



TRAFFIC NSW – SCHOOL, STUDENT AND PARENT UPDATE

Information regarding student travel, COVID safety and reminder to parents around school zones.

Students on public transport

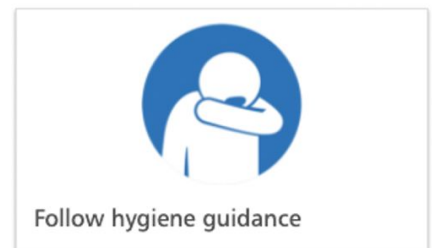
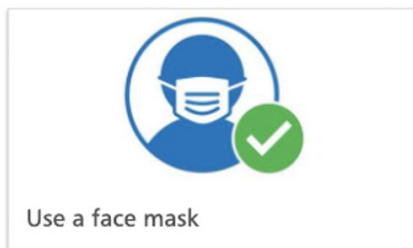
1. [Public Transport reminder to all students – COVID safe travel notifications](#)

Students are reminded to ‘tap on & off’ with their opal cards as they travel to & from school. As you are aware travel for most students is free however students are required to tap on & off in order to validate their travel. This is particularly important during COVID times when tracing is an important part of the public health strategy.

This [link](#) will provide general information around the school Opal card including eligibility and how to apply for a card. The card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using the train, bus, ferry and light rail services that are nominated in the application.

2. [Secondary school students \(those over 12 years\) must wear a face mask when travelling on public transport.](#)

This [link](#) will provide advice from NSW Health to help keep students safe when travelling on public transport. Important information on using a face mask, maintaining physical distancing and following hygiene measures are included.



Safety Around Schools Parent Reminders and School Funding Opportunities

1. The start of term is a good time to remind parents to slow down when driving near schools. [This article](#) highlights the need for parents to observe speed zones around schools.

2. Schools will soon be offered funding to update their local school-based road safety management plans. These plans should reflect current school practices in areas of pedestrian safety, school drop off and pick-up procedures, use of bicycles and other wheeled devices by students coming to and from school, parking procedures, school deliveries etc.

Current road safety rules and information, including the latest bicycle/car laws can be found at the Centre for Road Safety [homepage](#)

For more information about this funding opportunity please contact either **John Sparks** (4253 0962) or **Kath Preece** (0417 065 446) at CEDoW.