

## School Crossing Safety



There are over 70 Schools in the City of Casey, serviced by over 240 school crossing supervisors. Over 35,000 students attend these schools each day, travelling by foot, private vehicles and public transport.

The City of Casey encourages drivers, parents and others responsible for children, to carefully read the information below to minimise the risk of accident or injury at and around school crossings.

### Why are school crossings important?

Children do not have a well developed sense of danger. They also do not have well developed peripheral (side) vision or spatial sense. This makes it difficult for them to properly judge the safe time to cross a road. Supervised school crossings were formally introduced in the 1970s to protect children from this risk.

### Why do we need parking and traffic controls around school crossings?

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.

Because children are often very small, cars parked or stopped too close to crossings can completely obscure them from the view of supervisors and drivers. Coupled with children's limited ability to identify danger, this can create a very hazardous situation.

Parents and other people who are dropping off/picking up children also need reasonable access to parking for that purpose.

### What sorts of controls can I expect to find around schools?

A range of restrictions may apply according to the needs of the particular area. The following restrictions may apply at and around your school:

#### No stopping



*What does no stopping mean?*

No stopping means you cannot stop your vehicle for any purposes, no matter how short the time.

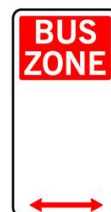
#### No parking



*What does no parking mean?*

No parking means that the area is a pick up/drop off zone and that you cannot leave your vehicle un-attended and you cannot be parked for more than 2 minutes.

#### Bus Zone



*What does bus zone mean?*

Bus zone means that this area is for buses only. You cannot stop there at all.

#### Disabled Parking



*What does disabled parking mean?*

Disabled parking means that only vehicles displaying a valid Disabled Person's parking permit may park in these spaces.

### As a driver what am I required to do around school crossings?

When approaching school crossings, slow down to 40km/h or less, watch for children and remember not to stop too close to the crossing. You **MUST** stop before the STOP LINE marked on the road once the stop sign is displayed to you

The crossing must be completely vacated of all pedestrians before proceeding, including the supervisor

Also watch for, and obey, the instructions of the School Crossing Supervisor.

Look for parking restriction signs and make sure to obey them or you may be fined

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