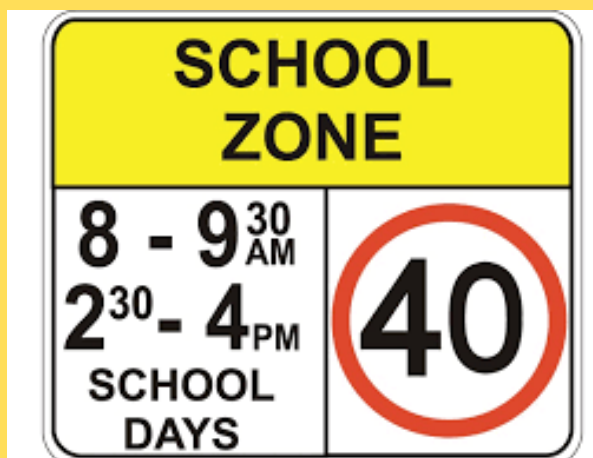


# School Zone Safety

As parents you should take the opportunity to talk with your children about getting to and from school safely. Here are some safety tips:



- 1** Be alert and aware by traveling distraction free. Ask children to take off their headphones when walking.
- 2** Choose a safe place to cross. The fastest way, may not be the safest way. **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.
- 3** Keep safe getting in and out of the car. Always use the door closest to the kerb.
- 4** Keep safe getting on and off the bus. Wait at the bus stop and stand at least one step back from the edge of the road. 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, before you cross the road.
- 5** Hold hands to cross the road. Until they are ten children should hold an adults hand.
- 6** Wearing a helmet. Children must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. Foot scooter, skateboard and rollerblade riders should wear helmets and protective gear such as knee and elbow pad. Be a positive role model when you are a pedestrian, passenger and driver.

**Children learn from what they see, as well as what we say. Never sacrifice safety for convenience. Source: <http://www.walk.com.au/wstd/>, <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/>**