

Tips for making our school 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 Pretty Beach Public School.

Parking restrictions are in place around our 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 inside the school gate and always use our pedestrian cross where possible—**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.

Please do not use the staff car park as a drop off or pick up point. The low visibility and vehicle movement in this area makes it dangerous for students, staff and parents.

Road Safety Education at Pretty Beach Public School

Pretty Beach Public School is located in a residential area on Pretty Beach Road.

Our 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 obey the 40km/h speed limit*

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

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Road Safety Education



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

Travelling to school



There is a flagged crossing on Pretty Beach Road. Please encourage your child to cross here as this is the safest place to cross near our school.

Supervision

Until they are 8 years old, children should hold hands with an adult:

- *on the footpath*
- *in a 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.

Penalties exceed \$415 and 2 demerit points for stopping on or near a crossing.

Safe car travel

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 NSW Centre for Road Safety recommend that children under 12 years do **not** travel in the front seat of a vehicle.

Speeding in a school zone can result in penalties up to \$2400 and loss of up to 7 demerit points.

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.

Children are to dismount and walk their bikes in to the school grounds. Bikes are to be stored in the racks near the entry at the owner's risk.

If teachers are aware that a student does not have a helmet, the student will not be allowed to ride their bike home.

Where and how to park

Safest parking places

Pretty Beach Road can be congested and dangerous particularly at the end of the day. Parents are encouraged to park legally on Pretty Beach Road or in the Araluen Drive car park opposite the school and walk with their child to and from the school gate.

No stopping and bus zones

The *Bus Zone* is located on the side of the school and there are numerous *No Stopping Zones* around the school, including *No Stopping zones* before and after school hours. Parking in these areas restricts the visibility of drivers, particularly as they near the crossing. **Drivers must NOT stop or park in both Bus and No Stopping Zones.** Instead, park legally and walk with your child to and from the school gate.

