



# Meadowbank Public School

## Travel Access Guide

Effective: May 2025

### Introduction

Our school community of parents/carers, staff and students live within a reasonable walk or cycle trip of the school. This Travel Access Guide provides suggested safe and accessible options for travelling to and from school.

### Active ways to get to school



#### Walking to and from school

- Walking is a fun way to keep active and healthy.
- Stay alert and watch out for any potential hazards, including cars reversing out of driveways, bikes and other pedestrians.
- Remember to STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK every time you cross the road.



#### Ride your bike

- 278 bike racks are available for everyone and 42 scooter racks for K-6 students.
- All bicycle riders are required by law to wear a correctly fitted Australian standards approved helmet and is highly recommended when riding a scooter.
- Children under the age of 16 are allowed to cycle on the footpath, keeping them safer and more protected from road

### Kiss and drop expectations

- For parents/carers who drive their child/ren to school, the kiss and drop zone is located along Rhodes Street starting from Hermitage Road.
- This space is a 'No Parking' zone, meaning that you may stop for up to a maximum of 2 minutes and move no more than 3 metres from the vehicle.

### Message from our principal

- Meadowbank Public School supports sustainable and environmentally friendly transport practices.
- Students up to 8 years of age should hold the hand of an adult when walking or be accompanied by an adult when riding
- Students from 8 to 10 years of age should be actively supervised by an adult

### School bell times

#### Start Times

8:45 am

#### End Times

2:45 pm

The outside school hour times for the primary school are: 7:00 am - 8:45 am and 2:45 pm - 6:00 pm.

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Please use the Trip Planner at [transportnsw.info/](https://transportnsw.info/) for additional information about cycling routes to the school.

### Something broken on the way to school?

Report issues such as illegally parked vehicles, graffiti, broken footpaths or damaged park equipment online, 24/7, via City of Ryde's Report an Issue form.

Visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/report](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/report) to report online or if your request is urgent, contact Council 24/7 on 9952 8222 for assistance.

### Did you know

Walking is a great way to keep physically active and is healthy for your heart, bones and muscles. Parents/carers can participate in these walks.

If you or a member of your family joins Bicycle NSW, you have access to many benefits, such as 15% discounts on bicycle insurance and news about bicycle events in NSW.

Please contact Bicycle NSW at:

[www.bicyclensw.org.au](http://www.bicyclensw.org.au)

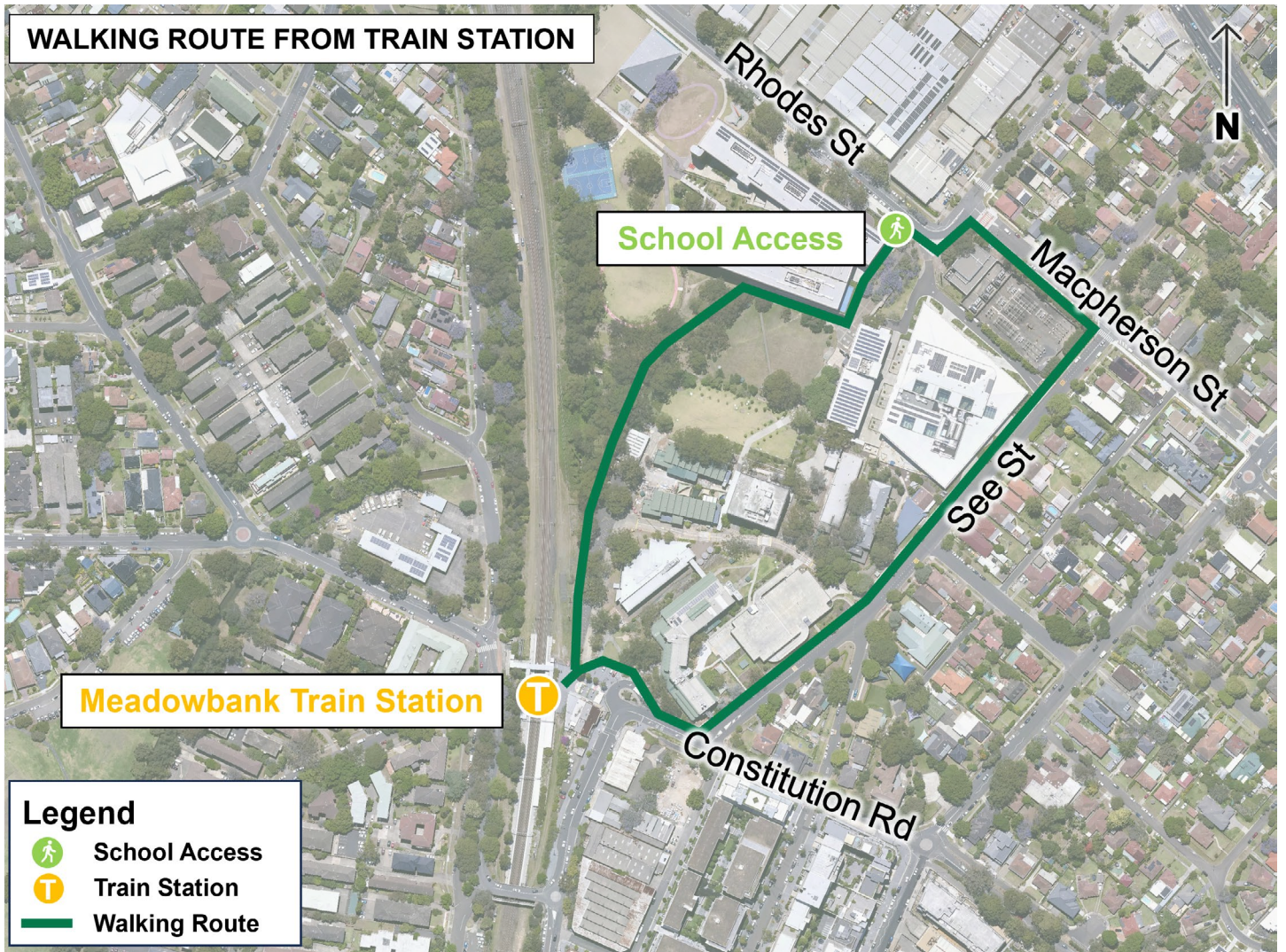
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## Walking to school from Meadowbank Train Station

- Use footpaths along Constitution Road, See Street, Macpherson Street and Rhodes Street, or via the footpaths adjacent to the train line, to access the school from Meadowbank Train Station.
- Avoid using paths through the TAFE campus to access school.

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## Walking to school from Victoria Road

- Hermitage Road is the most convenient walking route to/ from the north.
- Always cross the road at signalised crossings.
- Do not run across Victoria Road.
- Walk along the western side of Hermitage Road to access school.
- Remember to STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK before you cross any roads.

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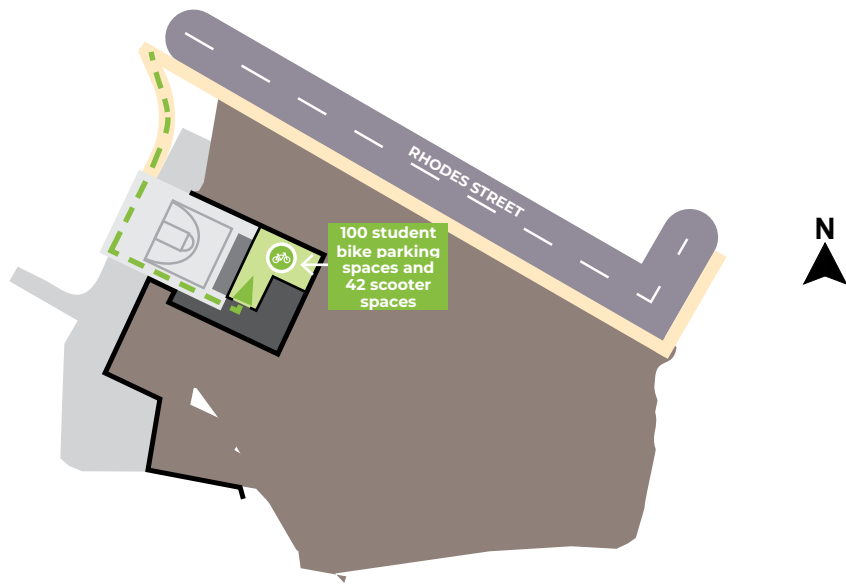
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## End of trip facilities



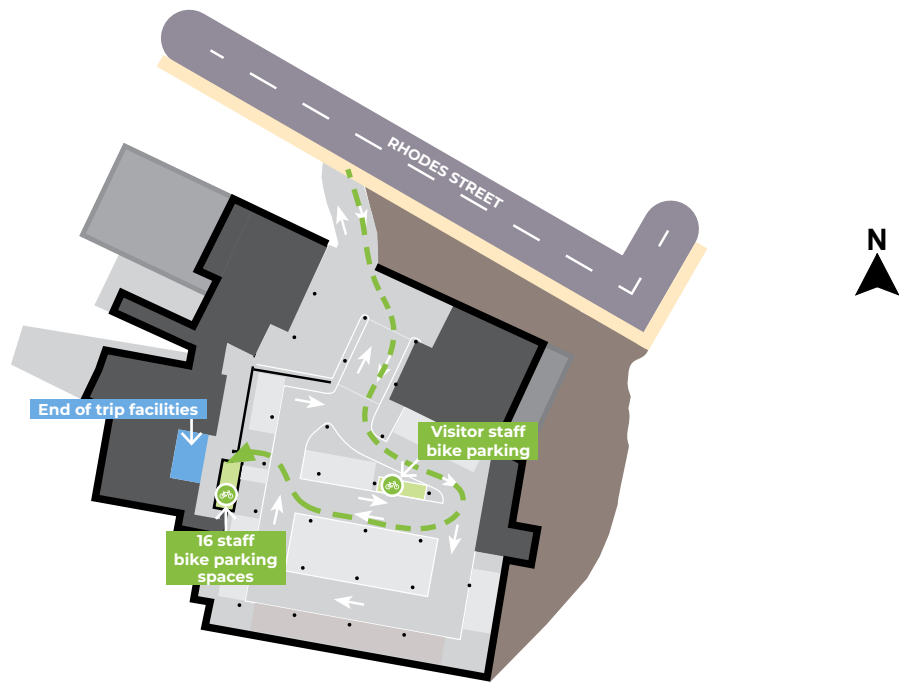
### Playground level:

For students attending Meadowbank Public School



### Ground level car park:

For staff and visitors to Meadowbank Public School and Marsden High School



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## Where do you ride?

### Footpath/shared path/cycleway:

- Children under 16 can ride on a footpath.
- Adults supervising children under 16 can also ride on the footpath.
- Be careful of cars entering and exiting driveways.
- Watch out for other riders, pedestrians and animals.

Look out for pedestrians on shared paths.

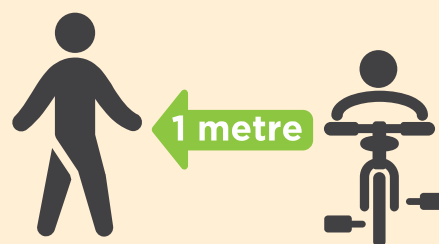


### Crossing the road:

- Be extra careful.
- Walk your bicycle when you cross at a pedestrian crossing.

### Give a metre:

Give pedestrians 1 metre of space when riding past.



### 3 steps to follow when riding a bike:

#### Clip, check, chime.

Clip your helmet

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You must always wear a helmet when riding your bike.

#### Check your brakes

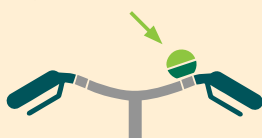
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Make sure your brakes are working.

#### Chime your bell

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If you pass another rider or pedestrian, chime your bell.

### Things to remember

- Always ask your parents permission to ride.
- Loose clothing and items can get caught in your wheels. Secure any loose items, like backpack straps



- Shoes with a good tread on the soles will help you grip the pedals and protect your feet. Make sure your laces are tied.



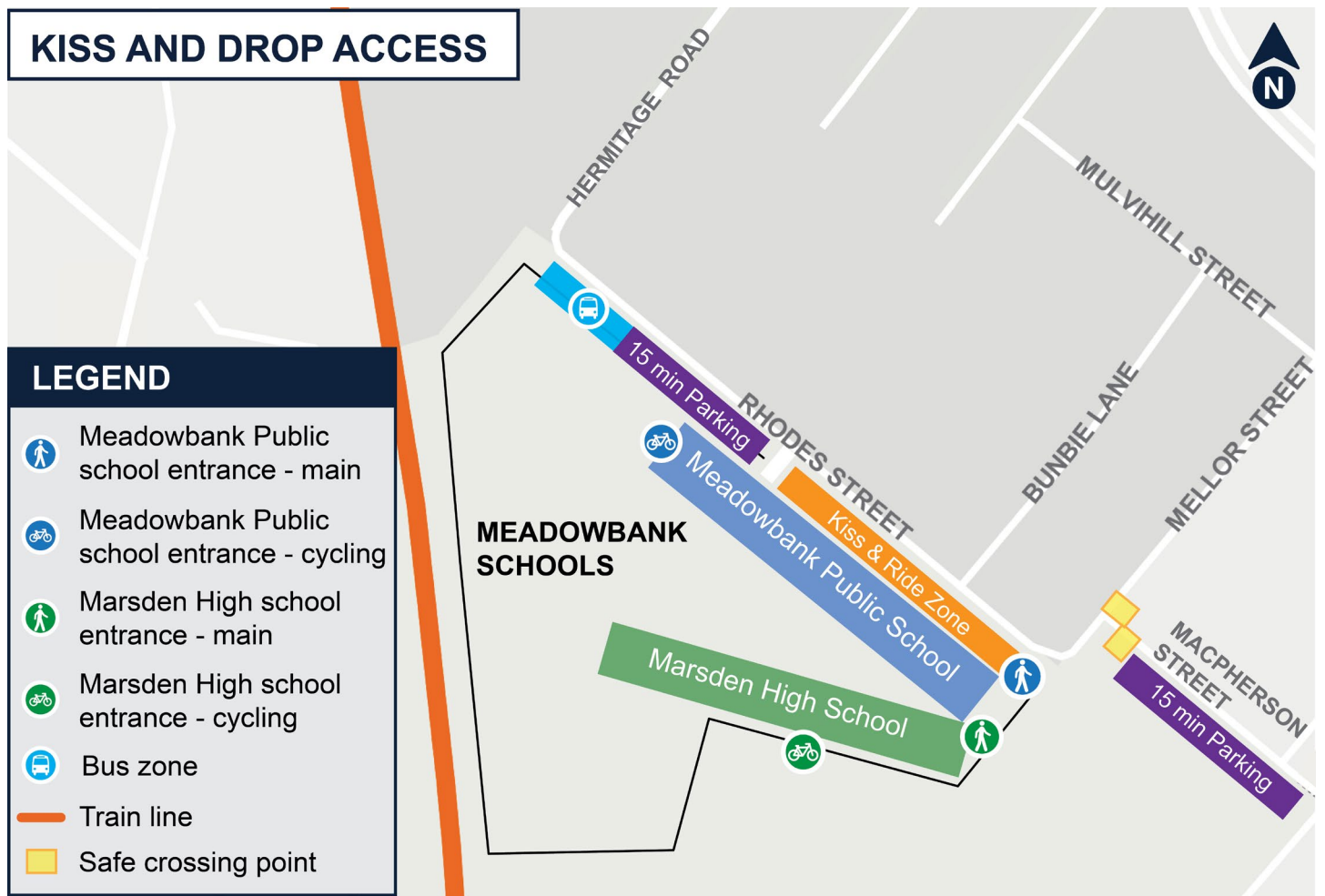
### Always remember to watch out for hazards



- 1 Wet leaves
- 2 Big puddles
- 3 Storm grates
- 4 Gravel or rocks
- 5 Little kids
- 6 Animals
- 7 Changes in the road/footpath/cycleway surfaces

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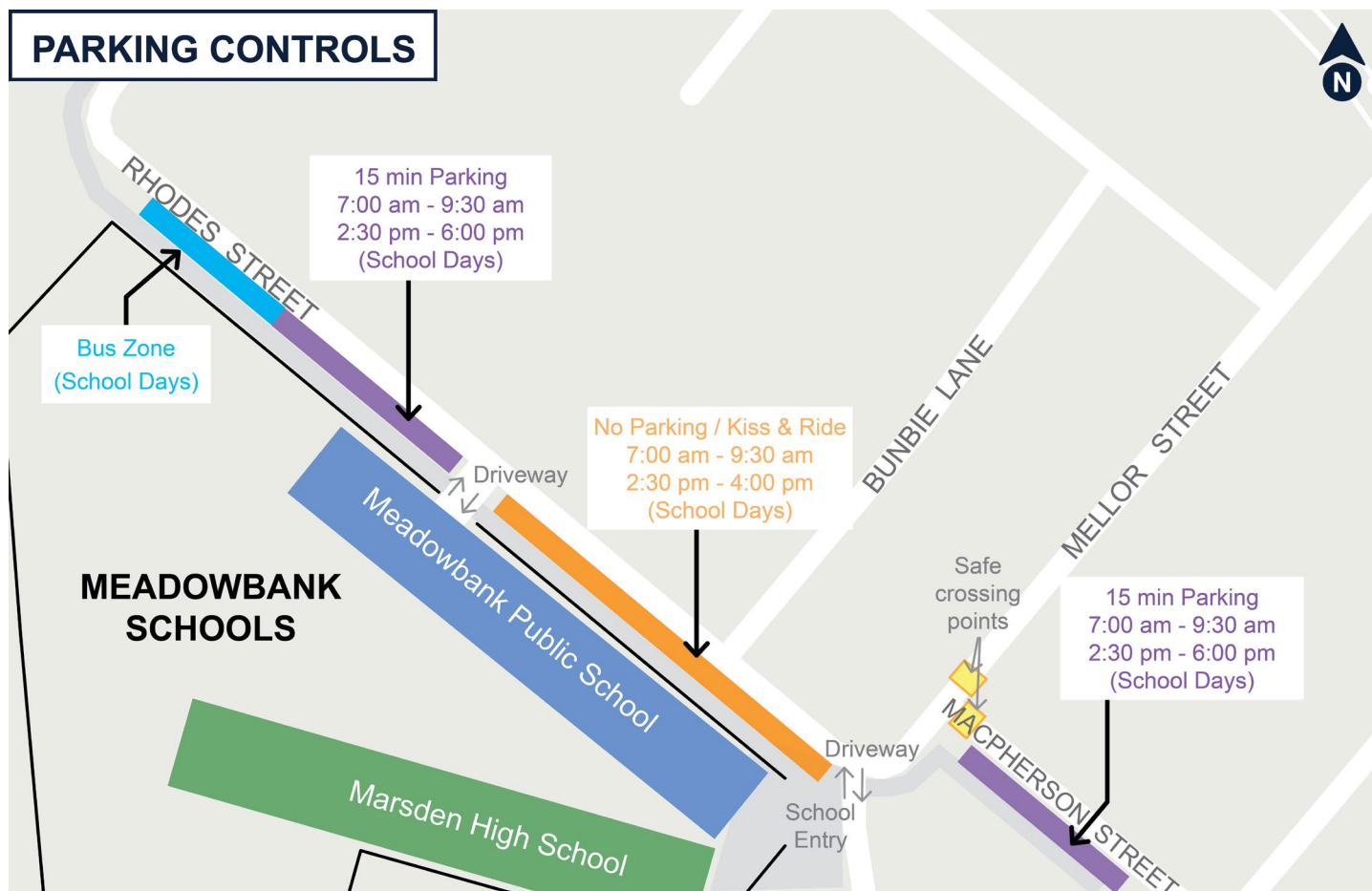
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- A kiss and ride zone is located on Rhodes Street close to the school entry.
- 15-min parking zones are located further along Rhodes Street and Macpherson Street.

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## Safety tips for drivers using the Kiss and Drop zone

- Always drop off or pick up your child from the designated zone and follow the school's procedures.
- Drivers should remain in their vehicles **at all times** in the Kiss and Drop zone.
- Make sure children use the Safety Door (the rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- Always park legally.
- U-turns and three-point turns are banned **at all times** in Rhodes Street in front of the school.

## Safety tips for students














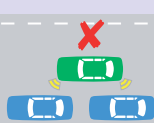





- Always get in and out of the vehicle through the Safety Door (the rear footpath-side door).
- Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped in the Kiss and Drop area.
- Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position, such as on the floor.
- Be ready to get out of the vehicle with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seatbelt.

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# Parking and traffic rules in school zones

You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting not only your child but other children at risk. The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you will be fined. **Please choose safety over convenience.**

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO IMPORTANT SAFETY TRAFFIC RULES				
ZONE	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHY IS IT THERE?	PENALTY	DEMERIT POINTS*
	You cannot stop in a <b>NO STOPPING</b> zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space). 	Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children / pedestrians.	EXCEEDS <b>\$349</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You can stop in a <b>NO PARKING</b> zone for a max. of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times and cannot leave your vehicle unattended.	Provides a safe place for children / pedestrian set down and pick up.	EXCEEDS <b>\$194</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You must not stop or park in a <b>BUS ZONE</b> for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus. If times are shown on the sign, you are not allowed to stop during those times.	Provides a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.	EXCEEDS <b>\$349</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You must not stop on or within 20 metres before a <b>PEDESTRIAN CROSSING</b> or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.	So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.	EXCEEDS <b>\$464</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	<b>DOUBLE PARKING</b> You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.	Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.	EXCEEDS <b>\$349</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You must not stop on any <b>FOOTPATH</b> or <b>NATURE STRIP</b> , or even a <b>DRIVEWAY</b> crossing a footpath or nature strip for any reason.	You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.	EXCEEDS <b>\$194</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 

**Please note:** The above information is current as of 1 January 2020. Penalties set by NSW State Government and reviewed on 1 July each year.

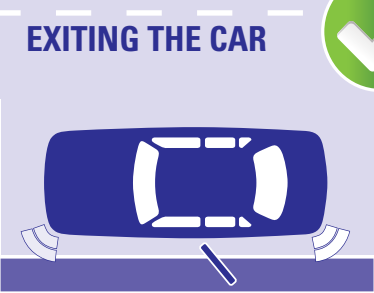

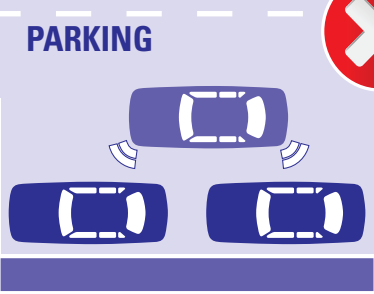
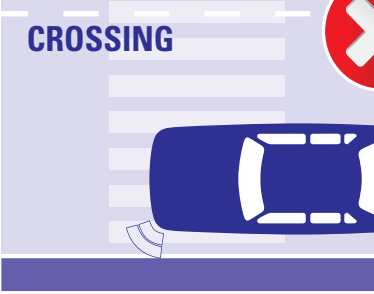
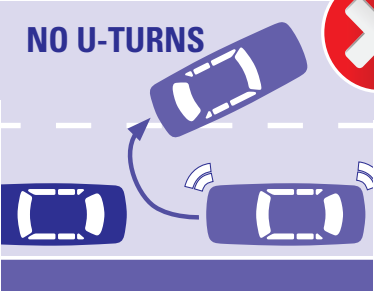



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## Safety tips for school zones:

 <p><b>EXITING THE CAR</b></p>	 <p><b>APPLY BRAKE</b></p>
 <p><b>PARKING</b></p>	 <p><b>CROSSING</b></p>
 <p><b>NO U-TURNS</b></p>	 <p><b>NO 3 POINT TURNS</b></p>

Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.

Make sure the park brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.

NEVER double park.

NEVER park across a pedestrian crossing.

NEVER undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.

NEVER undertake a three-point turn in close proximity to the school.

## Safety tips for students:

 <p><b>BUCKLE UP</b></p>	 <p><b>STORE ITEMS</b></p>	 <p><b>BE READY</b></p>	 <p><b>EXIT SAFELY</b></p>
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Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped.

Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position.

Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seat belt.

Always get in and out of the back seat through the safety door - the rear foot path-side door.

## Demerit Points:

\* The **Demerit Points** Scheme is a national program that allocates penalty points (demerits) for a range of driving offences. A driver who has not committed any offences has 'zero' points. If you commit an offence that carries demerit points, the points are added to your driving record. If you incur the threshold number of demerit points within a three-year period, a licence suspension or refusal is applied. The three-year period is calculated between the dates the offences were committed. It ends on the day your most recent offence was committed.

For further information regarding demerit points please visit:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/demerits-penalties-and-offences/how-demerit-points-work>