

# STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A WHOLE NEW ADVENTURE!



## HERE ARE SOME HANDY TIPS FOR FAMILIES:

### Plan how you will get to school and home from school

It is important to think about the best options for your family and be familiar with the rules - so that ALL children are safe around schools.

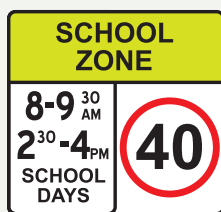
**Your family is likely to make 5,200 School Trips per child!**

*ie. 10 x school trips per week x 40 weeks per year x 13 years of school*

### Reduce your car trips around peak school times

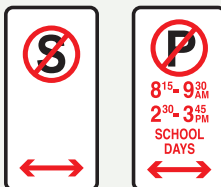
There will never be enough carparks right outside the school gate for every family. Consider walking, riding or scooting to and from school. Look for nearby parking locations such as parks, sporting reserves or shopping areas and walk the rest of the way. There are so many lifelong benefits of active travel to school, for your child and you. Watch our *Active Travel* animation for more information (link below).

### Follow the signs around your school



The signage around your school is there to keep all children safe. Please read and follow the signs:

**SCHOOL ZONE 40 KM** – slow down, lots of children



**NO STOPPING** – you cannot stop your car here at all

**NO PARKING SCHOOL DAYS** – this is a 2-minute only Drop off Pick up Zone

When you don't follow the signs, you make it dangerous for others. Parking Compliance regularly patrol school precincts and fines are issued for illegal behaviour. Watch our *Driving Safely Around Schools* and *Drop off and Pick up Zones* animations for more information (link below).

### Use the safest crossings

Where available, School Crossings are the safest place for children and pedestrians to cross the road. Crossing Supervisors are trained to help children (and adults) cross the road. Be a positive role model for your child - always use the School Crossing or a Pedestrian crossing where available and **Stop Look Listen Think** before crossing any road - your child will copy and be a safer pedestrian. Watch our *School Crossings* animation for more information (link below).



### Be considerate of the local community and each other

Double-parking, parking on nature strips and blocking driveways are illegal and dangerous. Remember lots of families are all trying to do the same thing as you – get their child safely to school and home again – be patient and think about the impact of your behaviour. Watch our *Driving Safely Around Schools* animation (link below).

### Make a commitment to being Safe Around Schools

**Take the time to learn more:** Watch our short *Road Safety Animations* available on YouTube - City of Casey Safer Communities. Read all information from your School and seek further information if you are not sure.

Visit [casey.vic.gov.au/safe-around-schools](http://casey.vic.gov.au/safe-around-schools)

We can all work together to get everyone to school and home again safely.

