

# **FACT SHEET**



## **SCHOOL PARKING**

## **Parking Concerns in School Areas**

As it is not practical for schools to provide enough parking for everyone, it is the driver's responsibility to park their cars legally and to help ease parking issues and keep the school student's safe.

## **Safety Concerns in and Around Schools**

- · Speeding motorists
- Park/stop on footpaths
- Park/stop across driveways
- Park/stop on median strips (including flush medians)
- Disregard of parking signage

#### What Can Parents Do?

- Always be aware of children
- Walk or cycle to school to drop off or collect children
- Try and use nearby parking facilities such as reserves or shopping centres, and walk a short distance to the school
- Plan your trip so you arrive on the school side of the road
- Try to arrive before peak pick up times
- Avoid leaving your vehicle for long periods
- Form a Road Wise committee (Contact your Principal and P&C)

#### **What Can Teachers Do?**

- Educate students about procedures around the school precinct
- Encourage children to educate their parents or carers about what they should and shouldn't do when parking near the school



## **Warning Signs**

Children warning and 40km/hour school speed zone signs are the responsibility of Main Roads WA and requests for additional signs or sign damage reports should be directed to them on 9323 4111 or 1800 800 009.

KISS and DRIVE zones typically allow parents to pick up and drop off at areas adjacent to the main school entrance

## **Prohibition Signs**

Parking prohibitions are imposed to regulate and modify parking patterns. Their main function is to ensure that potential vehicle/pedestrian conflicts are eliminated.



A vehicle cannot stop to set down or pick up passengers.



A vehicle may be stopped, and immediately drop off or pick up a passenger or goods. The driver must remain with the vehicle.



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## School Statutory No Stopping Areas

Statutory No Stopping areas also occur under the provisions of the Road Traffic Code. These areas may or may not be sign posted. For example it is an offence to stop or park a vehicle:

- Within three metres of a double barrier white line
- Within ten metres of an intersection
- Within nine metres of a traffic island



#### **Penalties and Fines**

Please be aware that penalties may apply for:

- Park/stop on a NO STOPPING area (stopping on a road during the prohibited period)
- Stopping/parking on the footpath
- Parking in a NO PARKING area
- Double parking
- Park/stop on a nature strip (verge) without the owner's consent
- Park/stop such that the vehicle causes obstruction in a public place
- Parking facing the wrong way against traffic flow
- Park/stop on a median strip
- · Park/stop contrary to signage

#### **Rules of Parent Parking**

#### DO

- Park further away and walk
- · Ask permission to park on someone's verge
- · Obey all street signs
- Use Kiss and Drive to drop off and pick up (vehicle cannot be left unattended)
- · Be courteous
- · Leave the car at home if possible

#### DO NOT

- · Block driveways
- Park/stop on footpaths
- Obstruct children's crossings
- Park/stop on median strips
- Park/stop on verges without permission
- Park/stop within 10m of an intersection
- · Park facing against the flow of traffic
- Double park



## **Parking Problems**

The Town of East Fremantle Ranger Services are more than happy to help with any parking and safety concerns near your school.

For advice or help please contact 9339 9339 or visit our website www.eastfremantle.wa.gov.au

Other helpful contacts:

Roadwise 9213 2066 www.walga.asn.au

Main Roads WA 9323 4111 www.mrwa.wa.gov.au

These organisations also publish road safety information which is available upon request.

