**Tips for making the school run safer**

Most schools experience heavy traffic congestion at school drop off and pick up times.

However it is still the responsibility of all parents and carers to ensure they follow the road rules around Point Clare Public School.

Parking restrictions are in place around Point Clare Public School to assist in the management of drop off and pick up of your children, and to increase all students' safety.

Collect your child from the school gate and always cross in a safe manner – **never call your child across the road**.

Always ensure your child enters and exits the car using the rear passenger door on the **footpath side**.

A 40km school speed zone is in place around the school to keep our students safe.

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**Road Safety at Point Clare Public School**

Point Clare Public School is located in a residential area on Takari Avenue and Brisbane Water Drive.

The school has a road safety education program with quality teaching and learning activities for all our students.

Parents please:
- always try and meet your child on the school side of the road
- always be a role model for your children
- never call your child across the road
- never double park your car
- always be respectful of our neighbours ie keep driveways clear
- always obey the 40km speed zone.

Please help support us by setting good examples, obeying all road rules and practising safe road behaviours with your children.

David Harris
Principal

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Road safety practices are essential around all schools. Please read the following road safety advice specific for our school.
Travelling to school

Penalties for double parking exceed $257 and the loss of 2 demerit points.

Children should enter and exit your vehicle via the rear passenger door on the footpath side, as this is the safest way.

Children up to 7 years old are required to sit in an approved booster seat, with the seat belt fastened, in the back seat of the car.

The Roads and Maritime Service recommend that children under 12 years do not travel in the front seat of a vehicle.

Penalties can exceed $1859 and loss of 7 demerit points for speeding in a school zone.

Riding on wheels

Until children are 10 years old they should cycle in a safe place off the road and away from vehicles and driveways. If children ride to school, parents and carers should actively supervise them.

They are to dismount and walk through the school grounds. Wheeled devices are to be stored near the library at the owner’s risk.

Students who ride to school without a helmet will not be allowed to take their wheeled device home.

Supervision

Until they are 8 years old, children should hold hands with an adult:
- on the footpath
- in the car park and
- when crossing the road.

Until children are 10 years old, they should still be closely supervised in the traffic environment and hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.

NB. Please take extra care in wet weather.

Safe car travel

Pick up and drop off

The pick-up and drop-off zone is situated in Takari Avenue where the No Parking signs are located. This means you must not leave the vehicle unattended and you must not stop for longer than 2 minutes.

School car parking areas

The staff car park on Takari Avenue is for staff only. Please do not use the car park to drop off and pick up your children.

Please teach your children to enter and exit the school grounds using the adjacent pedestrian access gates.

The hall car park provides parking for disabled access to the grounds.

No stopping and bus zones

Under no circumstances should you park in the school Bus Zone on Takari Avenue during sign posted times.

You are not allowed to park in the No Stopping zone in Scott Street.

Adhering to these parking restrictions improves the safety of our students.

Where and how to park