

Road Safety Tips

- Make the effort to use the designated crossing even if it means walking a little further
- Organise to meet your child at an agreed safe place, with preference to collect them from the same side of the road as the school where possible.
- Park and meet your child, don't call them to cross the road by themselves
- Avoid U-turns within school zones – it confuses other traffic and children.



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Keep Kids Safe



Traffic rules around schools



Information contained in this brochure has been adapted from the Australian Road Rules

The City of Marion works together with schools to promote safer streets and crossings around schools and ensure compliance with the Australian Road Rules.

To keep the kids safe, please adhere to the following zones and traffic restrictions that apply to schools.

If you witness unsafe behavior at or around a school, please contact a member from Council's Transport Team to discuss and work through possible solutions to improve the situation.



School Zones

School zones are represented by zig zag line markings and associated with signs on all school approaches.

When a child is within the zone, drivers must not exceed 25km/h at any time (including outside of normal school hours).



School zone

School Crossings

There are various types of school crossings, including a Koala or Emu, which are generally located within designated school zones. The crossing type and location are carefully selected to maximise the crossing safety of all users.



Koala (Flashing lights)

When the alternate lights are flashing, or children crossing flags are present, motorists must abide by the 25km/h speed limit and stop and give way to give way to everyone using the crossing.



Emu (Children crossing flags)

Pick up and Drop off zones

Look out for these signs which highlight the designated zones for dropping off and collecting your children. Please note, only 2 minute parking is permitted in these areas, therefore if your child is not present, you will need to move on to ensure the zone works effectively for all users.



Drop off zones and pick up zones

Parking Restrictions

Detailed information on on-street parking restrictions is available online via My Licence - The Driver's Handbook - Parking. Some common parking restrictions around schools are as follows:

Yellow Line (continuous)

- Particularly look out for these near pedestrian and school crossings (you can't park 20m before or 10 after any crossing)
- Stopping in these areas impacts on the safety of all road users
- You are not permitted to stop for any reason in these zones

Double Parking / Queuing

- It is illegal to park next to another car to wait or drop or collect passengers
- It restricts the vision of persons crossing the road and causes congestion within the neighbourhood

Parking over driveways

- You should not park across a driveway (even slightly) to avoid creating an inconvenience to the householder

Parking over white centreline

- It is illegal to park at anytime opposite a solid white centreline or traffic island, unless a 3m gap is provided
- This causes unnecessary congestion and can increase the risk of accidents

Bicycle Lanes

- You cannot stop within an operational bicycle lane at any time to pick up or drop off your children, or waiting in a queue (such as for a legal on-street parking space)
- Some bike lanes may be timed such that this only applies during the sign-posted bike lane hours