

Parking and traffic management guidelines

Managing traffic and road safety around schools is a matter for everyone in the community. Children are more at risk because they are smaller and less visible to drivers. Their behaviour can be less predictable than adults and they may have errors of judgement when dealing with traffic.

School environments can become congested during the peak times, roads and carparks aren't built to meet the high demand and struggle to cope over a short timeframe. The school community can help to reduce congestion and improve safety for children by walking or riding to school. If you need to drive, consider part way drop off points or follow these traffic management guidelines to ensure children remain safe.

More information is available on the [Transport Canberra](#) website, including a range of information sheets and educational resources for school communities to promote active and safe behaviours around schools.

Guidelines

- Drive slowly and be patient and courteous to others when visiting the school.
- Cars should be legally parked at all times. There is sufficient parking available on the streets around the school (refer to maps).
- Illegal parking reduces visibility of children and creates a potential safety risk. Police, Parking Operations and Licence Plate Recognition vehicles undertake periodic patrols in school environments to enforce safe behaviours.
- Cars should not park in the Pick Up and Set Down zone at the front of the school. Please only use this area to drop off or collect waiting children.
- Drive very slowly through the car park (10km/h) and be alert for children at all times.
- Stopping on or on the approach to pedestrian (zebra) or children's crossings is dangerous for children, they shouldn't be required to navigate cars when crossing the road.

Tips and resources

- Walking and riding to school is a safe, fun and healthy form of travel and is encouraged and supported by the school.
- Children can be dropped at school from 8:30am. By dropping children slightly earlier, you are likely to avoid congestion.
- The afternoon peak is concentrated around the school finish time (3pm). Children are welcome to wait in the foyer for 10-15 minutes after school, which will allow parents to collect children after the traffic has subsided.
- Arrange an alternative meeting point with children to avoid the congestion at the front of the school.
- Weetangera is participating in the Ride or Walk to School program, our map with suggested routes is available online (<http://bit.ly/RideorWalktoSchool>).
- Carpooling, public transport and active travel are all encouraged forms of transport.

Illegal driving practices

By following these guidelines, families will create a safer environment for our children and avoid incurring fines which include:

- Parking on the verge (fines from \$114)
- Parking on footpaths (fines from \$114)
- Stopping in a No Stopping zone (fines from \$255)
- Parking in a No Parking zone (fines from \$114)
- Stopping on a pedestrian or children's crossing (fines from \$383)
- Parking in a Bus Zone (fines from \$153)
- Parking in a mobility (disabled) space (fines from \$600)

Weetangera district map



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Weetangera Primary School carpark and street frontage



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