

TRAVELLING SAFELY TO AND FROM SCHOOL



WAVERLEY
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School zone safety is a priority for Waverley Council. Research shows young children can find it hard to make safe choices in busy traffic areas where they struggle to judge speed, distance and safe gaps between vehicles.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP KEEP CHILDREN SAFE?

IF YOU'RE DRIVING TO AND FROM SCHOOL:

- Make sure your children use an appropriate child car seat that is correctly fitted and that they get in and out of the car through the rear, kerb-side or 'safety' door.
- School drop-off and pick-up times are particularly busy for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, so consider parking a block or two away to avoid creating congestion.
- Observe the 40km/h speed limit and restricted parking signs - they are there to protect children's safety.

UNDERSTANDING COMMON PARKING SIGNS



NO STOPPING signs mean no stopping at any time - not even to quickly drop someone off. Ignoring this sign puts children in danger as it obstructs their view of approaching vehicles.



NO PARKING signs allow drivers to park for 2 minutes provided they stay within 3 metres of their vehicle. This is perfect for school drop-off and pick-up zones and offers fair sharing of limited parking space at busy times.



BUS ZONES/STOPS are for buses only - there is no stopping or parking for cars at any time.

IF YOU'RE WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL:

This is the ideal time to practise road-crossing skills. Talk your child through the STOP, LOOK, LISTEN & THINK routine – it will help them become more traffic-aware and prepare them for unsupervised travel.

WHAT TIMES DO SCHOOL ZONES OPERATE?

Most NSW school zones operate between 8–9.30am and 2.30–4pm on all gazetted school days. These are determined by the State Government and include staff development and pupil-free days.

Look out for triangular “dragon teeth” road markings, which indicate the start of school zones.

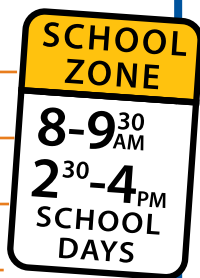
GAZETTED SCHOOL DAYS 2014–2015

TERM 3 2014 Monday 14 July to
Friday 19 September

TERM 4 2014 Tuesday 7 October to
Friday 19 December

TERM 1 2015 Tuesday 27 January to
Thursday 2 April

TERM 2 2015 Monday 20 April to
Friday 26 June



Please note that even though some schools may operate on different term dates, speed and parking restrictions still apply on the gazetted days outlined above.

MORE INFORMATION

- Parking and driving offences in school zones attract a fine and demerit points. For the latest penalties, visit rms.nsw.gov.au
- Make sure you're using the right car seat for your child – visit childcarseats.com.au to find out more.
- Support the road safety lessons your children may be learning at school with online activities, tips and resources at safetytown.com.au

NEVER PUT CONVENIENCE AHEAD OF SAFETY.

