

# Community Safety Around Schools

## School Crossings and Parking Compliance



## Parking Compliance

Road rules exist for your safety and the safety of other road users.

City of Casey Parking Compliance Officers attend schools, and enforce any breaches of the Road Safety Road Rules that are sighted.

Parking Compliance Officers patrol schools within the City of Casey both morning and afternoon. Officers drive a Casey Council marked vehicle which is easily identifiable for parents, children and all other residents to see.

Parking and traffic offences incur an on the spot fine, or they can be issued via post. Parking restrictions are enforced by both Council's Parking Compliance staff and Victoria Police. Officers can patrol and issue infringements while on foot or in a Council marked vehicle. Some traffic offences can result in Court prosecution.



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## School crossings in the City of Casey

There are over 83 primary and secondary schools in the City of Casey, serviced by over 270 school crossing supervisors. Over 60,000 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 reduce the risk of accident or injury around schools and at school crossings.

### ? Why are school crossings important?

Most young children do not have a well developed sense of danger. Their peripheral (side) vision and spatial senses are also not fully developed. This makes it difficult for them to properly judge the safe time required to cross a road. Supervised school crossings were introduced 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.

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

### ✗ Parking and traffic problems

The most common parking and traffic offences around schools are:

- ✗ Stopping on a children's crossing
- ✗ Stopping in a 'no stopping' area
- ✗ Stopping on the right hand side of a vehicle already stopped at the kerb side (i.e. double parking)
- ✗ Stopping within 10 metres of an intersection.
- ✗ Stopping in a bus zone
- ✗ Driving through a children's crossing while a pedestrian is on it
- ✗ Parking in a 'no parking' area
- ✗ Parking on a nature strip.

### ? What sort 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 purpose, 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. You cannot leave your vehicle unattended, and you cannot be parked for more than two minutes.



#### Bus zone

##### What does bus zone mean?

A bus zone is an area specifically for buses. You cannot stop there at all.



#### Double parking

##### What does double parking mean?

Double parking is stopping next to parked cars to pick up or let out passengers.

### ? 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 crossings.

The crossing must be completely vacated of all pedestrians before proceeding. Also watch for, and obey the instructions of the School Crossing Supervisor and keep an eye out for parking restriction signs.



#### Important!

Please remember that on school days between 8.00 am and 9.30 am and 2.30 pm and 4.00 pm the speed limit at most schools is reduced to 40km.

