

# SAFETY TIPS AROUND SCHOOL CROSSINGS

## Driving To and From school

- Always park legally and avoid dangerous maneuvers like U-turns and three point turns at or near the crossing.
- Always be alert for children and pedestrians.
- Children should exit the side of the car that is on the kerb side of the road **away from passing traffic at all times.**

## Walking To and From School

- Plan your trip to school so that you are crossing the road at safe places, such as School Crossings.
- Always hold your child's hand up until the age of eight.
- Talk to your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think, every time they cross the road.
- Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate, avoid calling them from across the road.



# COMMON PARKING ISSUES AROUND SCHOOL CROSSINGS

To assist in keeping School Crossing areas a safe place for pedestrians and School Crossing Supervisors, Parking Officers monitor and patrol School Zones. Please find a list of common reasons for infringements below:

## Double parking

- Do not stop next to another vehicle already parked next to a kerb, even if you are just quickly stopping to let a passenger in or out.

## No Stopping Signs

- You must not park or stop in a No Stopping area for any reason.

## School Crossings

- Do not park, or stop within or on a school crossing while it is in operation.

## Bus Stop and Bus Zone Signs

- These areas are to be kept clear for school buses and public transport buses only

## Nature Strips, Footpaths and Reservations

- Do not stop or park on nature strips, footpaths or reservations as it can create unsafe situations for children, as well as cause damage to council infrastructure.

## Driveways

- Do not park fully or partially across a driveway, be respectful of residents that live in the area.

**\*If you would like more information relating to Parking Laws, please visit  
Wyndham City: [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au) or  
VicRoads: [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)**



# STOP LOOK LISTEN THINK

Regardless of your child's age or experience, to cross a road safely they should be taught to:

1. Stop at the kerb, not on the road.
2. Look in all directions for approaching traffic.
3. Listen for any vehicles coming.
4. Think about if it is safe to cross the road.

STOP

LOOK

LISTEN

THINK

## SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Children's crossings are usually part-time crossings that operate before and after school hours. When in use, red flags displaying the words **CHILDREN CROSSING** are used. Outside of these times, the area is not a pedestrian crossing.

During peak school zone times we ask parents and carers to take extra care to make sure they are parked safe and legally to ensure the safety of the children and themselves.

Watch for and obey the instructions of the School Crossing Supervisor who operates the school crossing.

School crossing supervisors need to have a clear field of vision in all directions around their crossing, so that they can spot approaching children and vehicles as soon as possible.



## SCHOOL CROSSINGS

### Pedestrians – Children and Adults

- When flags are displayed all pedestrians should use the crossing
- Always follow the instructions of the crossing supervisor.
- Make sure all traffic has stopped before stepping on to the crossing.
- Only cross when it is safe to do so and Stay Alert.

### Drivers and Riders

- Should always watch out for children and pedestrians near schools.
- Must not overtake a vehicle stopping or stopped at the crossing.
- Must approach at a speed slow enough to safely stop.
- Must stop if a hand held 'Stop' sign is displayed.
- Must proceed only when all children and adults, **including the supervisor** are off the road.

**Respect our school crossing supervisors. They do an essential job of keeping everyone safe.**