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In an effort to provide a safer environment for everyone, City of Mount Gambier Council patrols schools throughout the school term and aims to educate drivers of the road rules and what the signs mean around schools.

PARKING CONCERNS IN SCHOOL AREAS

As it is not practical for schools to provide enough parking for everyone, it is the drivers responsibility to park their car legally and to help ease the parking issues whilst keeping everyone safe.

To help keep our children safe, it's important for drivers to:

- Slow down in school zones, during school times
- Be extra cautious around schools
- Be aware that young children can be unpredictable and difficult to see.

Children can stay safe by:

- Learning about road safety
- Practicing crossing the road with parents and caregivers.



WHY DO WE HAVE PARKING RESTRICTIONS AROUND SCHOOLS?

The safety of all children is paramount. Unlawful parking in schools areas is a major hazard and parking infringement notices may be issued for incorrect, unlawful or dangerous parking.

City of Mount Gambier aims to ensure our roads are safe, and traffic flows smoothly. Due to the chaotic nature of traffic around schools at peak times, streets can be dangerous for children who have not fully developed their cognitive abilities. Their perception, judgement and awareness of potentially dangerous situations is not adequately developed to enable them to deal with traffic. Children tend to follow by example, it's up to you encourage good road sense.

SAFETY CONCERNS IN AND AROUND SCHOOLS

- Speeding motorists
- Parking and stopping on footpaths
- Parking and stopping across driveways
- Parking and stopping on median strips
- Disregard of parking signs

BE RESPONSIBLE, CHILDREN'S SAFETY IS IN ALL OF OUR HANDS

- Observe and learn what each parking sign means.
- Plan your drop off so that you can arrive early.
- Park on the school side if possible so your child does not need to cross the road.
- When out walking, practice the "Stop" "Look" "Listen" and "Think" rule each time you cross the road.
- Walk or cycle to school.

It is your responsibility as a child's caregiver, to model safe behavior, whilst teaching and guiding them about these important road safety rules.

Always be aware of children, they can be unpredictable.



WHAT DO THE PARKING SIGNS MEAN?

No Stopping Zone or continuous yellow line edge on road

You cannot stop in this area. A vehicle cannot stop to drop off or pick up passengers. This restriction is in place 24 hours a day.

Offence expiation fee
(Stopping Zone): \$102
(Yellow Line): \$104



No Parking Zone

You must stay within 3 metres of your car at all times. You may briefly assist your child from the vehicle.

Offence expiation fee: \$85



Obstructing Driveway

Obstructing access to and from a footpath, driveway etc. A driver must not stop on a road in a position that obstructs access by vehicles or pedestrians

Offence expiation fee: \$85



Disabled Parking Permit Zone

Whether in car parks or along streets, disabled parking areas, are designated for those only with a disabled permit, where a valid permit must be displayed. These permits are available from the Motor Registration Division of the Department for Transport.

Offence expiation fee: \$397



Parking longer than indicated

A driver must not park continuously on a length of road, or in a rea, to which a permissive parking sign applies, for longer than the time indicated by information on the sign.

Offence expiation fee: \$56



Bus Zone and Taxi Zones

Specific parking zones are designated for special service vehicles, such as buses and taxis, and must be left available for the vehicles stated.

Offence expiation fee: \$140



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