

Schools – Road Safety Concerns

The safety of children in the vicinity of school crossings and the streets surrounding a school is of great importance to us all.

Council receives regular complaints regarding unsafe driving and illegal parking around schools. Legislative Services officers carry out continual monitoring and enforcement around our schools, particularly in relation to parking on or within the school crossing zone, No Standing areas, bus stops and zones and other illegal parking issues.

Drivers may be issued an infringement notice on the spot or mailed to the registered owner of any alleged offending vehicle. In some cases drivers may be issued a warning or instructed to move on by Local Law Officers.

School Crossings

A school crossing is in operation when flags are displayed, you must not stop or park:

- Within 10 metres of the departure side of a crossing.
- Within 20 metres of the approach side of a crossing.

This means that stopping momentarily, to let a passenger out or pick a child up is an offence. These restrictions do not apply when flags are not displayed.

You cannot allow passengers to alight from a vehicle while waiting for traffic control signals or crossing in operation.

Stopping or parking your vehicle too close to a school crossing may mean that a child entering the crossing can't see or be seen by an approaching car.

Double parking

A driver must not stop on a length of road if the road is a two way road, between the centre of the road and another vehicle parked next to it. (see below for definition of No Stopping which is applicable to this Offence)

Disabled parking

Only people who have the appropriate disabled parking permit are allowed to park in a disabled bay. Hefty penalties apply for utilising these bays without a permit.

Bus Zone

A bus zone is not an area for a quick stop. These areas must be kept clear at all times for arriving and departing buses.

No Stopping and No Parking areas.

No Stopping means no stopping at all, even if you are only stopping to let someone out of the car and regardless of whether you leave the engine running or stay in the car.

Stopping in a **No Parking** area for up to two minutes is allowed, provided that you are dropping off or picking up passengers or loading or unloading goods & stay within 3 metres of your car. This means you cannot leave your car to walk your children into the school. If you wish to do this, you must park legally in a non restrictive area.

Other Parking

In accordance with the Road Rules you must not leave a vehicle stationary if it is:

- across a lane or private driveway (unless dropping off or picking up),
- facing the wrong direction of travel, or
- on a nature strip, footpath or reservation.






Even if there are no signs, it is the driver's responsibility to park in a **safe and legal** manner.

It is advisable to leave early and park sensibly for your children's safety.

Your co-operation in ensuring the ongoing safety of the children and pedestrians is greatly appreciated.

For further reference, please refer to Road Rules (Victoria) or contact the Legislative Services Unit on 9742 0811.

Explanation of common signage

	<p>No parking signs</p> <p>You are allowed two minutes in a 'No Parking' area only if you remain within three meters of the vehicle and you are picking up or dropping off passengers or goods. Otherwise, if you stop, you are considered to have parked, even if you stay in the vehicle.</p>
	<p>Parking for people with disabilities</p> <p>You must not park in parking bays that have a Disabled Parking sign or road marking without a valid disabled permit.</p>
	<p>No Stopping sign</p> <p>These signs tell you that you must not stop at the kerb for any reason. There may be time restrictions on these sign. You must not park at this location during these times.</p>
	<p>Zone signs</p> <p>Bus Zone – Only for public buses, public passenger vehicles or taxis (not private vehicles) that are dropping off or picking up passengers (30 minute limit or as shown on the sign).</p>
	<p>Bus stop signs</p> <p>No parking or stopping within</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 meters (unless permitted by a sign) of the <u>approach</u> side of a bus stop • 10 meters (unless permitted by a sign) of the <u>departure</u> side of a bus stop sign