



Mount Warrigal Public School

Road Safety Procedure

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

More than one million school students travel to and from school each day in NSW. At Mount Warrigal Public School we strive to maintain a whole-school approach to road safety education where parents, carers and the community work together with the school to create a supportive environment for students to learn, understand and practise road safety.

LINK/S TO DEPARTMENT POLICIES

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/road-safety-education-driver-education-and-training-policy>

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/road-safety-education>

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/index.html>

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/downloads/keeping-our-kids-safe-around-schools.pdf>

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This procedure aims to empower all members of our school community to be safe road users by taking reasonable measures to protect themselves and others against risk of injury or harm.

IMPLEMENTATION

The following are expectations at Mount Warrigal Public School:

School Responsibilities:

- Provide a safe place for students to lock away wheeled apparatus during the school day.
- Ensure any students catching a bus are escorted to/from the bus safely under direct staff supervision.

Teacher Responsibilities:

- Ensure that road safety is taught as part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education key learning area within each stage of learning.
- Model and reinforce road safety precautions where appropriate (e.g. on excursions).
- Be consistent with the school expectations that students must wear a helmet when riding a wheeled apparatus and that these must be walked and securely locked away once in the school grounds.
- Ensure seat belts are fastened, when available, on all school excursions.
- Provide localised road safety context where appropriate.

Stage Supervisor Responsibilities:

- Ensure staff Risk Management Documents include road safety precautions for all excursions.

Administration Staff Responsibilities:

- Monitor flags at the student crossing (take out early in the morning and bring in at the end of the day).
- Where possible, book a bus with seat belts for student excursions.



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Parent and Carer Responsibilities:

- Cooperate with the school and other government agencies on issues relating to road safety.
- Model safe behaviours when driving on and crossing roads.
- Use pedestrian crossing areas where possible.
- Always hold your child's hand up until the age of eight. Young children need your help to spot danger like vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
- Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road. Talk to your children about **Stop, Look, Listen and Think** every time they cross the road:
 - **Stop** one step back from the kerb
 - **Look** continuously both ways
 - **Listen** for the sounds of approaching traffic
 - **Think** whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across
- Ensure students are wearing a seatbelt when driving.
- Make sure your children are in appropriate child car seats that are fitted and used correctly.
- Stick to the **40km/h speed limit** in a school zone as children are about and can be unpredictable.
- Look out for buses pulling out.
- Always park and turn legally around schools and avoid dangerous manoeuvres like double parking, U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians, especially when entering and leaving driveways.
- Drop the kids off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous because they may run to you without checking traffic.
- Ensure your child wears a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. The helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they're playing or riding on: bikes, scooters, roller skates, skateboards or rollerblades.
- Follow bike safety guidelines by encouraging your child to ride off-road, away from vehicles and driveways until they are at least 10 years old.
- Always meet your child at the bus stop. Never meet them on the opposite side of the road and call them across.
- Wait until the bus has gone, then choose a safe place to cross the road. Remember to Stop! Look! Listen! Think!

Student Responsibilities:

- Contribute to the provision of a healthy and safe environment by cooperating with parents and staff in following road safety guidelines.
- Stop, Look, Listen and Think to cross roads safely. Use the school crossing if possible.
- Always wear a seatbelt when travelling in the car.
- Always wear a correctly fitted helmet when riding bikes, scooters, roller skates, skateboards or rollerblades.
- Walk any wheeled apparatus when inside the school grounds.
- Securely lock any wheeled apparatus during school hours.
- Ensure vehicles have completely stopped before getting in (where possible under adult supervision).

EVALUATION

These procedures will be regularly evaluated and updated throughout the school year. A review of the procedures will be held by the conclusion of each year and any alterations noted.