

## Road safety around Beaumont Road Public School (BRPS)

The purpose of this note is to remind you of your obligations regarding road safety at and around the school.

There are lots of parents and children of all ages moving around at drop-off and pick-up times.

We teach road safety to all students from Kindergarten to year 6 as part of personal development, health and physical education (PDHPE) but parents are the best role models for their children.

There have been a number of near misses on Beaumont Road recently, so we would like to emphasise some road safety messages:



1. Use the KISS & DROP zone correctly
2. Park safely even if you and your children have to walk further
3. Don't do U-turns over the double white line in front of the school
4. Use the zebra crossing when you cross the road – your children will learn from you

### 1. Use the KISS & DROP zone correctly

At BRPS the kerb within the school car park in front of the school office is the KISS & DROP zone. This area is posted "No Parking 8am-9.30am school days" and "No stopping at other times".

Parents and carers are legally able to stop their car in this area for up to a maximum of two minutes on school days from 8am until 9.30am. If they leave their vehicle, they must be no more than three metres from that vehicle.

Parents and carers must not stop their car in this area on school days earlier than 8am and later than 9.30am.



*What does this mean for BRPS families?*

- On a school day between 8am and 9.30am you can stop your car and get your children out of the car, remove bags from the car, say your goodbyes and then leave. You are not able to leave the car and walk children into school.
- On a school day at other times, you must not stop your car unless there is a medical or other emergency.

If our KISS & DROP area is used correctly, it will make school drop-off easier, safer and quicker for everyone.

### 2. Park safely even if it means walking further

There is a bus zone immediately in front of the school near the playground. It is marked clearly with a bus zone sign. The kerb one side of the bus zone is marked with a "No stopping" sign and the other side is marked "No Parking 8am-9.30am & 2.30-4pm school days".

The bus zone sign means that you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus. Only buses can stop in the bus zone

Parents and carers are legally able to stop their car in the No Parking area for up to a maximum of two minutes on school days from 8am until 9.30am and from 2.30-4pm. If they leave their vehicle, they must be no more than three metres from that vehicle.

*What does this mean for BRPS families?*

- You cannot stop your car in the bus zone, ever, not even for a few minutes to let your children get in or out of your car.
- On a school day between 8am and 9.30am you can stop your car in the No Parking area beyond the bus zone and get your children out of the car, remove bags from the car, say your goodbyes and then leave. You are not able to leave the car and walk children into school.
- On a school day between 2.30pm and 4pm you can stop your car in the No Parking area beyond the bus zone and let your children get into the car, put bags in the car and then leave. You are not able to leave the car and walk onto the school grounds to collect your children. You are not able to park and wait in the car for your children.



Find a safe place to park and comply with all the parking signs on the roads around school. The parking signs are planned and positioned with children's safety in mind.

### 3. Don't drive across the double white lines

Remember not to drive over the double white lines in front of the school. It's tempting to do a U-turn so that you can park near to the school, but it's illegal.

### 4. Use the zebra crossing

The zebra crossing is there to keep children and adults safe. Plan your route to school so that you use pedestrian crossings where possible. Encourage your children to use the zebra crossing to get across Beaumont Road safely and show them that you cross the road the same way.

## We are all responsible for keeping children safe on and around roads

We regularly revise road safety and pedestrian safety with our K-6 students, but how you behave as road users sends your children an even stronger message.

Thank you for your cooperation in supporting our safety rules. Accidents can always happen, but we will do everything we can to make Beaumont Road Public School a safe and happy place to learn.

#### *Useful links*

If you would like to read more about road safety around schools, please go to:

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/downloads/safety-around-schools.pdf>

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/traffic-lights.html>

[www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/parking.html](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/parking.html)

