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 Caves Beach Public School.

Parking restrictions are in place around Caves Beach Public to manage the safe drop off and pick up of your children. 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 – the “safety door”**.

A 40km school speed zone is in place around the school safety zones.

Penalties exceed $1,859 and loss of 7 demerit points for speeding in a school zone.

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**Road Safety at Caves Beach Public School**

Caves Beach Public School is located in a residential area at the end of a narrow access road off Park Avenue.

Our school recognises the need to keep our students safe when travelling to and from school by working in partnership with all parents and carers.

Parents please always:
- hold your child’s hand when walking to and from our school
- use our pedestrian crossings
- ensure your child gets out on the footpath side – the “safety door”
- be considerate when using our ‘kiss and drop’ zone
- remember you are a role model for your children

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

_Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern._

**Denise Rispen**

Principal
**Travel to school**

These are the safest places to cross the roads around our school:
- the pedestrian and flagged crossings in the access road
- the supervised pedestrian crossing on Park Avenue

**Supervision**

Until they are 8 years old, children should hold hands with an adult:
- on the footpath
- in any car park
- 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.

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**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 of age are required to sit in an approved booster seat, with the seat belt fastened, in the back seat of the car.

The NSW Centre for Road Safety recommends that children under 12 years do **not** travel in the front seat of a vehicle.

**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.

They are to dismount and walk their bikes through the school grounds via the front gate. Bikes are to be stored in the bike racks at the owner’s risk.

**Skateboards and scooters are NOT allowed on school grounds.**

The school upholds a policy of 3 warnings for unsafe practices. After 3 warnings a child will not be permitted to ride to school for a week.

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**Where and how to park**

**Drop-off / Pick-up zone**

There is a dedicated **Drop-off and pick-up zone** on the school side of the access road. You may only stop for up to 2 minutes to drop off or pick up your child.

**You must NOT leave your vehicle unattended.**

On the opposite side of the road is a **10 minute Parking Zone**. Times of operation are from 8:00-9:30am and 2:30-4:00pm.

Please direct your children to enter and exit the school grounds using the footpath and pedestrian crossing.

**It is NOT safe to cross the access road outside the pedestrian crossings.**

**Staff car park**

The staff car park is for staff only. Please do **not** use the car park to drop off and pick up your children. You must only use the **turnaround bay** to return to Park Avenue. Children are **not** to walk through the car park.

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

Penalties may exceed $258 and the loss of 2 demerit points for parking illegally.