

Many schools on the Mornington Peninsula face challenges in relation to the amount of available parking close to school entrances and this limited parking leads to problems with traffic flow and safety during drop off and pick up times.

The School Parking Awareness Program aims to reduce the congestion and improve the safety of pedestrians and drivers specifically during these times by ensuring drivers are aware and observe road rules and signage which is in place.

Council Officers will be attending schools on a random basis across the year. Officers will identify drivers committing offences, drivers may be verbally cautioned, or issued with an infringement notice.

The types of offences relating to the *Road Safety Road Rules 2017*;

- **Rule 171 – 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’.
Infringement notice: \$161.00
- **Rule 167 – No stopping signs:**
‘A driver must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a *no stopping sign* applies’.
Infringement notice: \$161.00
- **Rule 183 – Stopping in a bus zone:**
‘A driver must not stop in a bus zone unless the driver is driving a public bus’.
Infringement notice: \$97.00
- **Rule 197 – Stopping on a path, dividing strip, nature strip, painted island or traffic island:**
A driver must not stop on a bicycle path, footpath, shared path or dividing strip, or a nature strip adjacent to a length of road in a built-up area:
Infringement notice: \$97.00
- **Rule 189 – Double parking:**
‘A driver must not stop on a road if to do so would put any part of the vehicle that the driver is driving between a vehicle that is parked on the road and the centre of the road’.
Infringement notice: \$97.00
- **Rule 203 – Stopping in a parking area for people with disabilities:**
A driver must not stop in a parking area for people with disabilities unless:
(a) the driver’s vehicle displays a current parking permit for people with disabilities; and
(b) the driver complies with the conditions of the use of the permit.
Infringement notice: \$161.00
- **Rule 169 – No stopping on a road with a yellow edge line:**
A driver must not stop at the side of a road marked with a continuous yellow edge line.
Infringement notice: \$97.00

- **Rule 205 – Parking for longer than indicated:**

A driver must not park continuously on a length of road, or in an area, to which a *permissive parking sign* applies for longer than the period indicated by information on or with the sign or, if rule 206 applies to the driver, the period allowed under the rule.
Infringement notice: \$81.00

Drivers should be aware that at times Officers will take notes or photographs of drivers parking in contravention of the road rules. Any notes or photographs taken are used for the sole purpose of proving evidence that an offence has taken place.

The Shire works directly with many schools to improve the traffic flow and availability of parking. However, the reality is such that there will never be enough parking during the high demand periods.

Other options to reduce congestion may include walking to and from school, carpooling or arriving earlier or later to the main peak which often lasts only a short time.