

## PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT SCHOOLS ARE FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN

Local Councils impose a variety of parking restrictions at and near schools to achieve a safer environment for your children. These restrictions are also to optimise traffic movement and safety.

### NO STOPPING ZONES -

These zones are usually adjacent to school entrances and the approach and departure sides of school crossings.

*You must not stop your vehicle in a no stopping zone or on a solid yellow line, not even for a few seconds.*



### NO PARKING ZONES -

You may stop in a No Parking zone to immediately pick up or set down your child, and drive off as soon as possible.

*No Parking zones are to ensure a quick and smooth turnover of vehicles.*



You must not leave your vehicle parked or unattended. If you are going to collect your child from this zone, have your child wait nearby in the school grounds so they can see you arrive. On your arrival they can then leave the school ground, enter your vehicle and you can then drive off.

### CONTINUOUS WHITE CENTRE LINE -

If a road has a continuous white centre line, there must be 3 metres between the vehicle and the white line.

### SCHOOL CROSSINGS -

You cannot stop within **20m of the approach side** or **10m of the departure side** of a school crossing.

### SPEED LIMITS -

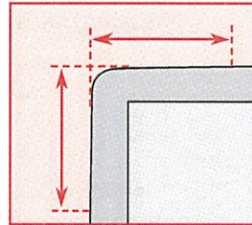
Speeding vehicles in a school zone are highly dangerous for children. There is a **speed limit of 25 kph**, designated by the signs and a zigzag line below, any time when children are present or when the lights are flashing (depending on the type of crossing).



### INTERSECTION OR T-INTERSECTION

(Restricted Area)

You cannot park within **10m** of the intersection.



### CROSSING PLACES (driveways)

You may park so that the front of your vehicle is level with the approach or the back is level with the departure side of a driveway to any private or public property so that vehicles can enter and depart safely.

### FOOTPATHS / NATURE STRIPS -

Parking is prohibited at all times. It creates dangerous situations for both pedestrians and other vehicles in the vicinity.

### DOUBLE PARKING -

Creates dangerous situations anytime, however the danger is increased near schools, especially when children are entering or leaving school.

## AUSTRALIAN ROAD RULES

# 25 CHILDREN SCHOOLS

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## BECAUSE CHILDREN ARE NOT LITTLE ADULTS YOU NEED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND CONCENTRATION NEAR SCHOOLS

### WHY ARE CHILDREN AT RISK

- Their size means that sometimes they cannot easily see or be seen in traffic.
- Parked vehicles, light poles and other street furniture all block a child's view of the road and also make it difficult for drivers to see them.
- Their concentration is limited and they are easily distracted.
- Their actions are often spontaneous and unthinking (that's why they will dart out on to the road to fetch a ball or weave about when riding their bikes) without checking to see if vehicles or pedestrians are coming.
- Their sight is not fully developed, especially their ability to "scan" for things.
- They are lacking the ability to estimate the speed of vehicles, the gap between vehicles, where a vehicle is coming from or how far away it is.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILDREN

### FOR UNDER 5 YEARS

Make sure your children have reliable supervision at all times when in or near traffic, especially when crossing roads.

### FOR 5 TO 8 YEARS

Help your children to become familiar with all aspects of the road environment – signs, traffic lights and crossing places.

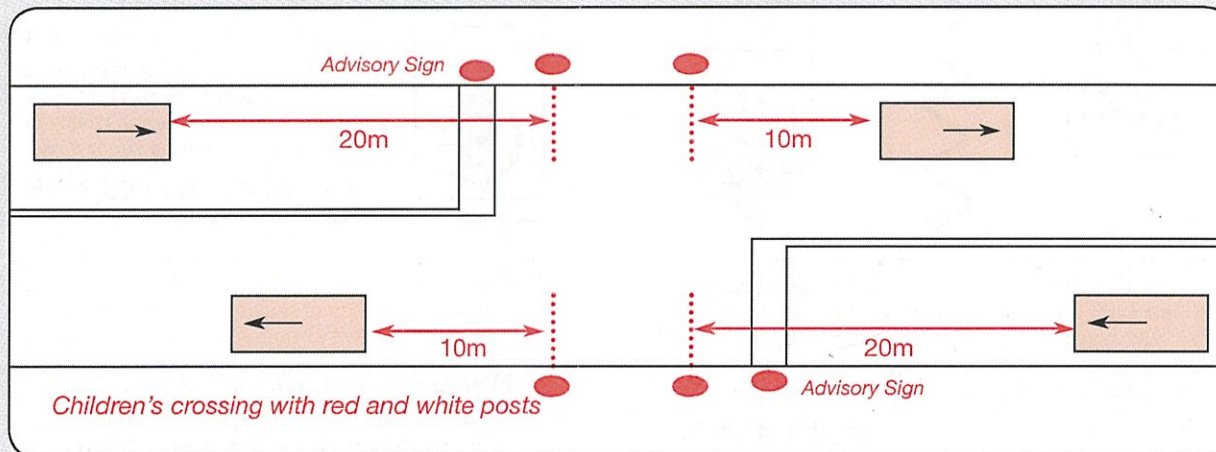
Teach them cycling skills in a safe area – in a park or playground etc.

If they are riding a bike to school, plan a safe route for them to take

### FOR 9 TO 12 YEARS

Take the time to explain the road rules in simple terms e.g.: Right of way, what to do at intersections etc.

Go for bike rides with your children to make sure they have safe cycling behaviour



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DEPENDS ON YOU**