

Tips for making the school run safer

Most schools experience heavy traffic congestion at school drop off and pick up times.

However it is still the responsibility of all parents and carers to ensure they follow the road rules around Bathurst Public School.

Parking restrictions are in place around Bathurst Public School to assist in the management of drop off and pick up of your children, and to increase all students' safety.

Collect your child from the school gate and always use pedestrian crossings where possible – **never call your child across the road.**

Always ensure your child enters and exits the car using the rear passenger door on the **footpath side.**

A 40km school speed zone is in place around the school site between the hours of 8.00am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4.00pm on all school days.

Road Safety at Bathurst Public School

Bathurst Public School is located in a residential area on George, Rocket, Lambert and Rankin Streets.

Bathurst Public School has a road safety education program with quality teaching and learning activities for all our students.

Parents /caregivers please

- always try and meet your child on the school side of the road
- always be a role model for your children
- never call your child across the road, this is vitally important in the bus zone areas
- never double park your car
- always obey the 40km limit.

Please help support us by setting good examples, obeying all road rules and practising safe road behaviours with your children.

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BATHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL

Road Safety Education

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Road safety practices are essential around all schools. Please read the following road safety advice specific for our school.

Travelling to school



There are 4 pedestrian crossings around Bathurst Public School. They are located on George and Rocket, and, George and Lambert Streets.

Supervision

Until they are 8 years old, children should hold hands with an adult:

- on the footpath
- in the car park and
- when crossing the road.

Until children are 10 years old, they should still be closely supervised in the traffic environment and hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.

Penalties exceed \$338 and 2 demerit points for stopping on or near a crossing.

Safe car travel

Children should enter and exit your vehicle via the rear passenger door on the footpath side, as this is the safest way.

Children up to 7 years old are required to sit in an approved booster seat, with the seat belt fastened, in the back seat of the car.

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority recommend that children under 12 years do **not** travel in the front seat of a vehicle.

Penalties exceed \$1859 and loss of 7 demerit points for speeding in a school zone.

Riding on wheels

Until children are 10 years old they should cycle in a safe place off the road and away from vehicles and driveways. If children ride to school, parents and carers should actively supervise them.

Parents are requested to ensure students wear helmets if they ride a bike or scooter to school. When students enter the school grounds they should dismount and proceed to the rear of the George Street building where they can store their bike or scooter at the owner's risk. Students who ride to school without a helmet will not be permitted to take their bike or scooter home.

Where and how to park

No Parking Zone

Our school has an area located in George Street operating from 8.00am -9.30am, Monday through Friday.

This area is for parents in cars to drop children off safely on the school side in a two minute timeframe. Children should exit onto the footpath. If parents need to also exit the car, this area **should not** be used. Parking areas are available on all streets surrounding the school. George Street has one section directly in front of the main block which has a 1 hour parking limit.

Bus and Taxi zones

We have a large Bus Bay located in Rocket Street. Parents are asked not to collect their children via the bus bay area on Rocket Street. Children should only use the crossing to get to cars parked opposite the bus bay. Lambert Street has a bus zone, taxi zone and disabled parking space. Please observe the signs in these areas.



Penalties exceed \$258 and the loss of 2 demerit points.