

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



External Validation

This week the school underwent a review, initiated by the Department of Education, called External Validation. In this process the school's assessment of the quality of our policies and practices were validated against specific criteria detailed in the School Excellence Framework, a deeply researched and detailed Department of Education document.

Two judges were appointed by the Department to complete this procedure. Both are Principals of secondary schools and are familiar with the daily operations of a high school.

During the course of the validation the school presented a range of annotated evidence to support the school's view of how we are performing. Sadly, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the judges were unable to visit the school, so all interviews were conducted digitally.

In order to assist the judges, CTHS provided two videos of the school, one was a virtual tour which provided a brief snapshot of life at Cherrybrook. The other was a range of interviews conducted by our School Captains with our senior School Leaders. During the interviews, students had the opportunity to express their views about a range of school related matters, including the CTHS wellbeing programs, the quality of teaching they receive and the school culture in general.

As always, our students were magnificent, clearly articulating their views and presenting thoughtful positive responses. The school is very proud of their efforts. The final results of the validation confirmed the school's assessment as accurate.

If you would like to view the short video and enjoy a virtual tour of our wonderful school, simply follow the link below or visit the school website for details. My sincere thanks are extended to Mr Fisher for the careful filming and editing of the tour.

<https://cths.nsw.edu.au/information/about-us/>.

Year 11 into 12 Information Evening

This year's annual Year 11 into 12 night was the first the school has ever held online and if the community feedback is anything to judge by, it was an enormous success.

Parents and students were provided with detailed information on HSC assessment, the senior "swipe-on" attendance process and a range of other important facts, to ensure the transition to Year 12 is as smooth as possible for all students.

During the course of the evening, in excess of two hundred and fifty parent and student devices logged into the broadcast. Such was the success of the evening, it is highly likely we will repeat this in the same manner in 2021. It certainly beats taking down and re-erecting over three hundred exam desks in the MPC for just one short information session!

Once again, my thanks are extended to Ms Adamou, Mr Fisher, Ms Holt and our three Deputy Principals, Mr Townsend, Mr Clements and Mrs Gatt, for making the evening a success.

HSC Continues at Cherrybrook

Pleasingly, the HSC is continuing at CTHS, with only a few minor hiccups. Our outgoing Year 12 students have been nothing short of marvellous remaining positive, polite and in good humour despite the undeniable stress the examinations bring.

This year, we have many new invigilators and all have been mightily impressed by the exceptional manners of our students, as well as the grace and dignity with which they conduct themselves and, most pleasingly, the way they interact with one another and staff.

As I said at their Graduation, I am particularly proud of this year group and my admiration for the way they are coping during this period, continues to grow.

Now bring on Thursday 12 November, the day of the final HSC exams.

Achieving Together

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Presentation Night 2020

As I write this *Network*, I am conscious the social distancing protocols surrounding school assemblies and the Department of Education rules make it impossible for our Presentation Night Ceremony to take place in the usual fashion. However, this will not stop the school from holding this most important annual celebration of all that is good at CTHS and reward students who have achieved great things academically and in a variety of other areas.

In order to do this, we are planning to replicate the method we used to hold the Year 12 Graduation. Students fortunate enough to have gained an award will be at school and cross the stage to receive their commendation. Parents and other family members will be able to tune in on the night from the comfort of the family home. Parents will be provided with a link via email in the days leading up to the Presentation Night Ceremony which, this year, is on Tuesday 8 December.

If the situation changes and the current COVID-19 regulations are relaxed, I will keep you informed of any changes we make to the intended format.

Cover for the Piazza

After two years of dogged persistence by Cherrybrook staff, the Department's Asset Management group are finally preparing a tender for the cover of the Piazza area, which adjoins the entrance to the MPC.

Hopefully, this will be finalised in the next few weeks and allow work to begin early in 2021. At this stage, it is envisaged the cover will match the brilliant translucent cover which we have over our new multi-purpose courts.

The cover will provide additional shelter from the summer sun and, of course, wet weather for our students. The final plan is to have a large screen installed under the cover allowing the Piazza area to be linked to the MPC digitally, facilitating full school assemblies for the first time in many years.

Congratulations to...

- Year 11 student, Charlie Tchetchenian, who will be headlining Hornsby Council's concert series, *Friday Night Vibes*, next Friday 6 November at 6pm. Charlie will be accompanied by local Big Band, *Sussudio*, for the online concert, singing the greats from Frank Sinatra, Michael Buble and much more. Be sure to follow the Hornsby Council Facebook page and tune in next Friday at 6pm for the concert extraordinaire!

Mr Johnson



Attendance Matters!

Given the year we have had and as we approach the summer holidays, it's a timely reminder, attendance really does matter. As per the Department of Education policy, students are expected to attend school each day and to be **punctual**. Regular attendance is necessary to make the most of the educational opportunities offered to students and is essential to meet the requirements of a ROSA (Record of School Attendance) or HSC (Higher School Certificate).

⇒ **Missing just one day a fortnight equates to a loss of an entire academic year over a child's school life!**

⇒ **Missing 30 minutes a day can mean students miss out on eighteen days of schooling over the course of an academic year, making it difficult to catch up on missed work!**

Please support your child's education outcomes by making sure they attend school every day, unless they are unwell.

Ms Eathorne, Relieving HT Student Programs

The Importance of Road Safety and Traffic Awareness

I took a phone call from a very distressed parent this week, who wanted to relay an incident which occurred in the process of dropping his son at school. This happened in the vicinity of the school in one of the crossroads off Purchase Road.

A young boy on a bike darted across in front of this parent's four-wheel drive as it was turning into the street. The bike rider did not look and did not stop! The distressed driver was amazed he did not run the young rider over and this shook him up significantly.

Parents, could you please speak to your children about the importance of being aware of the traffic around them, whether they are a bike rider or a pedestrian. This event is just one example of many we hear about and, by the sound of things, it was only by sheer luck a tragedy was avoided!

Students, please be road aware and do not walk along with your head down, engrossed in your phone. Always watch for traffic when crossing the street!!!

Mr Clements

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

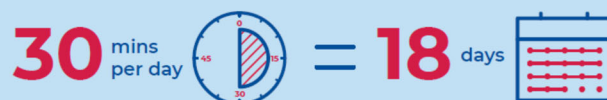
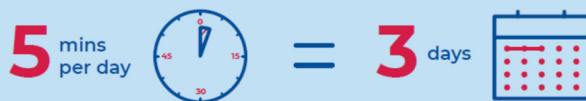


Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month - Pink October

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. To support this worthy cause, Bakers Delight are selling buns with special pink icing and the CTHS Student Representative Council (SRC) are taking orders!!! Please see your SRC Representative at lunchtimes, from **Wednesday 28 October to Wednesday 4 November**, at the windows of **D2.8** (next to canteen), to place your order!

The buns will be sealed in plastic (which adheres to COVID-19 guidelines) according to the number you order and will be delivered to you during Week 4 of this term!

Buns

- Two buns for \$3
- Four buns for \$6
- Six buns for \$7



Merchandise

We are also taking orders for T-shirts \$30, canvas tote bags \$20, mugs \$15, car bumper stickers \$5 and pens \$5, which will be provided by the *Can at 40, do at 45 Campaign*.



If you would like to order and pay for buns or merchandise online, please go to the following link and follow the instructions on the google form <https://forms.gle/NPQeYvVtaDKaZMS97>.

Can at 40, do at 45 Campaign's Mission Statements

- To increase awareness of FREE mammograms for women 40-49, provided by BreastScreen Australia
- To lower the Australian active recruitment age for screening mammography to 45.

If you would like to support this campaign, you can do so through Facebook via the following link, <https://www.facebook.com/Can40Do45/> or type [@Can40Do45](https://www.facebook.com/Can40Do45/) into your FB search bar. LIKE and FOLLOW the page, share posts and spread the word!!

Thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Johnson, SRC Coordinator

LOTE ALC Test Results

Congratulations to the 29 Year 10 students who participated in the Assessment of Language Competency (ALC) on 9 October, 2020. The ALC is a national assessment done by ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research), testing the reading and listening skills of high school students on the language they are studying at school.

We are particularly proud of the outstanding results achieved by the Year 10 Language students at CTHS, with most of our students achieving results much higher than the national average. Forty one percent of students achieved High Distinctions, 31% achieved Distinctions and 24% achieved Credits. Each participant will be awarded for their results in the form of a certificate.

The ALC test will be made available to all Year 10-12 Language students next year. Students are encouraged to participate to gain useful qualifications for their future job applications and exchange opportunities.

Ms Ng

CAREERS UPDATE

FEATURED ROLE: Microsoft Traineeship

Australia's IT industry is rapidly growing, and the demand for talented, knowledgeable and experienced individuals has never been higher. That's why Microsoft Australia has launched the Microsoft Traineeship Program, designed to support budding Technology/IT professionals to take the first step in their career. [Apply now.](#)

You can also visit the Job Vacancies page on the CTHS Careers Website, <https://cthscareers.com/job-vacancies>, for the latest postings.



Virtual Work Experience Opportunities for Year 10 and Year 11

If you are interested in completing these work experience opportunities, please see Ms Tenedora in the Careers office to discuss the organisation:

[Forage Virtual Work Experience Program](#)

Forage (formerly InsideSherpa) offer virtual work experience programs which mimic entry-level work done at their partners. Perfect for students who are wishing to explore careers in Business.

[Architecture Online Work Experience](#)

Halliday Fraser Munro is a UK-based Architecture firm which has launched an online Work Experience Program for students who are interested in Architecture and Design.

Check out the current opportunities with 1300apprentice!

An [apprenticeship program](#) is generally completed over four years. Within the first three years, you will complete structured training by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) such as TAFE. Competency-Based Completion can be attained through discussion with your host employer, RTO and your Field Officer. Find out how 1300apprentice can help:

<https://www.1300apprentice.com.au/jobs?type=apprenticeship>.

CTHS Careers Advisers

The CTHS Careers Advisers are available for Zoom interview meetings with both students and parents. You can arrange a meeting by emailing Mrs Ferguson, christine.ferguson@det.nsw.edu.au or Ms Tenedora, franchesca.tenedora3@det.nsw.edu.au.

Mrs Ferguson and Ms Tenedora

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2020 CAREER MENTORING PROGRAM

On Friday 16 October, the Careers Advisers hosted the 2020 Career Mentoring Celebration Breakfast in the Library. It will definitely be one to remember as we livestreamed the interactive event to Mentors and parents. Successful mentoring occurs when the partnership between Mentor and student is voluntary, based on mutual respect and when both parties are willing to share and negotiate their experiences. The Careers team are indebted to our 2020 Mentors who were able to quickly adapt to the online delivery of the program. Their perseverance in providing this experience to our Year 11 students, has been greatly appreciated.

Expressions of interest are now open for Year 10 students wishing to participate in the Career Mentoring program. Students who are successful in their application will be matched with a Mentor from the community based on their career and life interests. The Mentors will help students develop the knowledge, skills and experiences associated with their chosen field. Responses to this expression of interest should be submitted by Friday 6 November and through the online form [here](#). If you are interested in becoming a Mentor for the 2021 program (or beyond) and would like more details about the program, you can download the brochure [here](#).

Going on the shadowing day [with my mentor] was very exciting. I learned a lot about my dream job and the workplace.

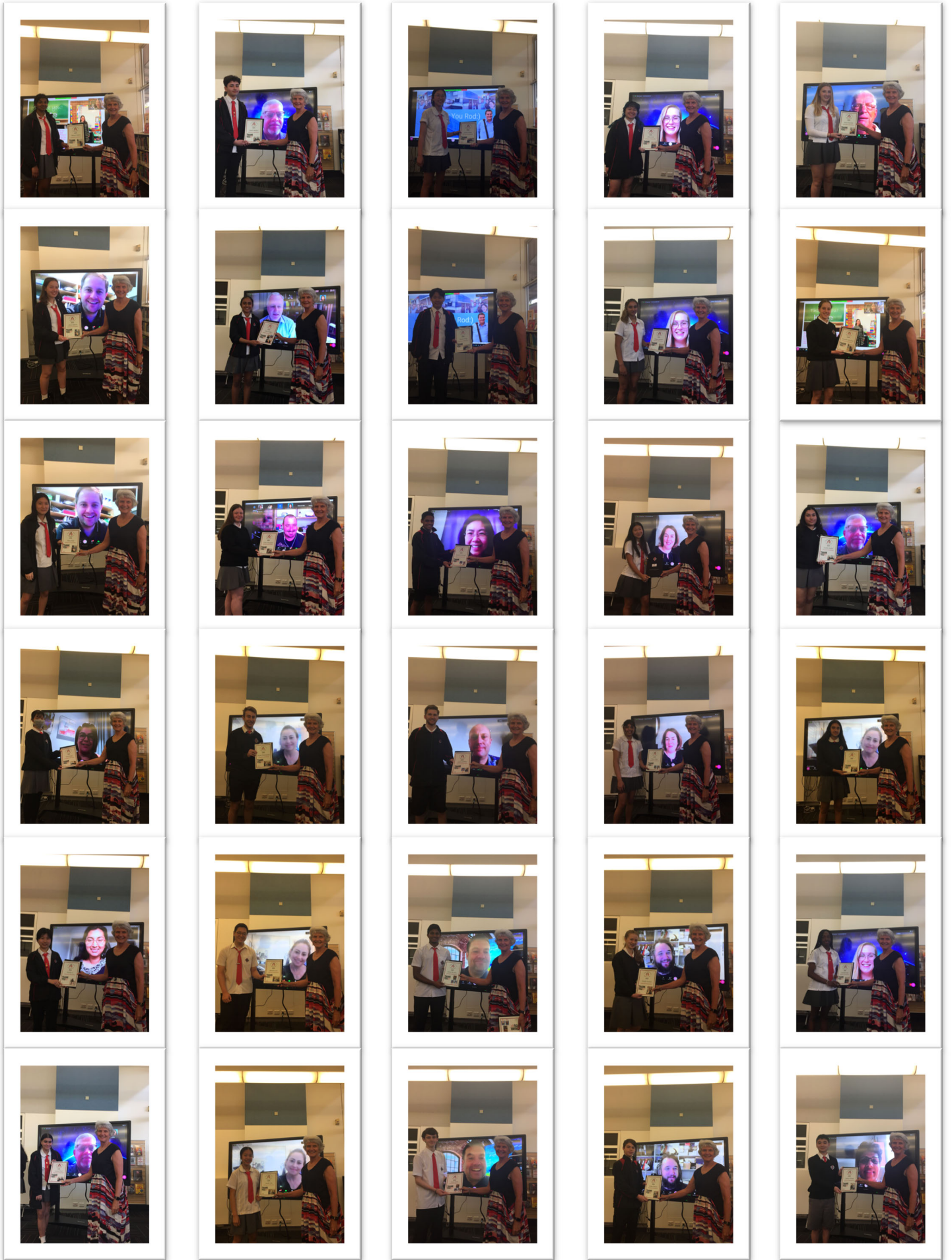
I had lots of fun with my mentor. Our mentor was a very relatable person.

I enjoyed the "speed mentoring" session and would have liked to learn about other careers.

I think the resumé feedback session [tailored to specific industries] was the best activity.

The program adapted extremely well to the unexpected impact that COVID-19 imposed.

Career Mentoring Breakfast





Year 7 Literacy Festival - Monday 23 November

Parents/carers of Year 7 students have been emailed a permission note for the Year 7 Literacy Festival and all Year 7 students are expected to attend! Please return the completed note, with payment, to the student window.

The Literacy Festival supports [Reading for pleasure](#) and the English syllabus which aims to, "Enable students to understand and use language effectively, appreciate, reflect on and enjoy the English language and to make meaning in ways that are imaginative, creative, interpretive, critical and powerful."

Reading has numerous benefits for learning and life. Workshops and presentations by Authors, Poets and Illustrators provide an invaluable opportunity to explore and appreciate literature in its diverse forms. These workshops motivate and inspire students to experiment, engage and create skills which will accompany students beyond the day and continue to benefit them.

Food Bank Christmas Food Drive

The Food Bank Christmas Drive is an important SRC initiative, running until Friday 27 November, to which you can donate non-perishable items. A donations box will be located near the Library circulation desk (next to the sparkling tree).

The Library will waive fines of students with overdue books, who donate to the Food Bank. Students returning their overdue books should speak to the Library staff to show their donation when returning books.

Vision Australia

Vision Australia provides information regarding [Supporting Library Clients with Dyslexia](#).

Wheelers eBooks and Audio Books

The CTHS Library has a subscription to Wheelers eBooks and audio books and this collection can be accessed anytime, anywhere using [Wheelers ePlatform](#).

Ms Halder and Ms Sorensen

COVID-19 Procedure for Early Leave

If a student needs to leave school early, they **must** provide a note from their parent/carer giving reasons for the partial absence. Students must **hand the note** in to the **student window before 8.30am** where they will be issued with a leave pass. They then present this pass to their teacher and leave school at the appropriate time.

Due to the COVID-19 directive from the NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, **parents/carers are NOT permitted on school grounds unless they have a prearranged appointment. Therefore, please arrange to collect your child from outside the school.**

On Thursdays, if you have sport, you **MUST** have your early leave note signed off by a member of the PDHPE staff before presenting to the office.

COVID-19 Sick Student Procedures

Students who are sick during class should see a teacher for written permission to go to sick bay. They must present themselves promptly to the **front office** and politely follow instructions from the office staff, who will then contact a parent/carer when necessary.

Any student exhibiting cold/flu like symptoms, related to an illness, will be sent home and is not to return until a negative COVID-19 result is attained and the student is symptom free.

Please note: Sick bay is used for a short time only. Students should not call their parents in the first instance. **Please be advised the school does not supply any medication, including pain killers, medicated creams, eye drops etc.**



Empowered: Innovative Ideas for Supporting Senior High School Students and their Families



A series of webinars aimed at supporting senior high school students and their parents/carers through to the HSC and beyond.

Tuesday 10 November, 7pm–8:30pm

HSC (Hopeful, Strong, Confident): Supporting Young People through the HSC Years.

Presented by Relationships Australia

Click here to book

Tuesday 17 November, 7pm–8:30pm

Rituals for Change and Resilience.

Learn how to develop meaningful rituals to help us connect with others, embrace our humanity and make sense of these challenging times together.

Presented by Dr Monty Badami.

Click here to book

Tuesday 24 November, 7pm–8:30pm

Beyond Your ATAR: Explore the Possibilities.

Presented by Your Compass

Click here to book

Thursday 26 November, 6.30pm–8:30pm

Korean HSC Webinar for Students and Families.

Learn about HSC course selection and ATAR scores, as well as identifying and managing study stress.

Presented in partnership with Relationships Australia

Click here to book














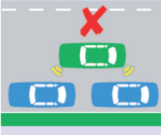





For more information, contact Sue Downing at Hornsby Shire Council on 9847 6889 hornsby.nsw.gov.au/community/services/youth



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 NO STOPPING zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space). 	Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children / pedestrians.	EXCEEDS \$344 	(School Zone) 2 
	You can stop in a NO PARKING 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 \$191 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop or park in a BUS ZONE 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 \$344 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop on or within 20 metres before a PEDESTRIAN CROSSING or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.	So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.	EXCEEDS \$457 	(School Zone) 2 
	DOUBLE PARKING 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 \$344 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop on any FOOTPATH or NATURE STRIP , or even a DRIVEWAY 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 \$344 	(School Zone) 2 

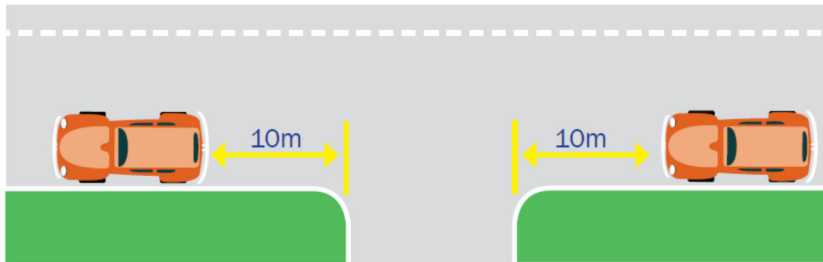
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Parking Rules

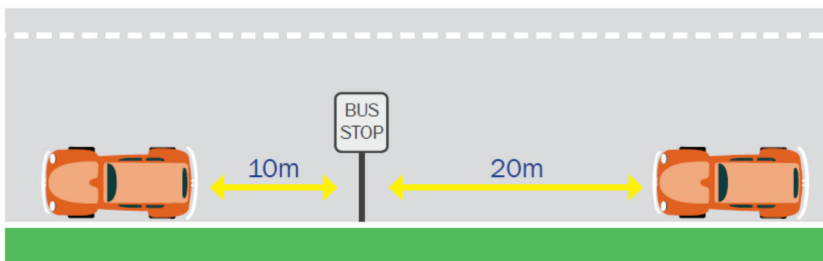
Please park safely and legally on the streets around your school. Park legally so you do not incur parking fines and demerit points. Council's Traffic Compliance Officers enforce parking around schools. If you park contrary to the road rules you will be fined!

You cannot stop or park your vehicle:



Within 10m of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights (20m with traffic lights), unless a sign states you can park there (see image at left).

PENALTIES FROM: \$344
Demerit Points apply

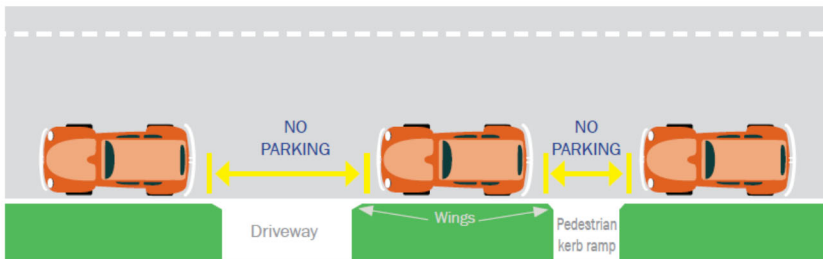


Within 20m before and 10m after a bus stop (see image)

PENALTIES FROM: \$268
Demerit Points apply in School Zone

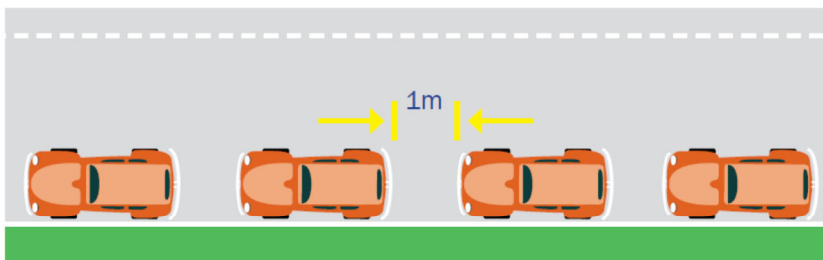
Parallel parking

This is the usual way to park unless signs tell you otherwise. You must park in the same direction as the adjacent traffic and parallel and as close as possible to the kerb.



You can NOT park across driveways or pedestrian kerb ramps. A vehicle can be parked up to the wings on the driveways or ramp (see image)

PENALTIES FROM: \$268
Demerit Points apply in School Zone



You should park at least one metre from any other parked vehicle and entirely within any marked parking lines where provided (see image)

PENALTIES FROM: \$114

For a list of all school zone driving and parking offences in New South Wales visit:
<https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>



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Parking Rules

No Parking Zone

- Drivers may stop in this zone to drop off or pick up passengers or goods for a maximum of 2 minutes.
- The driver MUST remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle at all times.
- The vehicle must not be left unattended.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.
- No Parking zones can also be used to drop off and pick up children.



Penalty: \$114 or \$344 in School Zone + 2 Demerit Points

Bus Zones

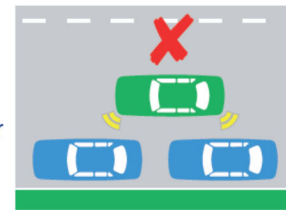
- Drivers are not permitted to stop within a bus zone at any time.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.



Penalty: \$268 or \$344 in School Zone + 2 Demerit Points

Double Parking

- Drivers are not permitted to stop or park between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road.
- Double parking decreases visibility for motorists and pedestrians, and significantly reduces road safety around schools.



Penalty: \$268 or \$344 in School Zone + 2 Demerit Points

No Stopping Zone

- Stopping is not permitted at any time.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.



Penalty: \$268 or \$344 in School Zone + 2 Demerit Points

LEGAL DISCLAIMER:

This document is produced as a guide only. Council takes no responsibility for any damage sustained to vehicles when parked in local streets. It is the responsibility of the driver to be aware of traffic regulations and parking restrictions when parking a vehicle and Council reserves its right to issue Penalty Infringements Notices in circumstances where traffic regulations or parking restrictions have been violated.

Safe Walking Tips

- Always use pedestrian crossings.
- Never assume that a driver can see you or will stop for you. Their vision may be affected by the sun, poor light, parked cars or other distractions.
- Remember that drivers take longer than usual to stop in the rain or on a wet road.
- At intersections, check for turning vehicles before you leave the footpath and while you are crossing the road.
- Children up to ten years old should hold an adult's hand in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road.
- Avoid using a mobile phone, head phones or other device while you are crossing the road.
- Watch out for bicycles.



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SCHOOL ZONE

Road Safety News

Term 4, 2020



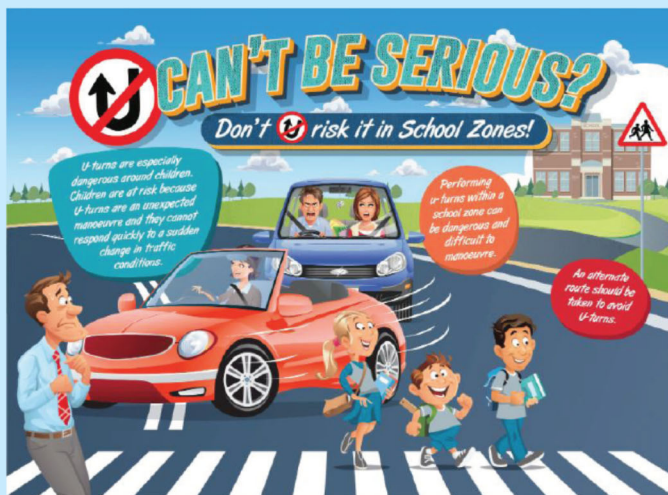
With the end of year approaching, our lives get busier planning for holidays and celebrations. Please be mindful to take some time to focus on slowing down while out and about on the roads.

Take responsibility for your actions, and remember, road safety starts with you.

U-turns in School Zones

Maximum penalty in a School Zone: \$457 + 4 demerit points

Performing a U-turn, or a three-point-turn, in a school zone can be dangerous and is strongly discouraged. Instead, find an alternative route. There is no amount of time-saving that warrants the serious risk these manoeuvres pose to children and other pedestrians and road users.



Remember! Road safety starts with you.
Take responsibility for your actions.

Drivers are not allowed to make a U-turn:

- at an intersection without traffic lights where a 'no U-turn' sign is displayed,
- at a break in a driving strip where a 'no U-turn' sign is displayed,
- across any of the following:



1. a single continuous dividing line.

2. a single continuous dividing line to the left of a broken line.

3. two parallel continuous dividing lines.



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CALENDAR - Term 4 Week 4B

Monday 2 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 10 Mathematics Yearly Examination Paper 1 • NSW Schools Constitutional Convention
Wednesday 4 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 10 Mathematics Yearly Examination Paper 2
Thursday 5 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 10 English Assessment Task
Friday 6 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 10 Mathematics Yearly Examination Paper 3 • Year 8 Valid Tests end