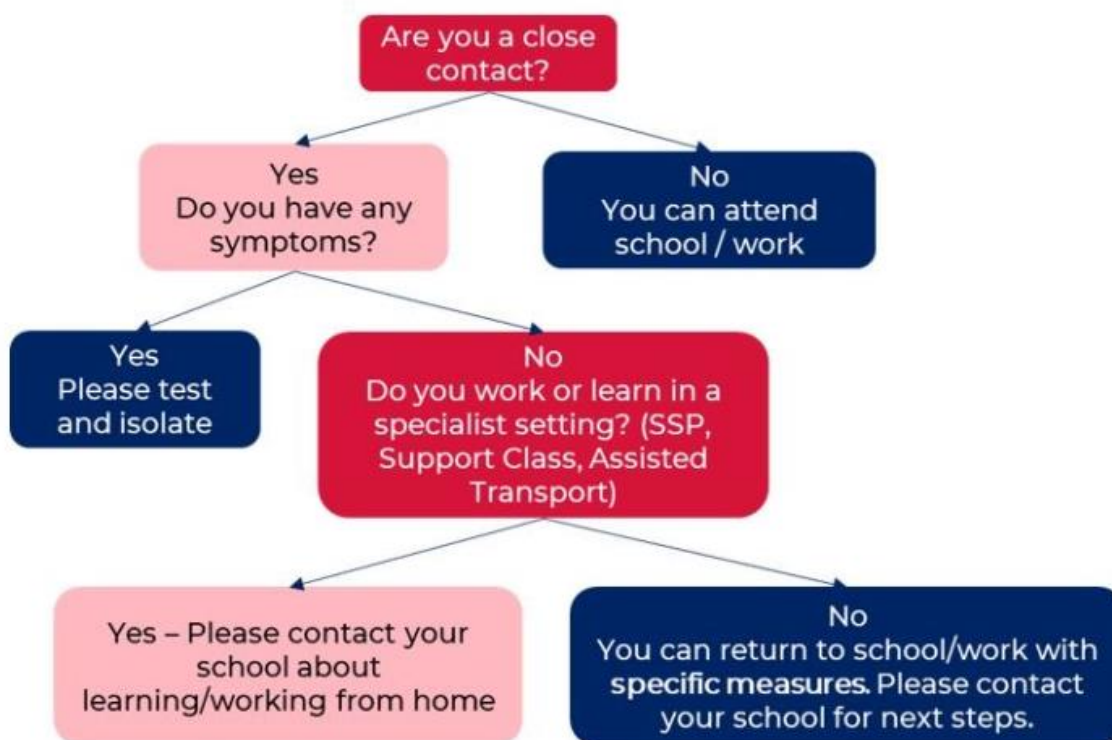


## Covid Updates

Staff and students who are close contacts and have no symptoms to continue to attend school if they follow guidelines agreed with NSW Health.

Note that staff and students who have had confirmed COVID-19 in the last 12 weeks, do not have to comply with these guidelines if they become a household or close contact and are not required to self-isolate or test unless they develop new COVID-19 symptoms.

Please refer to the [NSW Government's COVID-19 pages](#) if they have questions or concerns about testing and isolation requirements as this information can change.



## Visitors on school sites

Schools can invite visitors to their sites regardless of their vaccination status, in line with settings in the broader community.

Workers and volunteers must meet double vaccination requirements including:

- volunteers or staff operating uniform shops and canteens
- visitors supporting school operations and curriculum delivery
- allied health partners for the wellbeing of students
- university and TAFE students coming on school sites to complete their practicum or teacher training.

Visitors including volunteers, allied health partners and staff providing professional learning who are close contacts should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending a school site. They must also wear a mask indoors at all times (except when eating or exercising).

Visitors are also required to advise the school that they are a close contact if they are interacting with students before they come on site.

### **Notifications for absentees**

Thank you to the P&C who has suggested the use of a text-based system for notifying parents their child is absent. We have investigated this and are able to use the Sentral system to do this. Once the office staff is trained we will let you know when we will start trialling the new system. We thank you for your patience while we get this organised.

### **Early Departures**

If your child needs to be collected to leave early, please try to collect them before or after our break times to avoid any unnecessary delays in collection. Our recess time is 11:20-11:45am and our lunch time is 1:30-2:20pm.

### **Student Learning**

Congratulations to 3 of our students who performed in the Pennant Hills High School musical Shrek. Elle, Lauren and Ruby did an amazing job! The performance was enjoyed by 100 of our students and 4 staff members. Thank you Mrs Withford for all your organisation. We can't wait for the next performance.

### **Drop-offs and pick-ups**

The drop off and pick up of students will continue from Hillcrest Road. To limit contact please ensure you don't linger at drop off or pick up. Teacher supervision in the playground starts at 8:50am, so please ensure students walking to school by themselves are arriving after 8:50am.

Please be reminded that parents should not enter school grounds to drop off or pick up students before or after school.

All parents need to attend the school office during school hours to collect early leavers or deliver late arrivals.

To ease congestion at pick up time children will exit from their allocated stage gates as follows:

Kinder - Hall Cola/Office Gate

Stage 3 - Hall Gate

Stage 1 - BOOSH gate

Stage 2 - Bottom gate near the car park

Students catching a bus or riding a bike will exit from the Hall gate.

### **Parent Communication**

BPS Parent Communication Procedures and our BPS Visitor Procedures are available on our school website.

We encourage parents to engage in their child's learning by leaving a like or a comment on their Seesaw work. If you have questions, enquires or comments for teachers please email or phone the school and the teacher will get back to you as soon as possible.

School Bytes, our school email system is set up to send emails to the parent listed as



the 1<sup>st</sup> contact on student enrolment forms. If you would like to add a second parent/carers contact to receive emails please email your request to the school email address.

Additionally, if you change your email address or are not receiving emails please ensure you notify the school so we can check and update your details.

## **WHS**

Intensive cleaning will continue to take place daily and schools are being provided with additional hygiene supplies.

## **Risk Management Plans**

If your child has sustained a serious injury and requires accommodations or adjustments to be put in place please phone the school office to make an appointment with me. We create Risk Management Plans to prevent any further injury and so that all staff are aware of any necessary changes that are put in place.

## **2022 Enrolments – Please enrol your child now using online enrolments**

A child is entitled to enrol at the local school that the student is eligible to attend if his or her home is within that school's intake area.

Currently our school has an enrolment of 350 students. We sit 26 above our enrolment cap of 324 students. An out of area application for BPS can still be made, however, it is submitted to a panel who follow criteria to decide whether the application is accepted.

BPS Enrolment Procedures and Protocols are located on our school website at <https://berowra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Please contact the office if you require any additional information.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me via the school email [berowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:berowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone the front office.

Vicky Wallace  
Principal

## **Learning From Home**

Berowra PS is utilising the Department of Education's Learning from Home packages to support students who are at home in isolation due to COVID-19. These resources are available without a school log in - students select their grade level and can be guided through the tasks with a series of videos and explanations. It is advised to start with the KANGAROO package.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/learning-at-home/2022-digital-learning-packs/primary>

Of course, if your child is feeling unwell, there is no expectation that they complete work at home.

Work can be completed offline and returned to the class teacher when your child returns, or via a digital tool such as Google Docs or Slides. A Google Classroom has been established for students in Years 3-6 (Class code is **qq523x4**) where work can be uploaded.

K-2 students are welcome to use this classroom also, but may be less familiar with the technology. Further information about uploading work to Seesaw will be available soon.

If you do not have adequate access to devices, please contact the school to make arrangements for a loan device.

This information will also be sent via School Bytes on notification of a student in isolation.

#### **Important carnival dates:**

- BPS Cross Country at BPS, Tuesday 17 May.
- HZSS Cross Country at Rofo Park Hornsby, Monday 30 May
- BPS Athletics Carnival at Foxglove Oval Mount Colah, 31 May
- Sydney North Area Cross Country at Gosford, 16 June
- NSWPSA Cross Country at Eastern Creek, 22 July
- HZSS Athletics at Narrabeen, Friday 19 August
- Sydney North Athletics at Sydney Olympic Park (SOP), 19 September
- NSWPSA Athletics at SOP, 19 and 20 October

## **Attendance**

Teachers are still recording attendance. If your child is sick please let the school know by either email or phone so that we can update our rolls accordingly and if they are isolating we are able to provide learning from home.

Students who are learning from home are recorded as Flexible 'F' on the roll. This will not negatively affect their attendance. Teachers will be checking if students have submitted work.

Currently, there are three COVID-19 categories of attendance that will affect the codes used for roll marking.

	<b>Face to face learning at school</b>	<b>Learning from home - teacher assisted (cohorts or schools)</b>	<b>Learning from home - self-paced learning (individuals)</b>
<b>Description</b>	Schools are open for face-to-face learning and all students are expected to attend school on-site.	Roll marked as 'F': Where a class, year group or whole school is instructed to learn from home and the student is participating in the learning.	Roll marked as 'F': Where an individual student is required to learn from home due to a medical reason or a Public Health Order and the student is participating in learning.

***For students who are unwell there is no expectation that learning from home be completed***



# Road Safety

## Driver Safety Message



Hillcrest Road is very busy and there are a number of pedestrians crossing at Balaclava Road before and after school.

Please be mindful that U-turns are not safe around school zones

## Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility

Our P&C has purchased accident insurance for students who are injured as a result of a serious incident at school. Information is available at the office.

**Accident & Health International**  
Underwriting Pty Limited



**Covid-19 Update** Berowra Public School is continuing to follow DoE and NSW Health advice to help manage the spread of viruses and we will continue to keep the community informed as we are provided updates



1. **Wash your hands** regularly and thoroughly.
2. **Sneeze into your elbow** or a tissue, disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing your hands.
3. **Stay home if you are unwell** and in schools, send home staff or students who show signs of being unwell through the day.

# BPS SCHOOL CALENDAR

**\* Please note calendar events are pending Covid-19 restrictions and DoE guidelines at the time of the event**

Term 2		
<b>Week 4</b>	Wednesday 18 May	P&C Meeting at 7:00pm
<b>Week 4</b>	Thursday 19 May	Canteen special Day - Pizza
<b>Week 5</b>	Thursday 26 May	Kindy excursion Local Places – Bobbin Head
<b>Week 6</b>	Monday 30 May	Zone Cross Country
<b>Week 6</b>	Tuesday 31 May	Athletics Carnival + canteen special day
<b>Week 6</b>	Thursday 2 June	P&C Muffi Day
<b>Week 7</b>	Tuesday 7 June	Athletics Back Up Day
<b>Week 7</b>	Wednesday 8 June Thursday 9 June	Instructional Rounds Hosted at Berowra Public School
<b>Week 8</b>	Tuesday 14 June	Stage 1 excursion Bobbin Head
<b>Week 8</b>	Wednesday 15 June	P&C Meeting at 7:00pm
<b>Week 8</b>	Thursday 16 June	Sydney North Area Cross Country at Gosford
<b>Week 9</b>	Friday 24 June	P&C School Disco
<b>Week 10</b>	Friday 1 July	Last day of Term 2





## Term 3

Week	Date	Event
Week 1	Monday 18 July	SDD – staff only
Week 1	Tuesday 19 July	School resumes for students
Week 1	Wednesday 20 July	P&C Meeting at 7:00pm
Week 1	Friday 22 July	NSWPSSA Cross Country at Eastern Creek
Week 4	Tuesday 9 August	School Photos TBC
Week 4	Wednesday 10 August Thursday 11 August	Instructional Rounds John Purchase Public School
Week 4	Thursday 11 August	Canteen Special Day - Tacos
Week 5	Wednesday 17 August	P&C AGM at 7:00pm
Week 5	Thursday 18 August	Kindy excursion Teddy Bear's Picnic
Week 5	Friday 19 August	HZSS Athletics at Narrabeen
Week 5	Sunday 21 August	P&C Working Bee
Week 6	Thursday 25 August	P&C Muffi Day
Week 7	Tuesday 30 August	Father's Day Stall
Week 7	Friday 2 September	Father's Day Breakfast
Week 8	Monday 5 September to Friday 9 September	Stage 3 Camp
Week 9	Wednesday 14 September Thursday 15 September	Instructional Rounds Berowra Public School
Week 9	Friday 16 September	P&C School Disco
Week 10	Monday 19 September	Sydney North Athletics at Sydney Olympic Park (SOP)
Week 10	Wednesday 21 September	P&C Meeting at 7:00pm
Week 10	Friday 23 September	Last Day of Term 3

## Term 4

Week	Date	Event
Week 1	Monday 10 October	School resumes for students
Week 2	Wednesday 19 October	P&C Meeting 7:00pm
Week 2	Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 October	NSWPSSA Athletics at Sydney Olympic Park (SOP)
Week 4	Thursday 3 November	Canteen Special Day – ice cream
Week 6	Wednesday 16 November	P&C Meeting 7:00pm
Week 6	Sunday 19 November	P&C Working Bee
Week 8	Wednesday 30 November	Prefect Elections
Week 9	Wednesday 7 December	Presentation Day
Week 9	Thursday 8 December	Mini Fete
Week 9	Friday 9 December	Reports Home
Week 9	Friday 9 December	P&C School Disco
Week 10	Wednesday 14 December	Year 6 Farewell
Week 10	Thursday 15 December	Talent Show
Week 11	Monday 19 December	Year 6 Clap Cut
Week 11	Monday 19 December	Last day of school for students
Week 11	Tuesday 20 December	SDD – Last day of school for staff







# **KINDERGARTEN 2023**

## **INFORMATION SESSION AND SCHOOL TOUR**

**June 1, 2022**

**9.30am in the school hall**

**Parents and new students welcome**

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS PRESENTATION

Thursday May 26th  
7.30pm  
18 Berowra Waters Road,  
Berowra

Hosted by St Mark's  
Anglican Church, Berowra

Snr Constable Natasha  
Doggett  
and representatives from  
the

Hornsby Kuring-gai  
Women's Shelter  
will share their knowledge  
of domestic abuse  
and support services.

Event is for ages 16+

*"be a part of  
the solution"*

Attendees will learn about

- The Dynamics of Domestic Violence
- Police Attendance
- AVO's
- Court Processes
- Survivor Resources
- Supporting Loved Ones.

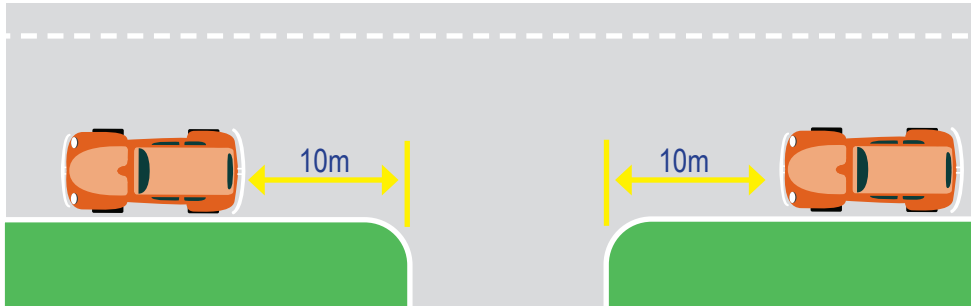


St Marks Anglican Church  
18 Berowra Waters Road, Berowra  
Phone: 02 9456 4498

# Parking Rules

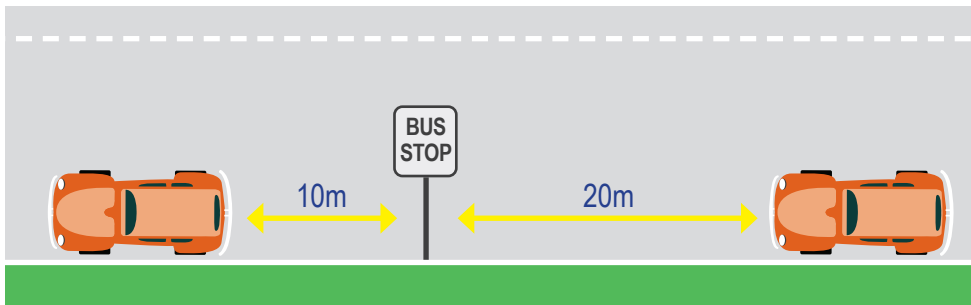
Please park safely and legally on the streets around your school. Park legally so you do not incur parking fines and demerit points. Council's Traffic Compliance Officers enforce parking around schools. If you park contrary to the road rules you will be fined!

## You cannot stop or park your vehicle:



Within 10m of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights (20m with traffic lights), unless a sign states you can park there (see image at left).

**PENALTIES FROM: \$352\***  
Demerit Points apply

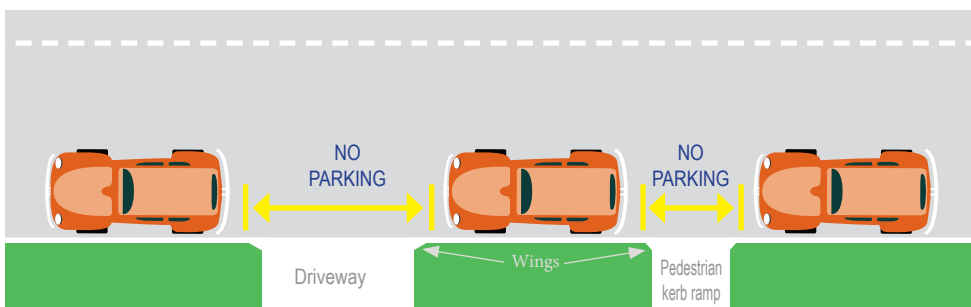


Within 20m before and 10m after a bus stop (see image)

**PENALTIES FROM: \$275\***  
Demerit Points apply in School Zone

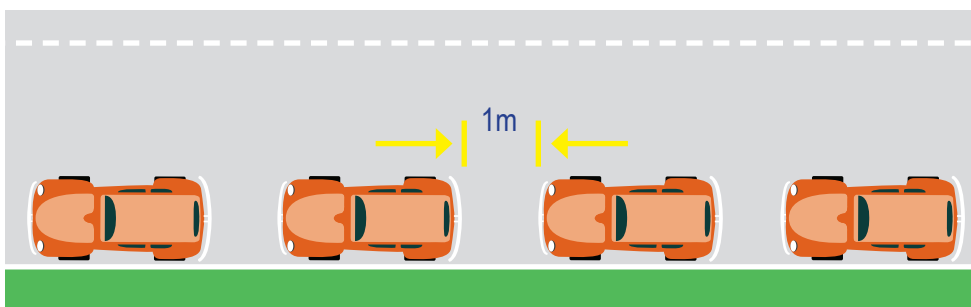
## Parallel parking

This is the usual way to park unless signs tell you otherwise. You must park in the same direction of travel and parallel and as close to the kerb as possible.



You can NOT park across driveways or pedestrian kerb ramps. A vehicle can be parked up to the wings on the driveways or ramp (see image)

**PENALTIES FROM: \$275\***  
Demerit Points apply in School Zone



You should park at least one metre from any other parked vehicle and entirely within any marked parking lines where provided (see image)

**PENALTIES FROM: \$117**

\* Penalty amounts are substantially higher for offences committed in School Zones



# Parking Rules

## No Parking Zone

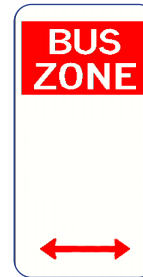
- Drivers may stop in this zone to drop off or pick up passengers or goods for a maximum of 2 minutes.
- The driver **MUST** remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle at all times.
- The vehicle must not be left unattended.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.
- No Parking zones can also be used to drop off and pick up children.



Penalty: \$117 or \$196 in School Zone + 2 Demerit Points

## Bus Zones

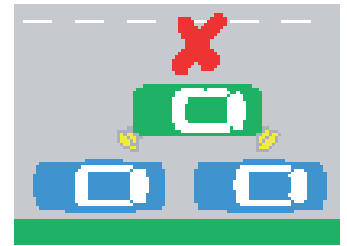
- Drivers are not permitted to stop within a bus zone at any time.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.



Penalty: \$275 or \$352 in School Zone + 2 Demerit Points

## Double Parking

- 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.
- Double parking decreases visibility for motorists and pedestrians, and significantly reduces road safety around schools.



Penalty: \$272 or \$349 in School Zone + 2 Demerit Points

## No Stopping Zone

- Stopping is not permitted at any time.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.



Penalty: \$275 or \$352 in School Zone + 2 Demerit Points

### LEGAL DISCLAIMER:

This document is produced as a guide only. Council takes no responsibility for any damage sustained to vehicles when parked in local streets. It is the responsibility of the driver to be aware of traffic regulations and parking restrictions when parking a vehicle and Council reserves its right to issue Penalty Infringements Notices in circumstances where traffic regulations or parking restrictions have been violated.














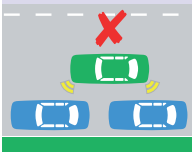





## Safe Walking Tips

- Always use pedestrian crossings.
- Never assume that a driver can see you or will stop for you. Their vision may be affected by the sun, poor light, parked cars or other distractions.
- Remember that drivers take longer than usual to stop in the rain or on a wet road.
- At intersections, check for turning vehicles before you leave the footpath and while you are crossing the road.
- Children up to ten years old should hold an adult's hand in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road.
- Avoid using a mobile phone, head phones or other device while you are crossing the road.
- Watch out for bicycles.

# Parking and traffic rules in school zones

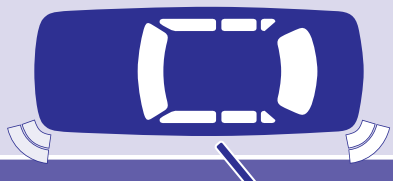

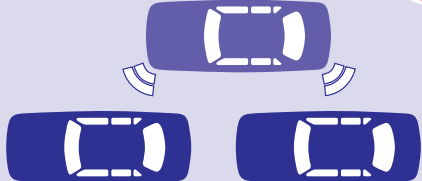

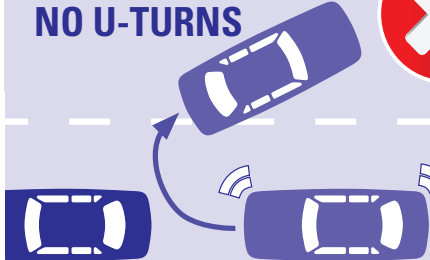
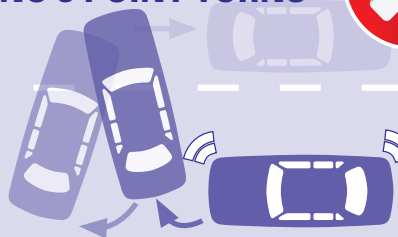
You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting not only your child but other children at risk. The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there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

## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO IMPORTANT SAFETY TRAFFIC RULES

ZONE	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHY IS IT THERE?	PENALTY	DEMERIT POINTS*
	You cannot stop in a <b>NO STOPPING</b> zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space). 	Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children / pedestrians.	EXCEEDS <b>\$352</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You can stop in a <b>NO PARKING</b> 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.	Provides a safe place for children / pedestrian set down and pick up.	EXCEEDS <b>\$196</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You must not stop or park in a <b>BUS ZONE</b> for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus. If times are shown on the sign, you are not allowed to stop during those times.	Provides a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.	EXCEEDS <b>\$352</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You must not stop on or within 20 metres before a <b>PEDESTRIAN CROSSING</b> or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.	So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.	EXCEEDS <b>\$469</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	<b>DOUBLE PARKING</b> You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.	Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.	EXCEEDS <b>\$352</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You must not stop on any <b>FOOTPATH</b> or <b>NATURE STRIP</b> , or even a <b>DRIVEWAY</b> crossing a footpath or nature strip for any reason.	You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.	EXCEEDS <b>\$352</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 

**Please note:** The above information is current as of 1 Dec 2021  
Penalties set by NSW State Government and reviewed on 1 July each year.

# Safety tips for school zones:

<b>EXITING THE CAR</b>  Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.	<b>APPLY BRAKE</b>  Make sure the park brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
<b>PARKING</b>  NEVER double park.	<b>CROSSING</b>  NEVER park across a pedestrian crossing.
<b>NO U-TURNS</b>  NEVER undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.	<b>NO 3 POINT TURNS</b>  NEVER undertake a three-point turn in close proximity to the school.

# Safety tips for students:

<b>BUCKLE UP</b>  Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped.	<b>STORE ITEMS</b>  Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position.	<b>BE READY</b>  Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seat belt.	<b>EXIT SAFELY</b>  Always get in and out of the back seat through the safety door - the rear foot path-side door.
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# 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: <https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>