

Related Policies

Bus Services

Purpose

This policy gives schools guidance and direction to ensure that in the vicinity of school properties, road safety practices and facilities are adequate to protect the safety of students, staff, visitors and road users.

Policy

- Schools shall ensure that pedestrian and vehicular traffic movements and behaviour are conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of community and agency stakeholders including:
 - The RTA (NSW schools only).
 - Urban Services (ACT schools only.)
 - Police.
 - Departments of Transport.
 - Bus companies.

Definitions

NSW School Speed Zones: The majority of school zones operate between 8:00am - 9:30am and 2:30pm - 4:00pm on gazetted school days. Motorists are required to drive no more than 40km/hour through school zones.

ACT School Speed Zones: School zones operate between 8:00am - 4:00pm on gazetted school days and whenever speed signs are displayed. Motorists are required to drive no more than 40km/hour through school zones.

School crossings: Crossings are indicated by orange/red coloured flags attached to posts on either side of roadway.

Note: School crossings indicated by flags are not generally “pedestrian crossings” at other times. If the flags are not in place, the crossing does not exist, therefore the safety of students crossing may be jeopardised.

Procedures

Road Safety: Schools shall generally adopt the following road safety strategies:

- Implement road safety education as part of the PDHPE curriculum from K – 12.
- Improve driving behaviour in delivery and pick-up of students from the school by:
 - Promoting relevant information e.g. through internal communications and newsletters.
 - Working with road transport authorities to develop management plans and school road safety policies.

- School principals may report illegally parked vehicles to the Police or local authorities.
 - The school can assist by educating the school community to deal with illegal parking around schools.
- Improve student behaviour on buses by liaising with bus services operators and promoting relevant codes of conduct.
- Manage senior students driving to and from school by educating students on road safety issues concerning young drivers and passengers as part of the school student welfare, pastoral care or PDHPE programmes.

Crossing Flags: In NSW and ACT, schools are responsible for ensuring crossing flags are in place and removed as required and should only be displayed during the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. Schools are responsible for obtaining new and replacement flags from local authorities. The principal of every school is authorised to display or remove children’s crossing flags or to delegate this authority to a person of at least eighteen years of age.

Speed Restriction Signs: In the ACT, schools are responsible for displaying the “40km/hour” speed zone at the beginning of each term and concealing it at the end of each term. Padlocks and keys are provided to each school for this purpose. If the signs remain open outside gazetted school days, the speed restriction still applies, which may result in complaints from members of the public, thereby requiring the school principal or authorised representative to attend and conceal the signs.

NSW School crossing supervisors

The RTA is responsible for the management of school crossing supervisors on all roads in NSW. A school crossing supervisor coordinator is located in each RTA regional office. On written request from the principal, the RTA will assess the school’s eligibility for a school crossing supervisor to be employed for a school’s pedestrian crossing. School crossing supervisors are often selected from the school community. The regional office of the RTA may invite the school to participate in the process of recruiting and appointing the school crossing supervisor.

References

ACT DET – Road Safety Program

http://www.det.act.gov.au/teaching_and_learning/curriculum_programs/student_wellbeing/road_safety_programs

NSW Roads and Traffic Authority, *School Road Safety*

<http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/policies/road/safety/index.htm>



Forms

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