

Dear Sir/Madam

SCHOOL SAFETY AND PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS

Schools have returned for Term 2 of 2012 and Wollongong City Council Ranger Services is geared up to conduct patrols around schools, enforcing parking legislation and encouraging safe parking habits in an effort to increase children's safety. Wollongong City Council and its Ranger Services, has a commitment to safety around schools.

I seek your co-operation to help us in educating the few people who continue to put children at risk either through laziness, a false sense of 'doing the right thing' or by not being aware of the simple road rules that apply around schools.

I would appreciate you distributing in your next newsletter of the term the 'School Penalty Infringements' document (see attached) both as advice and as a warning to parents/guardians picking up and dropping off children within the school zone. This is especially relevant to new parents.

We will be, as a matter of course, patrolling schools in the Local Government Area and we will be responding to complaints of irresponsible or dangerous parking by drivers around schools. We are working cooperatively with the New South Wales Police and the Roads and Maritime Service as we do this. Please help us reduce the risk to our children and help stop these few putting the many at risk.

To avoid confrontation at your school, Rangers will site themselves very obviously to photograph offending vehicles. They will later post out fines rather than risk a confrontation with drivers by handing out the infringement "on-the-spot" in front of children.

I have attached URLs to the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) website for "A practical guide from the RMS for road safety around schools" you may find useful and another on developing a pick up and drop off programme. I encourage you to engage your P&C committee in developing a safe pickup and drop off zone for your school, if one does not already exist.

Please feel free to contact me on 4227 7111 about any parking concerns you have, or, alternatively, ask for our Traffic Safety Officer Mr Jack Harrison.

This letter is authorised by

Kevin Savage

Senior Parking Ranger

Wollongong City Council

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SCHOOL SAFETY NOTICE TO DRIVERS

In the interest of CHILD SAFETY there is NO EXCUSE for disobeying traffic control signs and road rules in the vicinity of a school. Please read and understand the following traffic controls around your school;



NO STOPPING

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a NO STOPPING sign applies.
(Penalty: exceeds \$240 + two demerit points)



NO PARKING

You are permitted to stop in a NO PARKING zone only while you are engaged in dropping off or picking up passengers. You must not stop for more than two minutes. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle. (Penalty: exceeds \$130+ two demerit points)



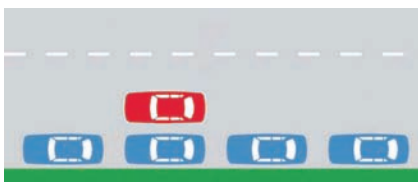
BUS ZONE

You are not permitted to stop in a BUS ZONE unless you are driving a public bus. (Penalty: exceeds \$240 + two demerit points)



CHILDREN'S CROSSING

You are not permitted to stop within 20 metres before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing. (Penalty: exceeds \$320 + two demerit points)



DOUBLE PARKING

A driver must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road.
(Penalty: exceeds \$240 + two demerit points)

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THE COST OF TAKING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOU