

MARTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Marton Mailbag



Term 3 Week 6 29/8/2025

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Nagangbi

We the students and teachers at Marton Public School acknowledge the Dharawal Speaking people and we will **Strive To Do Our Best** with any of the challenges we may face.

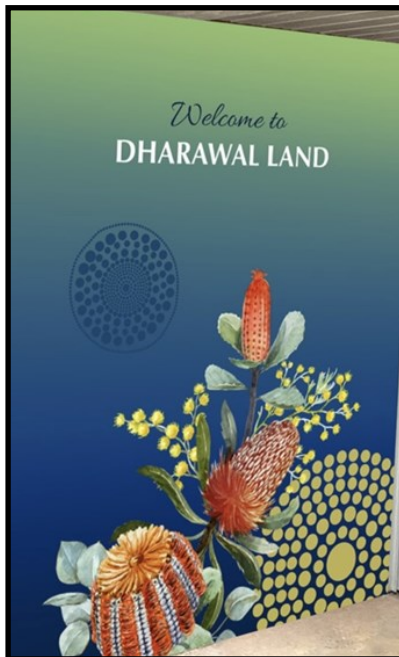
We honour and pay our respects to the Aboriginal Elders of the past, present and future who will furthermore look over and after us.

We respect them for nurturing and looking after the land, the dreaming stories and the spiritual connections to country.

We will continue to care for the **RED** sunrise, The **BLUE** calm and free waves and the **GREEN** mother nature. They showed **Respect, Honesty, Kindness, Pride** and **Team Work** for thousands of years.

The pictures on our school logo represent the southern stars that are from the dreaming stories beside the Banksia and Boronias representing the native flowers on the Dharawal land.

I would like to thank mother earth and grandfather sun and the Dharawal people for protecting them.



Please always know that my door is always open. Whether you have questions, concerns, or simply want to share feedback, I am here to listen and support you in any way I can. Your involvement is so important to the success of our students and school community, and I truly value the partnership we share. Please don't hesitate to reach out whenever you need. Together, we can continue to make this a positive and thriving environment for all our students.

2025 NAPLAN Information Session

What a year it has been for our school's NAPLAN results – our growth has been nothing short of phenomenal! The improvement across all areas is a true reflection of the hard work, passion, and expertise of the incredible teaching team here at Marton PS.

To share and celebrate these results, and to explore our trend data and key focus areas moving forward, we will be hosting a NAPLAN parent forum. After gathering feedback from 15 interested parents, Friday emerged as the most popular day, closely followed by Wednesday, with 2–3pm being the preferred time slot.



Based on this, we are pleased to confirm the NAPLAN Parent Forum will be held on **Friday 12th September (Week 8) at 2:00pm** in the school library. Please sign in at the library on arrival.

For those unable to attend, we will send the presentation slideshow to all parents following the forum.

ICAS assessments

Congratulations to all our students from Years 2–6 who participated in the ICAS assessments, we are so proud of your effort and commitment to challenging yourselves. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Barnsley for the time, care, and dedication she has given in supporting our students throughout this process.

Dance Extravaganza

Congratulations to our amazing junior and senior dancers for their wonderful performance two weeks ago – you were absolutely fantastic! A big thank you to Mrs Pollack and Mrs Price for their support of our dancers and for generously giving their Friday night to attend the concert, time away from their own families.



Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival

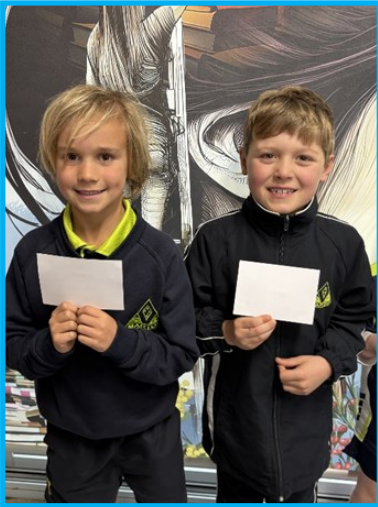
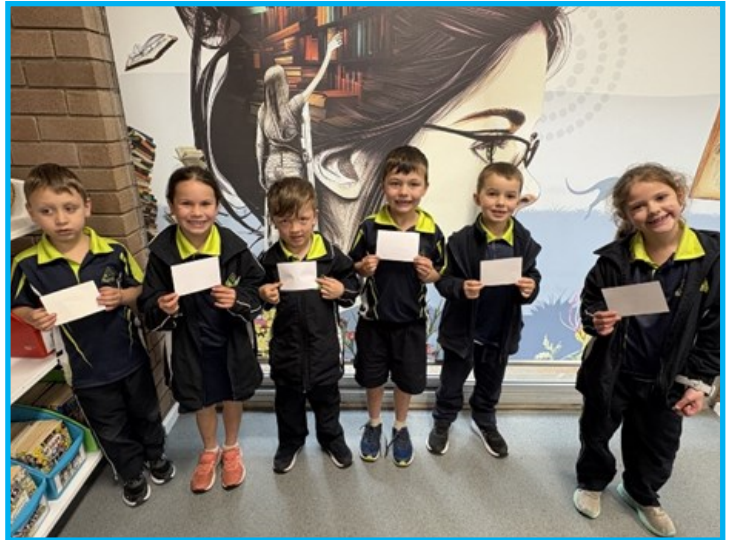
Congratulations to our wonderful choir students who have been busily preparing for the Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival! Our junior students were superb in their concert earlier this week, and we're looking forward to cheering on our senior students in their performance tonight. A big thank you to Miss Briggs for her time, dedication, and preparation in getting our students ready for this exciting event.



Kind Regards,

Jody MacDonald
Principal

AWARD WINNERS!



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Dance Extravaganza!

On Friday 15th August, the Junior and Senior dance groups performed in the Dance Extravaganza concert at The Pavilion Performing Arts Centre in Sutherland. Students were so excited to perform their dance items to an outside audience for the first time this year. All students should be incredibly proud of themselves and their smiles really stood out on stage. Thank you to their families for bringing the students during the evening and supporting our school at this event.

From Mrs Pollack and Mrs Price



Marton Public School - Kindergarten 2026

Group Tour Dates

(no RSVP required. All commencing at 10am. All family members invited)

Thurs 27th March 2025

Thurs 22nd May 2025

Wed 18th June 2025

Mon 11th August 2025

Kindy Information Evening

Wednesday 7th May 2025

5.00pm - 6.00pm

(in the Kindy rooms. No RSVP required)

Kindy Orientation Visit 2

Thursday 20th November 2025
2.00pm - 3.00pm

Kindy Orientation Visit 1

Thursday 13th November 2025
2.00pm - 3.00pm

Kindy Orientation Visit 3

Thursday 27th November 2025
2.00pm - 3.00pm

Kindy Orientation Graduation

Thursday 4th December 2025
2.00pm - 3.00pm

Call 9520 6261 for more information or a private tour with the Principal



Enrol Now

Do you have a child starting school next year, enrol now for Kindy 2026.





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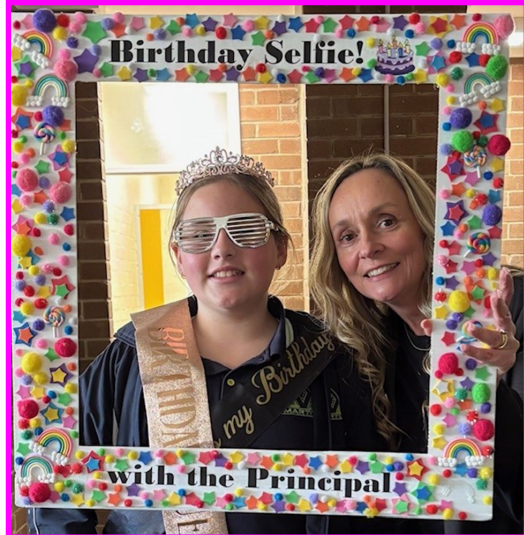
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Birthday Selfies

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TERM 3 - 2025



SSSMF Senior Choir Concert @ 7pm	Friday 29 August
P&C Meeting @ 7pm	Monday 1 September
Check In Assessment - Reading (Years 3-6) bring headphones	Monday 1 September
Possible extra PSSA trial this week	Monday 1 Sept
Check in assessment reading (yr3-6) bring headphones	Tuesday 2 September
Check in assessment numeracy (yr4-6) bring headphones	Thursday 4 September
Father's Day Stall	Friday 5 September
Check in assessment yr 3 numeracy & yr 6 writing (bring headphones)	Monday 8 September
High Potential Gifted Education (HPGE) Group (Select Students) Visit Waterfall Public School	Tuesday 9 September
Book Swap Day (gold coin donation)	Wednesday 10 September
Summer PSSA starts	Friday 12 September
Swim Scheme starts (all week)	Monday 15 September - Friday 19 September
Regional Athletics Day	Wednesday 17 September
Extra Curricular Photos taken	Thursday 18 September
Woronora River Zone Public Speaking Finals	Tuesday 23 September
Science Day Incursion - K-6	Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th
Last Day of Term 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peek into learning (in classrooms) - Afternoon tea with family members - Gold Awards & Banner Assembly @ 2pm 	Friday 26 September



TERM 4 - 2025



Staff return—Staff Development Day	Monday 13 October
Students return	Tuesday 14 October
Dance Curriculum this week	
P & C Meeting @ 7pm	Monday 20 October
Dance Curriculum this week	
Dance curriculum with the community- whole school dance	Friday 24 October
Grandfriend's Day	Thursday 30 October
Halloween Day Disco	Friday 31 October
Remembrance Day	Tuesday 11 November
First Nations Student Council (Select Students) @ Tharawal Public School	Tuesday 11 November
Kindy Orientation #1	Thursday 13 November
Christmas Night Markets from 5pm	Friday 14 November
P & C Meeting @ 7pm in the Library	Monday 17 November
Walk for Respectful Relationships	Wednesday 19 November
P & C Colour Run	Wednesday 19 November
Kindy Orientation # 2	Thursday 20 November
Kindy Orientation # 3	Thursday 27 November
Kindy Orientation Graduation	Thursday 4 December
Peek into learning (in classrooms)	Friday 5 December
Afternoon tea with family members	
Gold Awards & Banner assembly & Recognition Certificates	
Year 6 Farewell	Monday 8 December
Last Chess Club lesson	Thursday 11 December
K-2 Presentation Day @ 9.30am	
3-6 Presentation Day @ 11.30am	
Last day of School & Year 6 Graduation Assembly & Clap Out	Friday 19 December



OOSH SPRING REWARDS - FREE FRIDAY AND VACATION CARE GIVEAWAY



Free Friday – No-Cost Trial for New Families

To support families who may be curious about OSHC but haven't yet tried it, we're offering a Free Friday session for new families. It's a simple, no-obligation way to experience our programs in a low-pressure setting.



Try OOSH Free!

One Free Friday for
newly enrolled
families in Term 3.

- ✓ Art and Crafts
- ✓ Outdoor Play
- ✓ Afternoon Tea
- ✓ STEM

ENROL TODAY



YOUR BOOKINGS COULD WIN!!

DRAWN
WEEK 8

A week of
Spring Vacation Care!!!

5 Before School Sessions in a week = 1 entry

5 After School Sessions in a week = 1 entry

Earn up to 2 entries per child, per week!

Up to 16 entries available over 8 weeks!



Spring Vacation Care Giveaway

To celebrate the end of winter and welcome spring, we're running a small giveaway for families who already attend our services. Families currently attending five days a week will be entered into a draw to win a week of free Vacation Care, a small thank you for their ongoing support.

These initiatives are part of our broader efforts to keep care accessible and responsive to the needs of local families.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like more detail or have any questions.

Educationengagement@3Bridges.org.au

3Bridges NAIDOC Celebration

During the recent school holidays, 3Bridges proudly hosted our annual NAIDOC celebration, uniting children from all our vacation care sites along with families and community members for a day of cultural connection and celebration.

Here is a glimpse of the day!



1300 327 434

www.3bridges.org.au

10am-2pm

GET READY WEEKEND

Sunday 21 September 2025

12pm
PREPARE FOR BUSH FIRE.

ENGADINE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Visit us to discuss your fire plan on
Sunday 21 September between
10am-2pm
Ferntree Road Engadine

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.



RFS



Sydney Technical High School



OPEN DAY

for Year 7, 2027

TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

9am - 11:30am

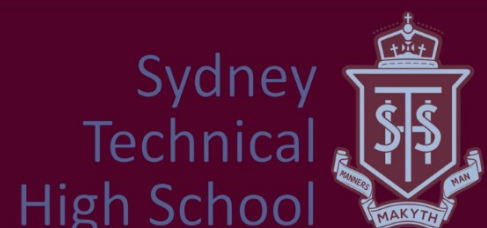
- Explore our Academic Junior Acceleration Program
- Interactive Lesson Tasters for students
- Meet our Principal and Leadership Team
- Guided School Tours

REGISTER VIA OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

Website: sydneytech-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

Google Form Link: <https://shorturl.at/7n1Xk>

Contact Us
8566 2600



686 Forest Road
Bexley NSW 2207

NERFLAND & INFLATABLE
WORLD PRESENT

HALLOWEEN PARTY

31 OCTOBER 2025

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TICKETS
NOW!



ZOMBIE BLASTER ZONE



TREASURE HUNT



HAUNTED MAZE



COSTUME PARADE

SCAN ME



The Rec Club : 8/2-4 Kumulla Rd, Miranda
recclub.com.au + 02 9525 5499





E-bikes: Advice for families

An e-bike is a bicycle that is powered with rechargeable batteries, providing electric assistance while pedalling.

Is my child permitted to ride an e-bike?

Your child can ride a privately owned e-bike, if it meets the requirements outlined below. Shared (hired) e-bikes usually have a minimum age requirement. Always check the minimum age requirements before allowing your child to ride a shared e-bike.

What are the requirements for e-bikes?

There are two types of e-bikes permitted in NSW.

Electrically power-assisted cycle requirements

An electrically power-assisted bicycle has a maximum continued rated power of up to 500 watts. This power output must be:

- ▶ progressively reduced as the bicycle's speed increases beyond 6km/h

▶ cut off when:

- the bicycle reaches a speed of 25km/h
- the rider stops pedalling and the speed exceeds 6km/h.

Power-assisted pedal cycle requirements

- ▶ has one or more motors attached with a combined maximum power output of up to 200 watts
- ▶ can't be propelled only by the motor/s
- ▶ must weigh less than 50kg (including batteries)
- ▶ have a height-adjustable seat.

It is important to carefully check the manufacturer's details on any bike you are buying for your child.

Any powered bicycle that does not meet the above requirements is **illegal to use on roads or road related areas.**

**Have you thought
about becoming a
foster carer?**

Do you have room in
your heart and your
home for a child?



Become a Foster Carer in the Sutherland Shire.

The NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is urgently seeking potential foster carers in the Sutherland Shire. We need people who can provide care for children, young people, or siblings, aged 0-18 years-old, for a few days, to a few months and beyond.

Foster carers support families by caring for children who are unable to remain at home. Foster carers come from all walks of life and their families reflect the wider community we live in. Carers can be single, partnered and be with or without children of their own. Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Foster carers receive initial and ongoing training and support from a dedicated foster care caseworker. There are financial support packages available to foster carers to support a child's education, medical needs, food costs and other daily living costs.

If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child, please call 8303 7644 or email our Foster Care Team: CAPSMetroCentral@dcj.nsw.gov.au

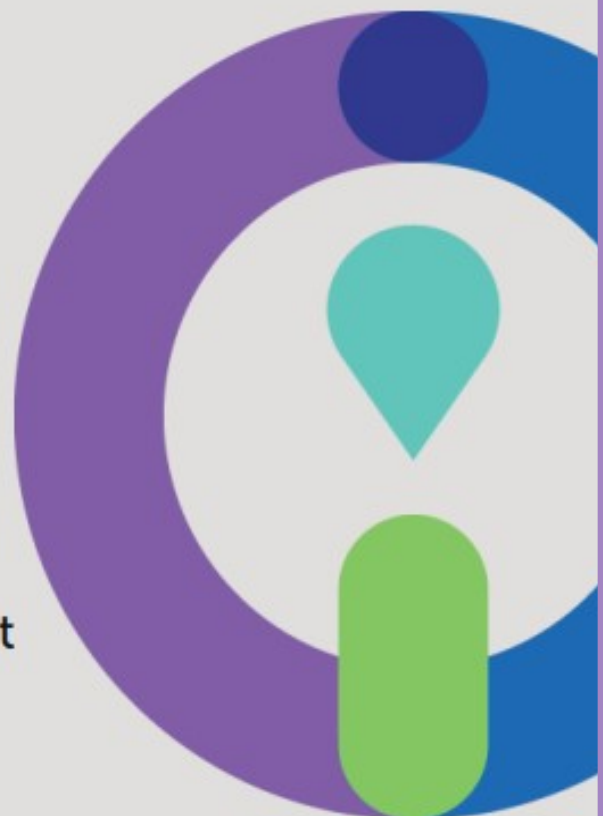
Do you need legal advice?

We can help you.

Walk into one of our upcoming Legal Clinics:

Hopefield Community Hub
6 Gosport Street, Cronulla
First Tuesday every month
1pm - 4pm

For more details, please contact us at **(02) 9545 0299** or **mlc.clinic@hopefield.org.au**



**Marrickville
Legal Centre**
From the inner west,
serving NSW





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3Bridges Community Marton

 <https://3bridgesafterschool.org.au/marton/>

 OSHC@3Bridges.org.au

 1300 327 434



SCHOOL CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Please remember that when you are volunteering/working in the Canteen to use the QR Code located in the Canteen to check in so that we know you are on site in case of an emergency. Also, a reminder that only parents are allowed in the Canteen, no toddlers, babies or students please.



Every Day Matters



When it comes to attending school, every day matters

If your child misses as little as **1 day per fortnight**, they will miss **4 weeks of school per year**, which adds up to over **1 year missed over their school life.**



Scan the
QR code to
learn more

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:



Learning



Strengthening
friendships



Build skills
through fun

THE MARTON MUNCH HUT

We are extremely fortunate at Marton to have a wonderful canteen.

To new families who may not know, this is run by the amazing Nicole who is employed by the P&C as our very own Canteen Manager.

As with many businesses there have been increased pressures with increasing stock prices, pay roll and super costs as well as ongoing repair + maintenance costs. Price increases are sadly unavoidable however will remain as low as possible.

During Covid a reduction in parents being in the school grounds and many families departing after Year 6 also means there is a shortage of

VOLUNTEERS

These are crucial to keep the canteen viable and open 4 days a week.

If you are a parent, carer, grandparent or friend of Marton, can you spare any time on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday?

It does not have to be a whole morning or lunch time.

Even half an hour or 1-2 hours is a huge help

It is also a fantastic opportunity for new Marton parents to meet other people in the school community and connect with the kids.

You do not need to be an expert in catering, just come with a smile and a fun attitude.

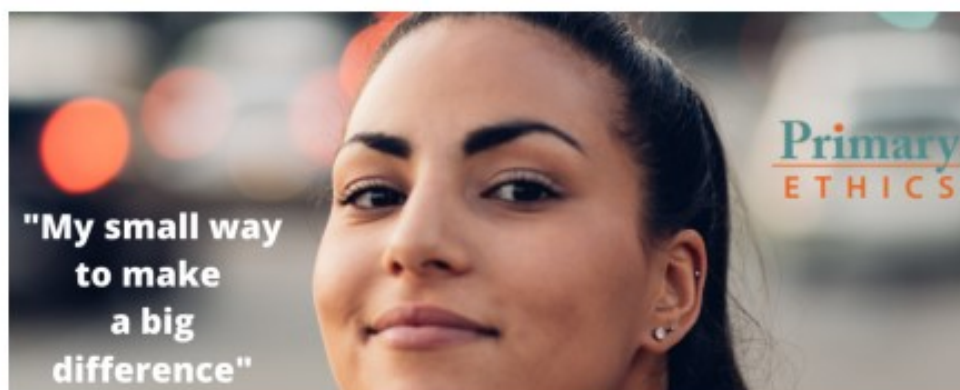
Tasks can include
processing orders, labelling bags, prepping, and cooking food, clearing dishes, packing orders and serving the children.

If you can help, contact Nicole
via the Marton Munch Hut Facebook page.

It is a rewarding way to give back to our school community.

Many thanks,

Marton P&C & Marton Munch Hut



Come teach ethics at Marton Public School!

We are building an ethics program at Marton Public School with lessons delivered by Primary Ethics volunteers. Ethics classes are held as an option during the Scripture timeslot. In ethics, students explore everyday issues suitable for their age. They learn to listen closely to each other, to disagree without putdowns and to think carefully as they form their opinions.

We want to give parents the option of choosing Ethics for their child. To do that we need more parent and community volunteers to teach.

You can teach ethics if:

- You're interested in what children think and you have an interest in learning
- You're willing to learn how to use our lesson scripts to ask children ethical questions
- You can remain neutral and give the children space to think
- You're available each school week on Tuesdays at either 10.30am or 11.30am for 30 mins – you'll need about an hour each week to prepare and give the scripted lesson
- You complete our free training and pass background checks.

You don't need to be a trained teacher! Primary Ethics provides free, comprehensive training with online self-paced learning plus trainer-led workshops (by Zoom or face-to-face). You'll develop new skills yourself – facilitation skills, plus skills in communication and active listening.

Curious? Visit www.primaryethics.com.au

Or contact Emma Doran on emma.doran@primaryethics.com.au or 0403047698

FACT SHEET

ROAD SAFETY FOR KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

Do you have children starting kindergarten next year? Starting school is very exciting for your child. They may not be thinking much about safety, but you should.

Children are small, hard to see, behave unpredictably, and are extremely vulnerable. Their lack of road experience means it is difficult for them to judge dangerous situations. They will need your help to spot the dangers around traffic.

Sutherland Shire Council wants all children to be safe going to and from school - and that depends on you. Act safely when driving or walking around schools so our children will learn to be safe too.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

- Make sure your children are in an appropriate child restraint in the car that is fitted and used correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit and keep a sharp lookout in school zones as children are about and can be unpredictable.
- Always park and turn legally around schools and avoid dangerous manoeuvres like U-turns and three-point turns.
- Up until the age of eight, always hold your child's hand whenever cars and other vehicles could be around. Park your car and walk them to the school gate.
- Drop older kids off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area.

- Avoid calling out to children from across the road because they may run to you without checking traffic.
- It's safest for the kids to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road, away from passing traffic.
- If walking to school, plan your trip so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND THINK

Every time children cross the road, remind them to:

- **Stop** one step back from the kerb
- **Look** for traffic to your right, left and right again
- **Listen** for the sounds of approaching traffic
- **Think** whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and use them when they are old enough to travel alone.

This brochure has been developed from the Transport NSW Centre for Road Safety website <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au>

Find out more about Australian Road Rules at www.rms.nsw.gov.au

SIGNS YOU WILL SEE AROUND SCHOOL



NO PARKING

What does it mean?

You CAN stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.



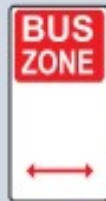
NO STOPPING SIGNS & CONTINUOUS YELLOW EDGE LINES

What do they mean?

You CANNOT stop in these areas FOR ANY REASON.

Why are they there?

To keep sight lines clear for drivers AND children so both have more time to avoid crashes.



BUS ZONE

What does it mean?

You must NOT stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up. Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by forcing buses out of 'their' safety zone.

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