

## 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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