

Parking Around Schools

Due to the chaotic nature of traffic around schools at peak times, streets can be an extremely dangerous place for children.

Young children have not yet fully developed their cognitive abilities and therefore their perception, judgement and awareness of potentially dangerous situations is not adequately developed to enable them to cope with the road traffic.

Children are not easily visible and often act impulsively, which means if you are driving around a school take special care, to ensure we keep our children safe. Remember that children copy grown-ups - encourage good road sense by watching them closely and leading by example.

5 Helpful Tips for School Zones

As parents and caregivers we have a great responsibility to ensure children stay safe in school zones. We also play a key role in educating children about road safety.

Here are 5 helpful tips for safety in school zones:

1. Allow enough time to take your child to the school gate safely and without rushing.
2. Always observe parking signs and speed limits in and around school zones. They are designed to keep your child safe.
3. Talk about signs and traffic lights with your child. Identify and discuss places where it is safe to get out of the car and cross the road.
4. Teach your child how to cross the road using the 'stop, look and listen' process - stop at the kerb, look and listen for traffic and then decide whether it is safe to cross.
5. Park a few streets away and walk your child to school. This is also good exercise and helps teach your child road safety rules.

Behaviours to Avoid

- Speeding
- Double Parking
- Parking too close to an intersection
- Parking across driveways
- Parking too close to pedestrian crossings



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Common Traffic Signs

The Rural City of Murray Bridge has implemented a comprehensive traffic management and parking scheme in the streets surrounding your child's school to help make it a safe place.

Going against the road rules places not only your child's life at risk, but those of others. Tragedies can occur if care is not taken to abide by these rules. Below are some explanations of signs that are placed around schools to ensure your child stays safe.



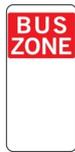
No Parking Signs

Drop off and pick up only. You must not queue or wait here. The driver must remain with the vehicle.



No Stopping Signs

You must not stop in a 'No Stopping' area at anytime. Drop off and pick up is not allowed even for the briefest



Bus Zone Signs

You must not stop within a bus zone at any time. This zone is only available to public buses.



Bicycle Lanes

It is illegal to stop, park or drive your vehicle in a bicycle lane. These lanes are for the safety of cyclists, including children riding to school

Yellow Kerb Lines

An unbroken yellow kerb line is a no stopping line and therefore the same rules apply as for a 'No Stopping' sign.

Obstruct Driveways

A vehicle must not obstruct an entrance way or crossing point to a property, even if it is your own.

Reserves, Footpaths & Verges

It is an offence to drive or park on a reserve, footpath or dividing strip and could cause an accident, injure a person or damage property.



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