

# Community Safety Update

Parents and Carers are asked to read and discuss the following community safety update carefully so that we can all be supportive of the need to be safe and keep each other safe at all times.

At Chisholm we place the safety of our community members as a very important priority and we know that it is the responsibility of all community members to keep ourselves and others safe at all times.

With this priority in mind the school regularly communicates to students, teachers, parents and carers what we can do to achieve our safety goals in the areas of:-

- Parent Pick-Up
- School Grounds Safety
- Bike Safety
- Kiss & Ride
- Bus Travel

To assist us all we would like to share the following safety information and ask that you revisit school procedures in the interest of community safety.



To assist parents and carers with the safe use of Kiss & Ride, we have sent home today two A4 laminated signs with your family name printed on them. These signs are to be displayed and be fully visible from the front passengers window of your vehicle to assist teachers calling your child to your car. Thank you!

## **Parent Pick-Up**

Recently parent pick up routines have been reviewed in light of Child Protection and Community Safety. Parents are reminded that there are 3 designated areas for waiting to collect children in the afternoon. These areas are:-

1. The undercover court area / seats
2. The hand ball court area / seats
3. The parent retreat area



Thank you to all our parents and carers who always assist in the safe and smooth dismissal by following school procedures.

**Parents are asked to not wait at the school gates to pick up children to ensure that every child has left with the correct adult.**

To support child protection protocols, parents are asked to refrain from;

- Waiting outside classroom doors
- Accessing children's school bags before the bell
- Accessing verandahs near year 1 & 2
- Waiting near either of the toilet blocks including the silver seats near the senior toilet block and the uniform shop near the infant's toilets
- Looking into classroom windows before classes are dismissed
- Wandering around the grounds.

The best way we have of knowing who enters the school grounds at dismissal time is if adults are gathered in the designated areas.

In addition, parents and carers are advised that school gates will be open at 2.55pm. This allows 5 minutes waiting time before pickup. Adults needing to gain access before this time can do so via the office as per usual.

Your ongoing support in keeping ourselves and our children safe is appreciated and valued.

## **School Grounds Safety – Car Park**

In the interest of community safety parents and carers are reminded that children are not to be dropped off or picked up from the staff car park as this is dangerous, especially when vehicles are trying to reverse out of the school. The car park gates are closed during school hours.

The only cars permitted to park in the grounds are those with disabled access permission who must display their disabled sticker and must park within marked car spaces.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping each other safe.



## **Bike Safety**

At Chisholm we have an increasing number of children riding bikes or scooters to school. If your child rides to school parents are asked to remind their child/children about the following safety rules:

- Helmets must be worn while riding at all times
- Bikes and scooters may only be pushed in the school grounds and on the footpath outside the school, especially in the afternoons during bus duty and Kiss & Ride duty
- Bikes and scooters are to be parked in the designated area, between the Year 3 and Year 4 buildings
- Children only have permission to use their own bike or scooter.

Parents and carers are also asked to discuss appropriate road rules while riding to and from school in the interest of keeping everyone safe. Thank you for your assistance.

## **Kiss & Ride**

There are clear council parking restrictions in the Kiss & Ride area that will be enforced by council rangers and police patrols. Please note:-

**The Kiss & Ride area is a NO PARKING ZONE between:**

**8.00am - 9.00am & 2.30pm - 3.30pm**

**THIS MEANS YOU CANNOT PARK YOUR CAR AND WAIT**

When using this zone you have a 2 minute window to drop off or pick up and you need to remain with your vehicle.

Staff on duty are there to assist by supervising the children and having them ready to pick up in the afternoon.

Parents/carers are reminded that Chisholm is a SAFE HONEST RESPECTFUL learning community so speaking respectfully at all times is a community expectation.

In the event of traffic build up staff are expected to ask drivers to drive around the block so buses and traffic can keep moving.

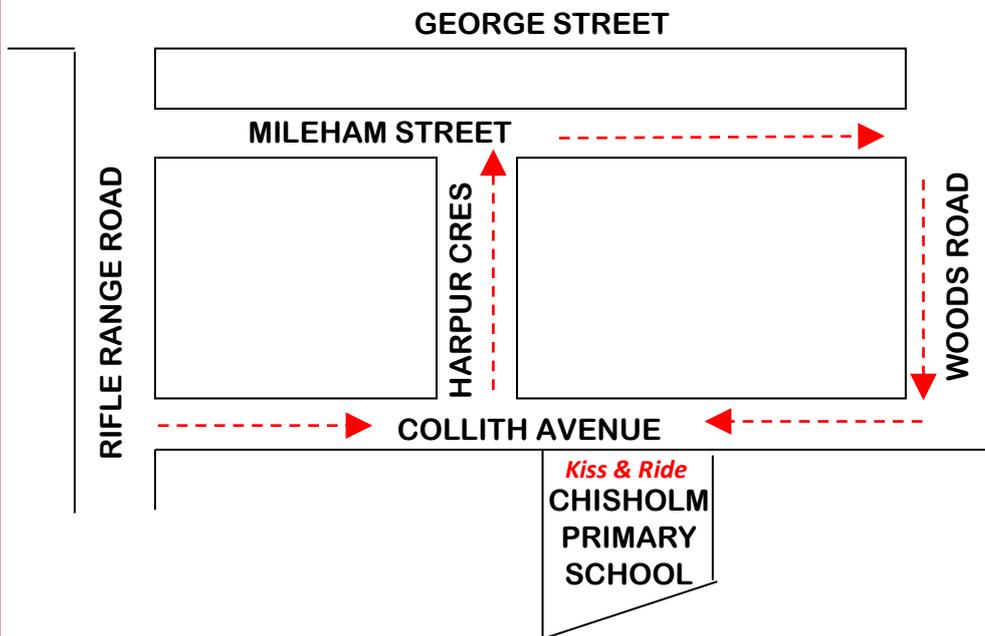
The main traffic thins out from 3.15pm so parents might like to consider a slightly later pick up. Teacher supervision concludes at 3.30pm when any remaining children can be collected at the office. They are supervised at all times.

To facilitate a smooth Kiss and Ride experience the school will be issuing two laminated signs for you to display on your car windscreen. This enables teachers on duty to recognise the family and announce the name to the children.



# TRAFFIC SAFETY - KISS & RIDE

## Traffic entering from Rifle Range Road ...

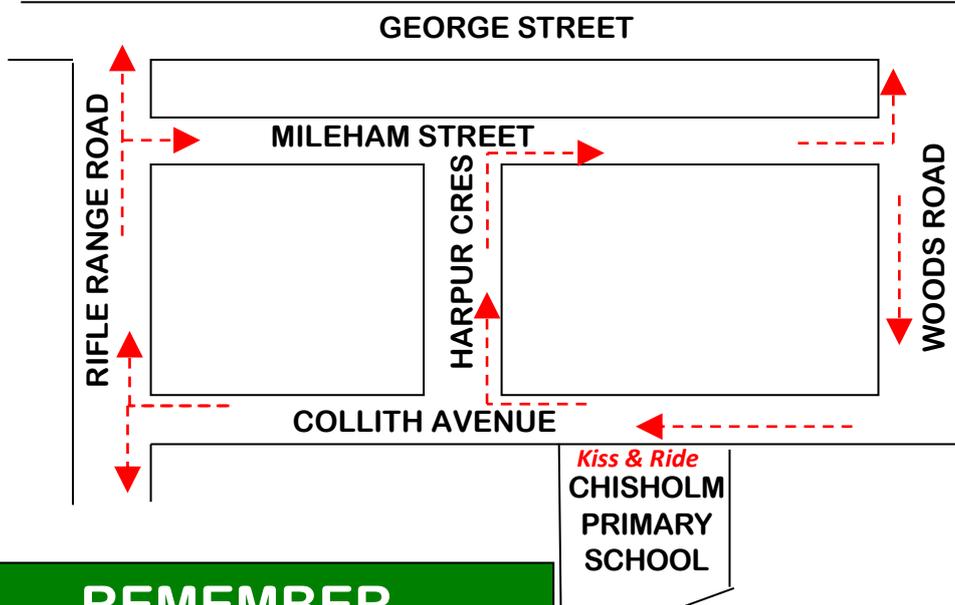


Traffic coming from  
**Rifle Range Road:**

- TURN LEFT into Harpur Cres
- RIGHT into Mileham Street
- RIGHT into Woods Road
- RIGHT into Collith Avenue and drive easily into the Kiss & Ride area.

(If Kiss & Ride area is 'full', you are asked to **NOT BLOCK TRAFFIC BY STOPPING** outside this area but make another circuit by proceeding past the Kiss & Ride area and making a RIGHT into Harpur Crescent, then Mileham Street, then Woods Road to Collith Avenue and the Kiss & Ride area again)

## Traffic entering from Woods Road ...



Traffic coming from  
**Woods Road:**

- TURN RIGHT into Collith Avenue. Drive easily and safely into Kiss & Ride Area
- RIGHT into Harpur Cres or continue along Collith and turn right into Rifle Range Road. Return to George Street via lights or down right at Mileham Street

(If Kiss & Ride area is 'full', you are asked to **NOT BLOCK TRAFFIC BY STOPPING** outside this area but make another circuit by proceeding past the Kiss & Ride area and making a RIGHT into Harpur Crescent, then Mileham Street, then Woods Road to Collith Avenue and the Kiss & Ride area again)

## REMEMBER ...

Please have displayed and fully visible from the front passengers window your A4 laminated sign with your family name on it. This has been supplied by the school. Thanks

## KEEP IT SAFE !

Be a positive KISS & RIDE user  
KEEP OUR CHISHOLM CHILDREN SAFE!

- ✓ NO U-TURN IN COLLITH AVENUE PLAN!
- ✓ AVOID U-TURNS IN COLLITH AVENUE

# SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?\*



Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.



## No Parking

You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.



## No Stopping

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.



## Bus Zone

You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus.



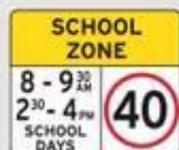
## Mobile Phone Use

Do not use a hand held mobile phone while driving.



## Speeding Offences

The fines and demerit points for speeding offences in school zones have been increased.



## Pedestrian Crossings

Do not stop on or near a marked crossing.



## Driveways

Do not stop on or across a driveway.



## Lane Filtering /Overtaking

Motorcyclists must not overtake or lane-filter in an active school zone.



## Double Parking

Do not double park in a school zone.



## Footpath and Nature Strip

Do not stop on a footpath or nature strip.



\*Fines current as of July 2017. Fines and demerit points are subject to change.



# CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS ON BUSES

It is every student's responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures the safety and comfort of passengers and drivers. This includes:

## BEHAVING APPROPRIATELY

- respect the needs and comfort of other passengers (e.g. no use of offensive or racist language, fighting, spitting, placing feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus, eating or drinking – except water – unless the bus operator gives written permission)
- give up seats to all adults and disabled passengers
- adhere to the law that bans smoking on buses
- obey reasonable direction from the driver (e.g. where to sit or to remain in the bus)
- keep arms, legs and heads inside the bus
- refrain from attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergency

## RESPECTING PROPERTY

- protect bus property
- ensure that buses are not vandalised
- report any vandalism e.g. graffiti and window etching

## HOLDING PASSES

- show travel passes or tickets to the driver on boarding and when requested
- use the travel pass only for its intended purpose
- 'swipe' or 'dip' passes in ticket readers if available when boarding
- keep your pass for your own use – you should not lend your pass to other students or borrow one from them.

Disobeying these rules may lead to the withdrawal of school bus travel passes and/or prosecution.

## What are the consequences of inappropriate behaviour?

- if a student misbehaves on a bus, the bus operator concerned will contact the parents and the school
- depending on the gravity of the offence, students may be required to give up their school bus travel pass or may be refused travel on the bus for a period of time determined by the bus operator
- heavier penalties may apply to students involved in group misbehaviour
- school principals have the right to take additional disciplinary action against a student under the school's discipline code or student welfare policy for any breach of the Code of Conduct.

The bus operator must provide written notification to the parents, guardians or carers before a student's school bus travel pass can be withdrawn.

**UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR** such as using offensive or racist language, disobeying reasonable directions from the driver, smoking, spitting, damaging property, eating on the bus, distracting the driver with persistent noise and failing to show the travel pass.

**May lead to** the loss of subsidised school travel privileges for up to two school weeks for a second offence, and up to ten school weeks from subsequent offences. Permanent suspension of school travel privileges or banned from travelling on buses may apply for repeated offences.

**DANGEROUS BEHAVIOUR** such as seriously bullying or harassing other passengers, fighting, letting any part of your body protrude from the bus, throwing objects inside or outside the bus, using matches and lighters, carrying dangerous items and group misbehaviour.

**May lead to** loss of subsidised school travel privileges for up to four school weeks for a first offence and up to ten school weeks for subsequent offences – or if group misbehaviour is involved, permanent loss of school travel privileges, permanent suspension of school travel privileges or banning from travelling on buses may apply for repeated offences.

**HIGHLY DANGEROUS BEHAVIOUR** such as interfering with safety equipment, pushing students out of the doors or windows, assaulting the driver or other passengers and destruction of bus property.

**May lead to** the permanent loss of subsidised school travel privileges, and possible court action or police prosecution. Students may be banned from travelling on buses.