



# Safety around schools

Providing safe school zones for all children

## Keep children safe in a school zone by:

- walking or cycling to school to decrease traffic congestion
- adhering to the 40km zone when travelling in an operated school zone
- checking the restrictions set by the regulations and parking signs in the area and abiding by them
- not stopping or parking illegally. Illegal parking actions will not go unnoticed; parking infringements will be issued by Council

## You should:

- always let your child out on the kerb side of the road
- never call your child from across the road. Teach them to wait until you walk over to get them or to use the school crossing
- talk to your child about what they should do if you are not there on time

A children's crossing is a legal crossing when two flags are in place.

## Teach your child to:

- always stand one step back from the kerb
- wait for the Crossing Supervisor to go out onto the crossing and blow their whistle (two short blasts), then cross the road
- not ride bikes, bounce a ball, fight, muck around or run across the crossing
- always stay within the lines of crossing and walk in front of the supervisor (never behind them)
- always be alert and listen to what the Crossing Supervisor says

## Parking near a school

- Do not park on or near a school crossing
- Do not double park and let your child out on the road
- Many schools have adopted a 'drop off and pick up' zone. This zone is not for waiting in. In the afternoon, your child has to get out of class, get their bag and walk to the zone. Plan to leave home once the school bell has rung so they're waiting for you in the zone.



## Infringements

Council regularly patrols schools within the municipality as part of our school crossing program. Infringements near schools will be issued if you are not adhering to the regulations or signage. Infringements can be affixed to the vehicle or posted to the registered owner of the vehicle.

## Offence and penalty when committed in an operating school zone

Offence	Offence description	Fine
Stopping on or near a children's crossing	A driver must not stop on a children's crossing, or on the road within 20 metres before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing.	\$159
Stopped in a 'no stopping' area	Drivers cannot stop, even briefly.	\$159
Stopped on a footpath	You cannot leave your car standing on a footpath, it obstructs the path of pedestrians and is also very dangerous.	\$95
Stopped in a bus zone	Only public buses can stop here.	\$95
Parked for longer than indicated	This is when you have overstayed the time limit indicated on the sign.	\$79
Stopped on or across a driveway or other way of access	You cannot deny access to other vehicles wanting to leave or enter, even briefly.	\$95
Stopped in a parking area for people with disabilities	You need a special disabled parking permit to park here. The permit number and expiry date must be visible from the outside.	\$159
Stopped on a nature strip	A driver must not stop on a nature strip as it can obstruct the view of oncoming traffic and cause damage to infrastructure.	\$95

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### Moonee Valley Language Line

عربي	Arabic	9280 0738	Ελληνικά	Greek	9280 0741	Español	Spanish	9280 0744
中文	Cantonese	9280 0739	Italiano	Italian	9280 0742	Türkçe	Turkish	9280 0745
Hrvatski	Croatian	9280 0740	Somali	Somali	9280 0743	Việt-ngữ	Vietnamese	9280 0746

All other languages 9280 0747

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