



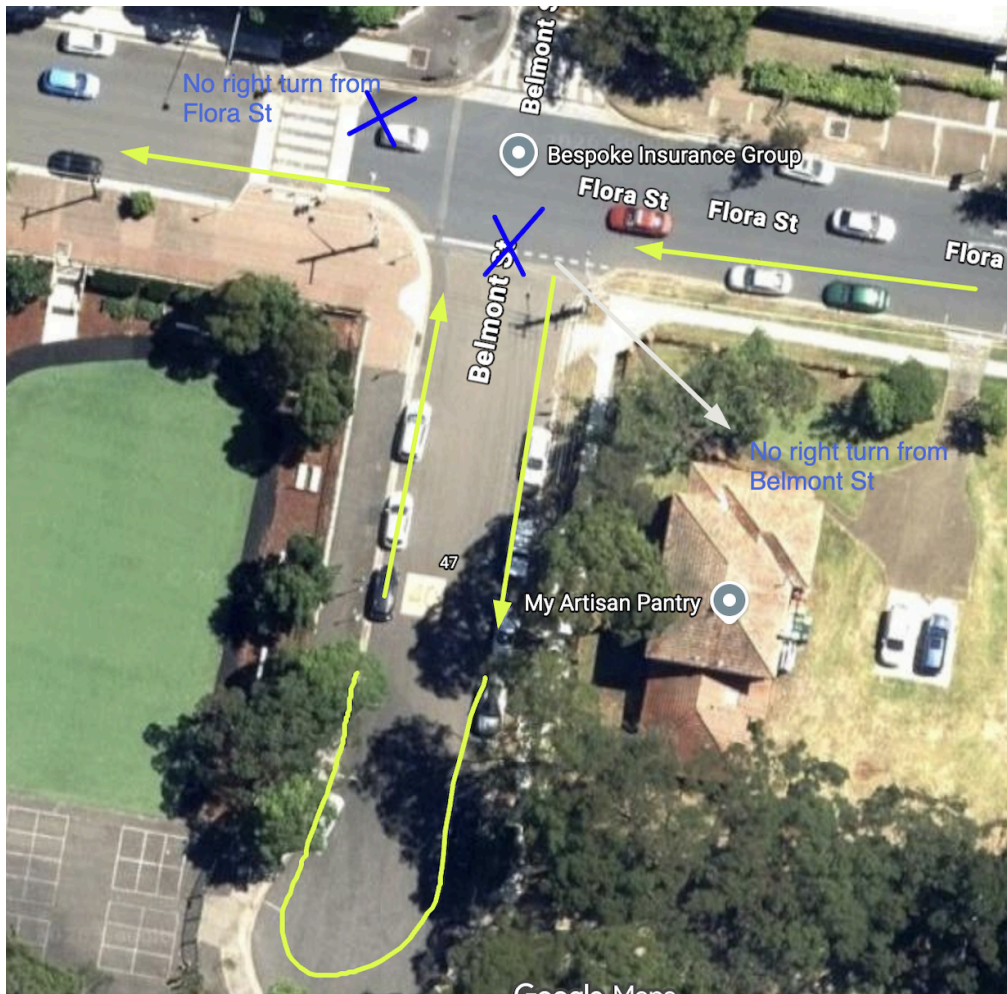
# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear families,  
Please see updated information regarding the turning circle.

## TURNING CIRCLE REMINDERS

The Turning Circle is one of our major points for afternoon dismissal. In order for the turning circle to continue to operate safely and effectively, it is important that ALL FAMILIES who make use of the turning circle, adhere to the following procedures. Please be patient and courteous when waiting in the turning circle. The turning circle relies on the generosity of our staff who assist to manage the car line each day. Many schools do not have this service.



- All students using the turning circle should be able to **independently enter and exit the vehicle** and place their seatbelt on without assistance as cars cannot stop on the turning circle.
- **Staff are able to assist students who are unable to open and close doors independently**, in order to expedite the process, however as students become older, it would be good if students could do this unassisted.
- To speed up the process, staff can also **place bags in the front passenger seat** provided you have opened the car window so they can do this.
- **Names should be clearly labelled on vehicles** so students can be called quickly and efficiently.
- Students must only **enter vehicles from the passenger side** where teachers are stationed in the afternoons, please **avoid leaving your car** to assist child/ren.
- **Students are not to place any items in the boot/rear** of the car while in turning circle.
- **Please line up** along the designated area in Flora Street when preparing to enter the turning circle. Be mindful of **council signage** to ensure you are not breaking any parking rules. Please see the image above for assistance.
- **DO NOT TURN RIGHT INTO BELMONT ST FROM FLORA STREET.**
- Keep the **traffic flowing** when entering and exiting the turning circle. *This means coming from the easterly direction along Flora St only and turning left when entering back onto Flora St.*

If you could kindly **pass this message on** to grandparents, older siblings, and any other responsible people who use the turning circle, that would be greatly appreciated.

## **MORNING TURNING CIRCLE**

As only 1 staff member is rostered on to monitor the morning turning circle, it is important that cars move as far along the turning circle as possible rather than stopping at the top near the school gate, especially at busier times (eg 8.30-8.40) so that call cars can access without blocking Flora St.

The same entry and exit points as the afternoon turning circle are used.

Many thanks

Jim Heelis  
Assistant Principal



## AFTERNOON TURNING CIRCLE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Council has received numerous complaints about traffic congestion around St Patricks Catholic Primary School due to parents arriving at the Afternoon Turning Circle pick up line well before the school bell and the start of the line. Parents are forming long queues into Flora Street blocking the flow of traffic, and blocking pedestrians crossing Belmont Street, which is unsafe.

In consultation with the Principal, Mr Stephen Darcy, Sutherland Council has formed a management plan for the Afternoon Turning Circle pick up line at St Patricks Catholic Primary School to increase road safety, reduce traffic congestion and the impact on local residents.

### Afternoon Turning Circle Management Plan

1. Parents should not arrive before the Turning Circle pick up line starts at 3:00 PM, The process takes about 15 minutes, and parents arriving after 3:05 PM are likely to have a much shorter waiting time. Teachers are on duty at the turning circle until 3:30 PM
2. Vehicles arriving before 3:00 PM and parking longer than the maximum 2 minutes may be issued penalty notices by Sutherland Shire Council Parking Officers or NSW Police.
3. After 3:00 PM vehicles may wait in the Turning Circle pick up line and move forward as required to pick up their children. Vehicles should queue such that they are not blocking the flow of traffic, intersections or the safe thoroughfare of pedestrians.
4. Parents should display their surname on the passenger side of their front windscreen, on duty teachers will direct parents where they are to stop, alert students and assist them into the vehicle.
5. The pick up line shall form around the Cul-de-sac of Belmont Street and north to Flora Street and then east along Flora Street to the end of the No Parking zone. As pedestrian traffic from the school eases teachers may move the head of the pick up line north to the intersection of Belmont and Flora Streets, to accommodate more vehicles in the Belmont Street cul-de-sac.
6. Vehicles must not stop on the Corner of Flora and Belmont Streets between the "No Stopping" Signs – *This prevents the safe crossing of pedestrians. Vehicles stopping here may be issued penalty notices for stopping in a No Stopping Zone*
7. Be aware of the Pedestrian Crossings on Flora and Belmont Streets these must remain safe crossing points for children. You must not stop or queue on a pedestrian crossing AT ANY TIME.
8. Vehicles must not queue beyond the end of the No Parking Zone on Flora Street. If you arrive and the No Parking Zone is full you MUST continue on and return at a later time. *Parking beyond the No Parking Zone blocks the flow of traffic, vehicles stopped here will be considered to be Double Parking.*
9. Parents should not turn right from Flora Street into Belmont Street to access the school during the operation of the pick up line.
10. If there is an illegally parked vehicle left unattended in the No Parking Zone, parents may NOT form a queue around the vehicle in the lane of traffic. Parents should queue past the vehicle as best as they can. *Illegally parked vehicles can be reported to council by calling 9710 0333*

### NO PARKING

#### What does it mean?

You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick-up passengers.

You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

#### Why is it there?

To provide a place for children to be set down and picked up safely



### NO STOPPING SIGNS AND CONTINUOUS YELLOW EDGE LINES

#### What do they mean?

You cannot stop in these areas FOR ANY REASON.

#### Why are they there?

To keep sight lines clear for drivers AND children so both have more time to avoid crashes



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