

# Parking at school safely

Parking at school can often be a stressful experience for parents / carers and can result in poor parking behaviour. This includes parking illegally. Illegal parking is when a driver parks and leaves their car in a:

- no stopping zone
- on a yellow 'no stopping' line
- on a footpath
- in a stop, drop and go zone (2 minute maximum)
- a disability park without a permit
- on a painted island, dividing strip or nature strip / grass verge.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The 2020 AAMI Crash Index showed that up to quarter of all road-related incidents occur around school pick-up time, mainly by parents who are distracted or in a hurry.

Each school is unique in its parking needs noting parking opportunities are often limited due to existing infrastructure, which is why we assess each school on a case by case basis. As a Council, we uphold an agreement with the State Government to maintain and monitor your school car park as well as enforce the Queensland Road Rules by monitoring parking behaviours to ensure fairness and accessibility for all members of the community.

Our responsibility is to keep our community safe which includes managing parking and congestion around schools and ensuring the safety of students, teachers, parents and carers alike.

**We recently visited your school at drop off and pick up time to assess parking and congestion. Below are some helpful tips and hints you can try to help you park legally in the school zone.**

## Handy hints for parking safely

-  To avoid a fine, check for any parking signage or line markings before you park your car.
-  **Lead by example - don't copy other people's bad behaviour - they risk getting fined.**
-  If possible, arrive at school earlier to ensure you can get a park.
-  **Don't park in the Stop, Drop and Go zone - a 2 minute maximum applies.**
-  Try carpooling or ride sharing with a friend to reduce the number of vehicles around the school and parking spaces needed.
-  **Find alternate parking spots close by and walk your child to / from school.**
-  If your children are old enough, consider the school bus or public transport.
-  **Develop and practice a school entry / exit plan with your child - they should know where you will drop them off, where they will meet you and at what time.**