

ROAD SAFETY

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RATIONALE

MacKillop College is taking a proactive approach in managing traffic safety around our school. Moving vehicles around the school pose a significant risk to our students and serious injuries to children and young people within the school zones. In order to maintain a high standard of safety for our school students, parents are reminded to use extra caution when driving in the school zone, particularly at school opening and closing times.

The junior campus of MacKillop College is fortunate to share a car park with St Peter's Primary School which allows parents to park at their convenience, off-road, for short periods of time with physical barriers separating a bus zone, a drop-off/collection zone and a parking zone.

The bus zone is for buses only although traffic travelling through to MacKillop College is also allowed to use this zone. There is a 10km/h speed limit for the car park and great care is needed when passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children. This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving. Flashing headlights and indicator lights alert motorists that children are close by. Staff at MacKillop College supervise the students boarding the school bus to ensure student safety. This quick and efficient process also allows the bus to exit the school grounds promptly and reduces traffic congestion.

The drop-off/collection zone is a designated area where students can be dropped off or picked up. Parents should remain in their vehicles at all times within this zone.

Students are advised to use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of the car to avoid passing traffic. MacKillop College provides three drop-off/collection zones (refer to the traffic management diagram). Please ensure you give way to buses and pedestrians at all times. Drivers within this zone should always remain in their vehicles, and double parking is not permitted.

The car park is for use by parents who wish to enter the school grounds in order to either assist their child into school or to personally collect their child from school. There are many pedestrians traversing the car park and extra care and vigilance is needed, particularly when reversing a vehicle, as there are often many young children around. As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and may tend to act impulsively. Parents of St Peter's have been advised to maintain direct supervision of their children when within the car park.

Always park and turn legally around the school and avoid dangerous manoeuvres like U-turns and three-point turns. Always give way to pedestrians when within the car park and watch out for cyclists.

Pedestrian safety, motorists convenience and traffic flow impacts have all been considered in the placement of a new pedestrian crossing between the two schools which is supervised

morning and afternoon by a traffic controller. Please use this pedestrian crossing and advise your child to use it to cross the bus zone in order to access either the drop off/collection zone or the main car park - it is the safest place to cross. A further pedestrian crossing exists between the entrance to the pedestrian tunnel underneath Ocean Drive, the drop-off/collection zone and the school. Please use caution when approaching this pedestrian crossing as it is in regular use by our students and teachers.

Please also note there is a one-way flow of exiting traffic to Ocean Drive.

MacKillop College shares common ground and vehicle access with the Marian Hospitality Centre. The car park directly in front of the Marian Centre is for the exclusive use of Marian Centre staff and is not to be used by parents. A loading dock for the Marian Centre is located off the roundabout and, while current loading and unloading times are restricted to avoid school opening and closing times, great care must be exercised when driving near this area. Heavy vehicles and forklifts may be present and it is a designated pedestrian and public vehicle exclusion zone.

GUIDELINES

School zones:

40km/h school zones help protect children in transit to and from schools. This lower speed limit reduces the risk and potential severity of an accident. 40km/h school zones are also enforced on school development days, also known as pupil-free days, because some students may attend their school on these days.

At MacKillop College our school zones start on Lochinvar Place and Greenmeadows Drive between the hours of 8.00 - 9.30am and 2.30 - 4.00pm. All shared zones are **10km/h**; this includes the roadways in front of St Peter's, MacKillop junior and senior sites, all car parks and bus bay areas.

P-plate drivers:

As our senior students commence driving, it is important for them to remember that the road rules from the Roads and Maritime Services are applicable whilst on school grounds.

- There are many shared zones adhere to the 10km speed limits at all times. Students who are reported to breach this limit will run the risk of losing the privilege of parking on school grounds.
- It is not the school's responsibility when students are leaving in vehicles with another driver.
- Cars are not to be driven unnecessarily during the day; it is a mode of transport to and from school only.
- All care must be taken when reversing in the car park.

Pedestrians:

In the Ocean Drive car park you will notice green pedestrian pathways. We ask all pedestrians to stay on the green paths and take care when walking through the car park, including holding the hand of a younger child.

Drop off zones:

The MacKillop College drop off and pick up zone is located at the front entrance of the Ocean Drive school and is not a parking area. The drop off and pick up zone only allows for three vehicles. Please DO NOT park across driveways. Care must be taken when exiting the drop off zone as vision can be impaired, causing blind spots. Most cars will not use this limited space; therefore, traffic is often heavy.

We would encourage drivers to drop off and pick up at MacKillop's northern car park, located near the double courts on the junior site.

Additional parking is available on the senior site off Hockey Place. Please adhere to the directional arrows to ensure traffic flows smoothly.

School crossings

The Traffic Controller is a statewide program that contributes to the safety of school students. Our traffic controller helps students use the crossing located between the main car park and MacKillop College. Traffic controllers provide additional measures for the safe and efficient movement of school children. With safety in mind, we ask all drivers to show patience and awareness when approaching **all** pedestrian crossings.

Bicycle safety:

Bike riders must walk their bike through shared zones such as the tunnel, bus bay, the car park and on school grounds. Helmets must be worn at all times.

Bike racks are available for students who use this mode of transport to and from school, however, safe practices must prevail.