

Familiarise yourself with the following signs, their meaning and correct parking practices.



No Parking

You must not stop for more than two minutes in a No Parking area. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle.

Hours of operations may apply to some signs. This means restrictions apply for those times only.

Mobility Parking Permit holders are allowed to park for up to five minutes.

Demerit points and penalties apply.



No Stopping

This sign means that in the area in the direction of the arrow you must not stop your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb.

Sometimes a no stopping area is indicated by a solid yellow edge line.

Hours of operation may apply to some signs. This means restrictions apply for those times only.

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop in this zone for the purpose of dropping off or picking up a passenger. Your vehicle can not enter this zone at any time.

Demerit points and penalties apply.



Bus Zone

This sign means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Hours of operation may apply to some signs. This means restrictions apply for those times only.

Demerit points and penalties apply.

Double Park

It is also an offence to double park your vehicle in a school zone. Double parking is when you stop your vehicle adjacent to a vehicle that is parked at the side of the road. You can not pull up, to drop off, or pick up a passenger when you are adjacent to a parked vehicle.

Demerit points and penalties apply.

Stop on/near pedestrian or children's crossing

You must not stop your vehicle on a children or pedestrian crossing, or on the road within 20 metres on the approach to the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing.

Demerit points and penalties apply.

Stop on path or strip

A driver must not stop on a path, which includes a bicycle and foot path, or a nature strip adjacent to the road. This may cause an obstruction to pedestrians forcing them to unnecessarily enter onto the roadway.

Demerit points and penalties apply.

To find out the most up-to-date penalty amounts and the number of demerit points that apply for incorrect parking in school zones go to:
<http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/>



For more information contact Tweed Shire Council's Regulatory Services Unit on (02) 6670 2400 or email TSCRegulatoryServ@tweed.nsw.gov.au

School Zone Parking

Information sheet



Keeping your children safe

Children are vulnerable road users. They are at risk in the traffic environment because of their size, their difficulty in judging speed and distance and the fact that they may behave unpredictably.

More than one million children in NSW travel to and from school each day by car, bike, public transport or as a pedestrian. Each form of transport poses potential hazards.

Council officers randomly patrol school zones throughout the day to ensure the parking of vehicles is in accordance with associated regulations. The aim is to achieve children safety and an appropriate balance of traffic flow and equitable access to designated parking spaces.

You can help by following the simple safety steps over the page and by regularly reinforcing important road safety to your children.



Safety steps for parents or carers of school-aged children

- Always make sure your children wear a seat belt when travelling in a car.
- Always drop-off and pick-up your children on the school side of the road.
- Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of the car.
- Never call your children across the road
- Use pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Children up to the age of 10 years old should always be supervised when near traffic. Children up to the age of eight years old should always hold an adults hand when crossing the road.
- Make sure your children wear a helmet when riding a bike.
- Children aged up to 12 years should ride their bikes on the footpath or away from the road.
- If your children catch a bus always walk with them to and from the bus stop.

Safety messages to discuss with your children

- Click Clack Front 'n' Back when in a car.
- Use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
- Hold a grown-up's hand when on the footpath, in a car park or crossing the road.
- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! When crossing the road.
- Crossing the road at a pedestrian crossing where possible.
- When getting off a bus wait until the bus has gone before using a safe place to cross the road,
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bike and don't ride on busy roads.



School Zones

A school zone is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40km/h. Between the 'SCHOOL ZONE' and 'END OF SCHOOL ZONE' signs you must obey the school zone speed limit. The school zone limit only applies on school days and during the times shown on the sign.

Children's Crossings

These are part-time crossings which operate just before and after the school hours, as well as other times such as school excursions and lunch times. They are highlighted by red flags with the words CHILDREN CROSSING on them.

When the flags are displayed you must slow down and stop before the stop line if a pedestrian is on or entering the crossing. You must not proceed until all pedestrians have left the crossing. You must not stop on or within 20 metres before or 10 metres after a children's crossing.



Combined Children's and Pedestrian Crossing

Some pedestrian crossings are used as children's crossings at some times during the day/ The display of CHILDREN CROSSING flags means that the children's crossing is operating. When the flags are not displayed the crossing operates as a normal pedestrian crossing.

Familiarise yourself with the above signs as they provide a warning regarding the approach to a pedestrian crossing.



School Crossing Supervisor

As you approach a pedestrian crossing or children's crossing where a School Crossing Supervisor is displaying a 'STOP Children Crossing' sign, you must slow down and stop. You may proceed when the School Crossing Supervisor no longer displays the sign in your direction or has indicated it is safe for you to proceed.