



# School Parking in the City of Ryde

We want to ensure that no child is hit by a car when going to or from schools in Ryde. 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 children at risk.

## School Kiss and Ride/Drop-off and Pick-up areas

A 'Kiss and Ride Zone' or 'Drop-off and Pick-up' area provides an appropriate place to drop-off and pick-up your children from school. This area, always on the school side of the road, is designated by a sign labelled 'Kiss and Ride'.

### Safety tips for drivers using a 'Kiss and Ride' or 'Drop-off and Pick-up' area

- Always drop-off or pick-up your child from the designated area, following the school's procedures.
- Never **double park**.
- Never park **across a pedestrian crossing**.
- Never **undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school**.
- Drivers should remain in their vehicles at all times in the 'Drop-off and Pick-up' area.
- Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
- Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.

### Safety tips for students

- Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped in the 'Drop-off and Pick-up' area.
- Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position, e.g. on the floor.
- Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seatbelt.
- Always get in and out of the backseat of the vehicle through the safety door – the rear footpath-side door.



# Parking and Traffic Rules – Choosing Safety over Convenience

The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you may be fined. Below is a quick guide to some of the most commonly misunderstood traffic rules.



## NO STOPPING

**What does it mean?**

You cannot stop in this area **FOR ANY REASON**.

**Why is it there?**

To keep sight lines clear for drivers AND children so both have more time to avoid crashes

**Penalty** - \$265.00 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)



## NO PARKING

**What does it mean?**

You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a **maximum of two**

**minutes** to drop off and

pick up passengers. You must stay within **three metres** of your vehicle at all times.

**Why is it there?**

To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children

**Penalty** - \$147 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)



## BUS ZONE

**What does it mean?**

You must not stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

**Why is it there?**

To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.

**Penalty** - \$265.00 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

## Other Traffic Rules

### Pedestrian Crossings including Children's Crossings

You must not stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.

**Why is it there?**

To ensure that children can be clearly seen by vehicles approaching the crossing.

**Penalty** - \$353.00 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)



### Footpaths & Nature Strips

You may not stop on any footpath or nature strip, or even a driveway crossing a footpath or nature strip **FOR ANY REASON**.

**Why is it there?**

You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.

**Penalty** - \$353.00 + 4 Demerit points (School Zone)

### Driveways

You may stop over the entrance of a driveway to pick up or set down passengers, but you may not wait there or leave your vehicle unattended

**Penalty** - \$147.00 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

### Double Parking

You may not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.

**Why is it there?**

Double parking forces other cars to go around you causing traffic congestion and reduces the view of drivers and children crossing the road.

**Penalty** - \$265 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

The information in this document is intended as a guide only, it is subject to change at any time without notice, current as of 1 August 2011.

