



# KEEP KIDS SAFE ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

The City of Unley has 14 schools within its Council area. Student safety is very important to Council.

This brochure provides **Australian Road Rules reminders** for parents/guardians and tips on safe and expected behaviours during school drop-off and pick-up times.

The City of Unley thanks all parents and guardians for considerate parking, which enhances the safety and amenity of our school community.

This information is provided as a general guide and should not be taken as legal advice.

For more information on Australian Road Rules, please visit the My Licence SA website [mylicence.sa.gov.au](http://mylicence.sa.gov.au)

For other enquiries relating to parking regulations or offences in the City of Unley, please contact Council on **8372 5111** or email [pobox1@unley.sa.gov.au](mailto:pobox1@unley.sa.gov.au)



## School Zones and Speed Limits

School zone signs are installed on most roads around schools. A zigzag white line is also usually marked on the road to let drivers know they are approaching a school zone.

**Drivers must not exceed 25km/h** at any time of the day or night when a child is in a school zone, including weekends and school holidays.

Please slow down as you approach a school zone at all times of the day and night to check if there are children in the area. Children can be present outside of normal school hours because of the many activities that take place in or around schools.

### Other tips to remember:

- Allow enough time to get your child to the school entrance safely and without rushing.
- Say goodbye to your child on the school side of the road. Never get them to cross the road to their school entrance alone.
- If you can, park a few streets away and walk your child to school. This is also good for teaching your child road safety skills.

## School Crossings

When it comes to using a school crossing, near enough is NOT good enough. Make the effort to use the crossings even if it means walking a little further. Crossings are the best place to cross, as drivers will be more alert for pedestrians.



## Emu Crossings

An Emu Crossing has a red 'Children Crossing' flag displayed on red and white striped posts. When the flags are displayed drivers must give way to pedestrians either crossing or about to cross the road.

Emu crossings are located within School Zones, which have a speed limit of 25km/h when children are on the road or footpath. If the 'Children Crossing' flags are not up, the 25km/h school zone speed limit still applies if there are children present.

## Koala Crossings

A Koala Crossing consists of two yellow flashing lights mounted on red and white striped poles. Koala Crossings operate only when the yellow lights are flashing. A 25km/h speed limit applies between signs on the approaches to the crossing when the lights are flashing, and drivers must stop and give way to anyone using the crossing or about to cross the road.

School monitors may be present at the crossings, and it is important to obey the Stop signs used by the monitors.

## Parking at school safely

Take extra care when parking in or around schools and always follow the signed parking rules. They are designed to keep children safe.



## No Stopping Signs

You must not park or stop in a 'No Stopping' area for any reason.



## No Parking Signs

You can only stop in a 'No Parking' area for the immediate purpose of picking up or dropping off passengers or goods. The driver must remain with the vehicle and take no more than two minutes. Kiss & Drop zones are designated by 'No Parking' signs. When used correctly, Kiss & Drop zones are very safe and effective, and help reduce traffic congestion around schools. If you plan to arrive well before the end of school, please ensure you do not park and wait within a 'No Parking' zone.

## Near School Crossings

Unless signs indicate otherwise, parking is not permitted at school or other pedestrian crossings for 20 metres before and 10 metres after the crossing. It is important not to park near crossings as it can make it harder to see children and other pedestrians using the crossing.

20m >

10m >

## Double Parking

It is illegal to 'double park' by stopping next to another car already parked near the kerb. Double parking restricts access for other traffic and can block sight lines for children on the side of the road.



## Parking Across Driveways

You must not encroach on or park across a driveway. Restricting access to driveways is illegal and can inconvenience property owners.



## Continuous Yellow Lines

A continuous yellow line marked on the edge of the road has the same meaning as a 'No Stopping' zone. No parking is allowed at any time if there is a yellow line.





**CHILDREN  
CROSSING**

## SCHOOL SAFETY DO'S AND DON'TS

### DO

- ✓ Be Aware
- ✓ Be Responsible
- ✓ Be Courteous
- ✓ BE SAFE



### DON'T

- ✗ Stop in a 'No Stopping' zone or yellow line.
- ✗ Stop within 20 metres before or 10 metres after a school crossing, or within 10 metres of an intersection. Always keep a safe distance.
- ✗ Overstay short-term timed parking controls (e.g. 10 or 15 minutes). Only stop for the allowable amount of time. Short-term parking controls have been provided for a reason.
- ✗ Park facing the wrong way.
- ✗ Encroach or park over a driveway.
- ✗ Park on a footpath or nature strip.
- ✗ Park on a painted island.
- ✗ Double park.
- ✗ Undertake U-turns on the street if there are children around.

