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School zone safety plea

TAKE CARE WHEN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP KIDS

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WITH school now back in session, the Ambulance Service of NSW is urging parents to take steps to help reduce the possibility of accidents around schools.

Getting children out the door on time can make for a busy morning and paramedic Greg Wiggins said being late can lead parents to pull up in dangerous and illegal locations to let their children out.

"School gates are busy at the start and end of the day with general peak-hour traffic and now parents and children arriving en masse," Mr Wiggins said.

"Paramedics are encouraging everyone to think ahead and plan the safe delivery of children to school, with members of the community encouraged to be aware of school zones and the 40km/h speed restriction.

"School zone accidents fortunately don't happen every day, but when they do occur they can result in critical injuries that change children, families and drivers' lives forever," Mr Wiggins said.

"Parents are also being urged to only stop in designated zones and not assume a vehicle will see or stop for children on a crossing. "Parents should drop off and pick up on the same side of the road as the school, but if you have to park on the other side escort your children to and from the school grounds," Mr Wiggins said.

Key reminders:

* Do not stop in the bus zone - even for a minute.  
  * Fines and loss of demerit points apply

* Drop off in the No Parking zone.  
  * Stay with the vehicle for up to 3 minutes only

* Escort your child across the road.

An initiative of the Point Clare Public School Council's Traffic Management & Road Safety Committee