



# St Michael's Primary School

# Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 2

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## *From the Principal*

Dear Parents

### *Welcome to St Michael's*



A very warm welcome to our new school year, which promises to be a very exciting one. I hope all families enjoyed a safe and relaxing holiday. It was wonderful to see so many smiling and eager faces arrive last week, particularly our new Kindergarten students and our new children in Years 1-6.

I invite you to pray together:

*Lord God, At the beginning of this new year teach us to be your hands and feet where we are  
At the beginning of this new year teach us to love as you love us  
At the beginning of this new year teach us to pray for those in need  
So that You are honoured and glorified. Amen*

A very special welcome to all our families. Being a parent is a special job. One of the many aspects of parenthood is that you are your child's first teacher. In joining St Michael's school community you enter into partnership with your child's teacher as together you share a common goal—a happy and successful school year for your child. Parents and teachers are partners in helping each child develop to their full potential.

I encourage all parents to become involved in the life of the school where at all possible. Teachers welcome helpers in the classroom, sporting events and excursions. Please note at any time you enter school grounds during the day, you need to report to the school office first. You must not go directly to classrooms.

A reminder that all parents who wish to assist in any capacity at the school need to have completed the online Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta child protection training and undertaking.

### *Parent-Teacher Meet and Greet "Collaboration for Success"*

This year St Michael's school will provide an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and spend five minutes giving information about their child as a learner and person. This is a one on one meeting for every parent instead of parent information nights. Parents will receive a letter each term outlining the learning for each curriculum area, the expectations, outcomes and how parents can support their children's learning. General information will also be included regarding sport days, homework and excursions.

Each grade will send home the details of when they will hold their "meet and greet meeting" next week. Dates are also included on the next page.

### *Welcoming Mass*

We extend an invitation to all of our families to join us for the Welcoming mass and induction of our school leaders which will take place on Friday 22 February at 10.15 am.

### *P&F Meeting Wednesday 13 February 6 pm*

A reminder that our first P&F Meeting will take place next Wednesday to vote in a Treasurer, Secretary and committee members. Everyone is invited to attend.

### *Student Leadership Positions 2019*

Congratulations to the following students on their leadership positions this year. They will be presented with their badges at the opening School Mass on Friday 22 February at 10.15 am. We wish them every success as they strive to be great role models to other students and fulfil their leadership responsibilities this year.

#### **School Captains**

Julia Patanjali

Jay Puglisi

#### **Vice Captains**

Jemma Adamek

Cooper Crawford

#### **Colour House Captains**

Blue: Oscar Cheah, Isabella Mannino

Gold: Quentin Mani, Lachlan Small

Green: Alannah Del Rio, Sienna Gwynne

Red: Daniel Grib, Zach Haddad

#### **Community Leaders**

John-Paul Agnas, Georgia-Marie

Barakat, Catherine Grainger,

Elizabeth Harvie, Cristina Hurtado,

Olivia Joseph, Kristijan Magdic,

Ysus Perez-Christie.

*Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.*

## *St Michael's Parish*

**Parish Priest:** Fr Wim Hoekstra

**Assistant Priests:** Fr Zvonimar Gavranovic, Fr John Byung Chan Ji

### *2019 Staff of St Michael's*

Principal:	Mrs Danuta Maka	1MT Blue:	Mrs Noella Michie
Assistant Principal:	Mrs Rosalie Knispel (Year 6 Leader of Learning)	1Y Green:	Mrs Stephanie Yogev
Librarian:	Mrs Patricia Lee (Kindergarten Leader of Learning)	1W Red:	Mrs Erin Ward
PDHPE:	Mr Steven Kovelis	1F Yellow:	Mrs Danielle Fleming
Music:	Mrs Lyndall Parker	2F Blue:	Miss Laura Flannery
	Miss Kathryn Young	2J Green:	Mrs Brigitte Joseph
Support Services:	Mrs Sue Ellen Adler	2P Red:	Mrs Natasha Petrenas (Year 2 Leader of Learning)
	Mrs Karen Brown	2C Yellow:	Mrs Philippa Cox
	Mrs Mary Anne Parsons	3G Blue:	Mrs Maureen Gleeson
	Mrs Bronwen Wahab	3H Green:	Miss Gabriella Herzog
Reading Recovery:	Mrs Berenice Gerometta (Year 1 Leader of Learning)	3S Red:	Mrs Natalie Sloan (Year 3 Leader of Learning)
	Mrs Bronwen Wahab	30C Yellow:	Mrs Marie Orehek
Teacher's Aides:	Mrs Belinda Connellan	4FR Blue:	Miss Marion Craven
	Mrs Narelle Harding	4L Green:	Mr George Francis
	Mrs Jenny Hayek	4F Red:	Mrs Candice Lazaroo
	Mrs Jenny Holliday	4I Yellow:	Mrs Amanda Feil
	Mrs Davina Kustreba		Mr David Ison (Religious Education Coordinator & Year 4 Leader of Learning)
	Mrs Nancy Woods		
Finance:	Mrs Rasha Azar	5K Blue:	Mrs Carmel Kevill
Administration:	Mrs Veronica Isaac	5H Green:	Mrs Rachael Hakim
	Mrs Janelle Reid	5M Red:	Mr Luke Moxon (Year 5 Leader of Learning)
Library Assistant:	Mrs Marianne Seny		
Groundsman:	Mr Peter Watts	5OD Yellow:	Mrs Julie Day
Teacher release:	Mrs Ros Brighton		Mrs Rosa Oliveri
KQ Blue:	Ms Iciar Quintana	6K Blue:	Mr Vaughan Knight
KvG Green:	Mrs Louise van Gend	6B Green:	Mr Andrew Baker
KR Red:	Mrs Therese Restuccia	6RD Red:	Mrs Julie Rugg
KIR Yellow:	Ms Chriss Rogers		Mrs Kath Downie
	Mrs Natalie Irvine-Hendry	6BR Yellow:	Mrs Aprill Bray

### *Parent-Teacher Meet and Greet*

<b>Kindergarten - Week 3</b>	KIR Yellow—Tuesday 12 February & Thursday 14 February 3.30-5.00 pm KQ Blue, KR Red, KvG Green—Monday 11 February & Tuesday 12 February 3.30-5.00 pm
<b>Year 1 - Week 3</b>	1MT Blue, 1Y Green—Monday 11 February & Tuesday 12 February 3.20-5.20 pm 1W Red & 1F Yellow—Tuesday 12 February 3.20-5.00 pm & Wednesday 13 February 5.00-6.00 pm
<b>Year 2 - Week 3</b>	2J Green, 2P Red—Monday 11 February & Tuesday 12 February 3.30-5.30 pm 2F Blue & 2C Yellow—Monday 11 February 3.30-5.00 pm, Tuesday 12 February & Thursday 14 February 3.30-4.30 pm
<b>Year 3 - Week 3</b>	Tuesday 12 February 3.30-5.00 pm & Friday 15 February 3.30-4.30 pm
<b>Year 4 - Week 3</b>	Thursday 14 February 3.30-6.00 pm
<b>Year 5 - Week 3</b>	5H Green & 5M Red—Tuesday 12 February 3.30-5.00 pm 5OD Yellow—Tuesday 12 February & Thursday 14 February 3.30-5.00 pm 5K Blue—Wednesday 13 February & Thursday 14 February 8.00-8.30 am, Friday 15 February 3.15-5.00 pm
<b>Year 6 - Week 4</b>	Monday 18 February & Tuesday 19 February 3.30-5.00 pm
<b>Please ensure your child waits quietly for you outside while you are meeting with the teacher.</b>	



## Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2020

Open Morning  
**Wednesday 6 March 2019**  
**9.30 am – 11.00 am**

Phone 9865 1600  
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### Calendar Dates

#### WEEK 3

**Meet & Greet: Kindergarten—Year 5**

**Wed 13 Feb** P&F Meeting 6.00 pm Staff Room

**Fri 15 Feb** School Assembly 8.50 am—Prayer 5 Blue

#### WEEK 4

**Meet & Greet: Year 6**

**Fri 22 Feb** Whole School Welcoming Mass 10.15 am

#### WEEK 5

**Mon 25 Feb** Year 4 Incursion: Freaky Forces

**Tue 26 Feb** Year 5 Excursion: Rouse Hill Farm

**Wed 27 Feb** Year 6 Reconciliation

#### WEEK 6

Catholic Schools Week 1-9 March Transforming Children's Lives

**Mon 4 Mar** School Assembly and Open Classrooms

**Wed 6 Mar** 2020 Kindergarten Open Morning 9.30-11.00 am  
 Ash Wednesday

**Fri 8 Mar** School Assembly 8.50 am—Prayer 3 Green

*Please note that from time to time there may be unavoidable circumstances that may occur and dates advertised for events may need to be changed. Every effort is made to give as much notice as possible when changes occur. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.*

*Events, including representative sport are regularly added to the school's calendar on our website:*

<http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au/en/Community/Event>

### Social Skill Tips for Parents

#### Week 2: R from Respect

- Respect myself, others and property
- Recognising the worth, quality and importance of others despite their differences.

#### Week 3: E from Respect

- Everyone has the right learn.

#### Week 4: S from Respect

- Strive to be the best you can be.



### Prayers

Please keep in your prayers Mrs Bronwen Wahab and her family on the passing of her brother.



Eternal rest grant to him Lord. Let Your perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

### Religious Education

#### First Reconciliation 2019 St Michael's Church

Families with children who are 7 to 8 or older (**children must be 7.5 years before the celebration**) and wish their child to participate in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will need to attend one of the two registrations evenings to be held on **Monday 11 February** or **Tuesday 12 February at 7.30 pm** in the Church.

Parents will need to bring a **copy** of their child's baptism certificate if not baptised at St Michael's Church (not original) in order to complete the registration process. The cost will be \$20 per child.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the parish office on 9639 0598.

**The Parish encourages children with special needs to fully participate in the parish sacramental program. Please contact the parish office on 9639 0598 to discuss your child's needs.**

#### Parish Church attendance

Each class attends 9.15 am Parish Mass twice a term. These dates are not advertised in the newsletter or placed on the school's website calendar.

Each year group attend Friday liturgy twice a year as a cohort and an invitation is extended to parents to attend.

Whole school liturgies take place from time to time to commemorate feast days and other important school events. All are welcome to attend.

Year Groups and Whole School liturgies will be advertised events in the newsletter and on the school's website.

### School Terms - 2019

Term 1—Finishes on Friday 12 April

Term 2—Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July

Term 3—Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September

Term 4—Monday 14 October to Friday 20 December

- *Students finish Wednesday 18 December*
- *Staff Development Days Thursday 19 December & Friday 20 December*

## General School Information

### Wellbeing policy

St Michael's aim is to provide a safe, pleasant environment for all children, staff and parents which fosters a sense of belonging, positive self-esteem and a love of learning.

Our Wellbeing Policy is contained in our Parent Handbook and is also available for viewing on our website under Policies and Procedures.

### Curriculum

This year St Michael's will continue to focus on literacy and numeracy. Our goal in literacy is to improve the writing skills and vocabulary of all students. The focus in numeracy is to develop each student's reasoning strategies to solve multiplication and division problems. In Religious Education our goal is to help the students develop a deeper understanding of sacred scripture. The staff at St Michael's are committed to providing quality education for all students.

### Communication with families

Communication between St Michael's and students' families is vital in the ongoing partnership that exists between school and families.

We will communicate with parents via our Skoolbag App alerts, electronic newsletter distribution and letters sent home. Instructions on downloading the Skoolbag App are contained in this newsletter and on our website. If you change your email address at any time, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

### Skoolbag—updates for 2019

Our Skoolbag App enables us to get alerts out to parents quickly.

### Alert category changes 2019

- Please change your alert categories to the current Year that your child is in so that you receive the correct alerts, eg if your child was in year 1 in 2018, please change the category to year 2 for 2019.
- BUS category—if your child catches the bus, please include this category for information on late running bus alerts.

### Early collection of children from school

If there is a need to collect your child early from school, please send a note to the classroom teacher in the morning and proceed to the school office when you arrive. On your arrival at the school office, staff will contact the class teacher and your child will then meet you at the school office. While you are waiting for your child, you will be asked to sign them out of the school.

Parents are not permitted to go directly to classrooms or other areas to collect their children.

Recess is from 11.00-11.30 am and Lunch is from 1.00-1.40 pm

If you are collecting your children around Recess or Lunch, we suggest you arrive at the school prior to, or after, Recess and Lunch times.

Please allow plenty of time as it will take a few minutes to contact your child, have them pack their bag and walk to the school office.

### School Attendance

It is **important** for your child's wellbeing and academic progress that they attend school regularly and complete each school day. **Children need to attend school every day from 8.45 am until 3.10 pm unless illness prevents their attendance.** Please ensure that appointments are made outside of school hours in order to ensure that your child can maximise their learning potential. Learning takes place from 8.45 am until the final bell at 3.10 pm. **Being late or taking your child early from school, particularly on a regular basis, may hinder their personal and academic progress.** This is often reflected in school reports.

Parents taking their children out of school on a regular basis will be contacted by the Principal. Should you need to take your child out of school early on an unavoidable occasion, a note should be sent in to the class teacher. This will minimise the interruption to learning time for all students. Please avoid disruption to teachers and students by arriving unexpectedly to pick up children without prior notice.

### School absence

If your child is sick for you can send a Skoolbag app notification, email or call\* the school office.

If you inform us with a Skoolbag notification or via email, you do not need to send in another note.

*\*Please note—If you call the office you will still need to send a signed note listing the days absent and reason.*

### Taking leave for family holidays during the school term

Government regulations require you to seek leave approval from the school for holidays of 5 days or more prior to your journey. Contact the school office for an *Application for Extended Leave (L) - Travel Leave—From A.1*. This form is also available on our website under School Notes.

Travel leave 1-4 days—please send in a written note to the school prior to your leave.

### Taking leave for the entertainment industry or an elite sporting event

Government regulations require you to seek an exemption from the school for all leave in the entertainment industry or elite sporting events. Contact the school office for an *Application for Exemption from Attendance at School (M) - Form 1.2*. This form is also available on our website.

### School Uniform

Thank you to all our families for supporting the school uniform policy and by ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform. This includes wearing joggers that are predominantly white. It is essential that students wear their hats during recess, lunch and sport. Please ensure your child's hat is labelled and that they assume responsibility for looking after their hat at all times.

We do not encourage children to share hats or borrow hats from the office. The office does not provide spare hats to children who have forgotten their hats. This is for hygiene reasons.

### School Assemblies

Parents are invited to join us for our Friday morning assembly which takes place from 8.50 am every Friday, unless there is a whole school mass taking place.



## Important information regarding Arrival and Departure



Outlined below is some information regarding safety in the mornings and afternoons as you walk and drive in the streets around the school.

Please remember at the beginning of the year that we have many new parents to the school who will take time to adapt to our school routine. We thank you for your assistance and patience in helping our new parents as they find their way with our normal school routine.

### Arrival of children in the morning

- Teachers are on duty for supervision of children from 8.20am. Children currently wait in the undercover area on the top playground. The children must wait on the seats in front of the library.
- Parents are responsible for their children until teachers go on duty at 8.20 am. If at all possible, please do not send your children to school before 8.20 am.

### Stop and Drop – Church car park

To ensure the Stop and Drop runs smoothly and efficiently please note the following:

- The **yellow zig zag lines** along the fence line of the school in the Church car park are for **pedestrians** only and there is **no parking along these lines**.
- In the morning the children need to **exit** the car in front of the first entry gate into the school on the **passenger side** of the vehicle, not the driver's side.
- **Bags** need to be with your child not in the boot.
- If you are in the Slow & Go line, please **do not exit your car** to take bags out of the boot.
- Please say your **goodbyes** to the children before they exit the car.
- Please be **patient and show courtesy** to the **volunteers** and **other users** of the Parish car park. If the car in front of you is not moving on, please be patient and give them a chance. Please **remember** that we have many **new families** to the school and parents are learning the Stop & Drop system.
- Please **do not turn right** into the carpark from 8.15 am.

### Collecting children from school

- Children go home via the back path, slow and go, bus, parent pick up or go to OOSH.
- The safety of all children and families is the highest priority at the beginning and end of each school day in the car park and streets around St Michael's, Crestwood Public and Crestwood High School. **Please give safety your first priority** as you drive to school and/or park.

- We urge you to drive safely, follow and obey the road rules, park in designated areas only and be constantly aware of children, adults and cars as you arrive and depart at this peak time.

### Slow & Go – Church car park

- Slow & Go takes place in the Church car park.
- The **yellow zig zag lines** along the fence line of the school in the Church car park are for **pedestrians** only and there is **no parking along these lines**.
- Please **do not queue** in the Slow & Go in the Church car park **until 3.20 pm** as pedestrians are exiting the school in large numbers via the yellow zig zag path along the fence line.
- Please remember this is a **high traffic area for pedestrians** with many small children around.
- **Safety is everyone's responsibility.**

### Pedestrians in Church car park

- If you and your children are pedestrians entering the car park in the morning or exiting the car park in the afternoon, please keep your **children by your side and hold their hand**.
- Please be **conscious of cars** that may be **reversing** out of car parking spaces. Please remember that it can be **harder to see a smaller person** than an adult.

### Back path street area - Therese Court, Bernadette Place, Miriam Court, Coolock Crescent

- A reminder to everyone to be **respectful of our neighbours**.
- Please **do not park across the driveways** of homes or double park.
- Please keep your **children by your side** and do not allow them to play in neighbours' front yards.
- Parents need to **move on** from these streets as soon as they have collected their children so that we are not creating a backlog of traffic in the area.
- Please do not allow your children to play in the creek areas.

### Carpark

It is a privilege for St Michael's to use the Parish car park. For this practice to continue we need to treat our parish community with respect and not park in the Parish allocated spaces. There is also no parent parking in the St Michael's Family Centre or in any areas around the Church entry and exit.

**Safety of children and adults is critical when collecting children from school. Please observe all parking signs and road rules when collecting children to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of our school and community.**

**We thank you for your assistance and courtesy in ensuring the safety of everyone during access to the school.**

## Parish Car Park—Slow & Go (Afternoons)

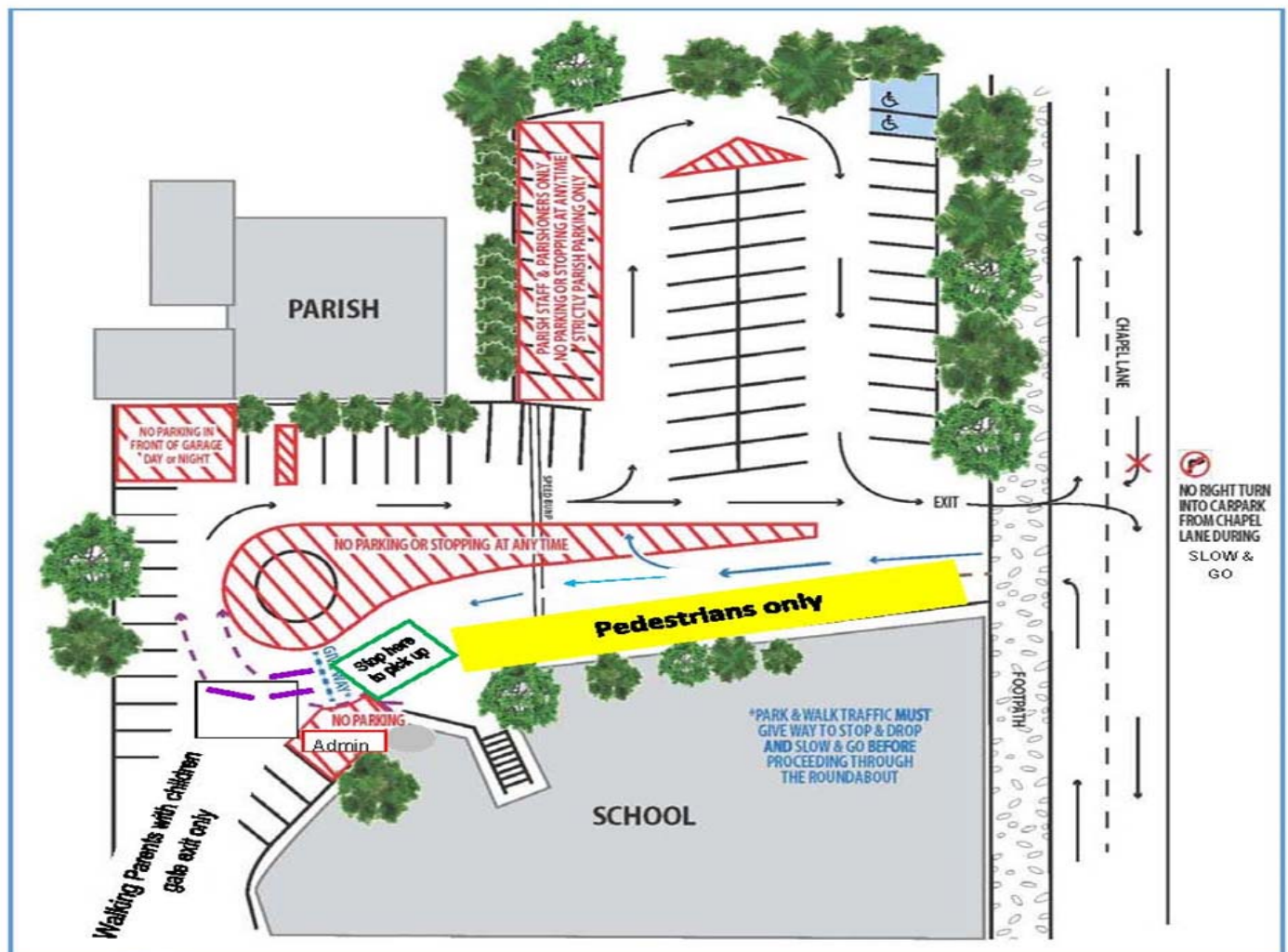
A 'Slow & Go' system operates in the afternoons for the safe and easy pickup of children. Parents are required to have a Slow & Go number. The Slow & Go number is provided by the school at the beginning of the school year. Please contact the school office if you would like a Slow & Go number.

'Slow & Go' commences at 3.20 pm and finishes at 3.40 pm. It is expected that all children will be collected by 3.40 pm. Any children not collected by this time will wait at the office for collection. A phone call is expected to explain the delay.

### Slow & Go Procedures

- The Slow & Go number needs to be displayed on the left side of the front window of the car. Children must know their family number.
- Slow speed and safe driving at all times when entering and leaving the school and parish car park. **Maximum speed limit 10 km/ph.**
- **Always be alert for pedestrians and other vehicles.** Please do not overtake any car in the car park or on the Slow & Go line.
- **Cars enter the car park turning left only from Chapel Lane after 3.20 pm.** Please queue down Chapel Lane alongside the school from 3.20 pm onwards. (There is no right turn from Chapel Lane into the car park at this time).
- Please **do not queue prior to 3.20 pm** as no standing zones are located along Chapel Lane.
- Please be mindful that bus bays outside Crestwood High School and St Michael's Primary must be kept clear for the school buses.
- **Please follow all staff directions at all times.**
- A teacher waits at the top of the car park and calls your child/ren's Slow & Go number over the microphone so that they can walk up to the collection point ready for pick up. Once your child is safely in your car, please drive slowly and safely around the roundabout and out of the car park onto Chapel Lane.
- Please be mindful that bus bays outside Crestwood High School and St Michael's Primary must be kept clear for the school business and that neighbours' driveways are to be left free for vehicle access.
- Please be courteous at all times to our staff, other families using the service, neighbours and other road users.

For the Slow & Go service to continue we need every parent to follow the procedure to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all involved. Thank you for your co-operation, support and understanding.



## ST MICHAEL'S BAULKHAM HILLS - ALLERGY AWARENESS

Throughout our school we have a number of children with **life threatening allergies** (Anaphylaxis) to various forms of food, latex, dust, cats and insect stings. This is a serious matter, one that our school must address.

**Some children have allergies that are so severe that smells or touch could trigger a reaction.**

In order to do this we appeal to all parents to assist us in caring for these children by considering the type of foods you pack for your own child's recess and lunch.

Our aim is to eliminate peanut and tree nut products brought into the school. These foods are extremely dangerous to our children with allergies and cause 50% of food allergic deaths.

**Common foods that trigger an allergic reaction are listed below and we ask you to be 'nut aware' and refrain from sending them to school and to seek suitable alternatives.**

FOOD TYPE	EXAMPLES
Peanuts	Any kind of peanut
Tree nuts	Hazelnuts, almonds, cashews, pecans, walnuts, macadamia – any kind of nuts
Peanut butter	Any kind of peanut butter
Sesame seeds	
Nutella	Any brand
Biscuits containing or topped with nuts	Particularly chocolate biscuits
Cakes or slices containing nuts	
Snack packs containing nuts	Dried fruit + nut mixes, snack-a-bouts, Dunkaroos
Chocolates containing nuts	Picnics, Snickers, Mars Bars (almond), Nut Breaks, Ferrero Rocher, Fruit and Nut, Praline based chocolates – Guylian, Marble Blocks
Chocolate lollies containing nuts	Peanut M&Ms
Marzipan and nougat	
Breakfast cereals containing nuts	Crunchy Nut or Honey Nut Cornflakes, Muesli, Nutri Grain, Just Right etc
Muesli Bars and Snack Bars containing nuts	
Yoghurt with nut mixer packs	Ski Double Up
Confectionary items	Lolly Gobble Bliss Bombs, Rocky Road
"Health Food" confectionary bars containing nuts	
Foods containing satay	Thai, Malaysian, Indonesian meals
Some moisturisers	

**The Canteen does not sell any of these products.**

In the case of a child bringing a nut product to school, teachers will bring the matter to the attention of parents.

There are many foods that DO NOT contain peanuts or nuts in their ingredients list, but the food package has the statement. "May contain traces of dairy, nut or seed". This food may be brought to school and consumed only by non-allergic children.

Due to safety and concerns, we discourage children from sharing food and drink. We would also appreciate parents speaking to their children regarding this matter. Your child's diet at home need not change.

Below is a list of foods that are safe for you to choose from. We're sure you can think of many others.

- Fruit and vegetables
- Dried fruits, Fruit snack packs
- Vegemite, jam, honey, cheese spreads
- Parker's Pretzels, Rice crackers
- Chips, Popcorn
- Plain biscuits – sweet or savoury – without nuts
- Chocolate biscuits – without nuts
- Plain Cornflakes, Rice Bubbles, Weetbix, etc – without nuts
- Fruit based muesli bars and snack bars – without nuts
- Yoghurt – without nuts mixes
- Lollies and confectionary items – marshmallow, spearmint leaves, jelly babies, snakes, raspberries, etc without nuts.



**Basically we ask you not to send food to school with your child that contains a nut or nut product listed in ingredients.**

**We thank you for helping us to provide a safe environment for all children at St Michael's.**



## *4 Blue Students recount some occasions of their Christmas Holidays*

On Australia Day, I went to the beach with my dad's side of the family, my mum's mum and family friends. I played a bit of cricket with a bat and ball I found. We had sausages, eggs and bacon for breakfast and lunch. Then I went for a swim. I caught the waves because it was high tide. Later, we went for a look at the rock pools. We found some fish and hermit crabs. One of my friends found an enormous crab! Australia Day 2019 was fun.

**ANGUS**

On Christmas Eve, my little cousin came over. His name is Kadon. On Christmas day, I was very disappointed because my little cousin and sister got more presents than I did. Then I realised that I am older than them and that my toys were better. I had some fights with my cousin but I still love him. Later we went up the coast to bring my bunny and guinea pigs. That was a long, hot day. When my little cousin went home he stayed in bed for a whole day. **CHLOE**

This was the best day of my holiday. I went to Lollipops with Zuzanna. We were there for four hours. The first thing we did... we went climbing up steps and went down the slide. Zuzanna was faster than me by five seconds. Next, we went to our secret headquarters and practiced our secret language. Later we had our lunch which was chips with BBQ sauce. Then there was an incident when a random girl came over and asked us to play with her. She called us piglets, but we ignored her and soon went home. **KAYLA**

I had a play date with Leo and Harry. They came to our house. At the start, we played a space time game. We played the game for an hour and then got bored. Next, we played a game called, 'VR Batman'. Later we ate some snacks and Leo and I played 'Minecraft'. Soon after that they both went home. **CHARLES**

These summer holidays I had 'chicken pox'. It was really annoying because I missed a play day and holiday activities. I had to have baths every day in this oil that really stank. I felt bored and wanted to take part in those activities. Luckily, we got to reschedule the activities. I had chicken pox for a week but it felt like ages. **ASHLEIGH**

These holidays were by far the best. Let me tell you all about it.

A hilarious but scary event happened at 'Mini Waters' our holiday resort. We had just settled in when my dad said, 'Let's go snorkelling'. My mum was too scared so she walked. We were going well until mum ran and said, 'I stepped on something squishy!' We found out it was a sting ray, and since my dad nearly got stabbed by one, we all had to get out. **JAMES**

These holidays I went to Singapore. It was great. My favourite thing of all was the Adventure Cove waterpark.

Firstly, we got a seat and figured out where we were. When we got to the main area my brother went on a slide and I went on another slide where that goes down but you have to lie flat on your tummy.

Next, we went on the rapid river. We got into a float ring and sat in it. We saw stingrays and fish and then the float went into a cave. Then we went into a snorkelling pool and we could actually touch the fish. We did have another go on the rapid river over an obstacle course and that was the end of that day. **ANTHONY**

In the summer holiday, I went to the beach for Australia Day. I participated in the THONG throwing competition. I threw my thong 11.1 m but the winner threw his 16.5 m. I was disappointed but at the same time impressed with my throw and so were many other people. **LIAM**

On my holiday, I went living in a cabin for a week. It was really fun when I went to the beach. The waves were huge and I was on top of them. **KYUSS**

In the holidays Ava and I went to Luna Park. Our first ride was Mouse Trap. When we were on Mouse Trap, we saw Emily. For lunch, I had a 'Hot Diggety Dog'. It was delicious. We got fairy floss and a snow cone too. Tumble Bug was our favourite ride. It was tumbling like mad. Every time we looked down, we thought we were going to be sick. I loved Luna Park. I'm definitely going back. **MADELEINE N**

I went to a Coding camp called, 'Codel Fun' with my friend Thomas. We made lots of games. **THOMAS**

I went to Vanuatu and had to keep a secret. My dad and mum were getting married again, but it was a surprise for my mum. A few days before the day, my dad and uncle went shopping for all the stuff that we needed for the poor people who had suffered after the hurricane struck.

I was the ring boy at the wedding. **REEF**

This Christmas was the best day of my life. I got a little black rat for Christmas and my brother got a white rat. There was also a tin of Oreo for me with my name on it and my brother got a tin of Milo with his name on it.

My friend, brother and I had plenty of fun in the pool. We jumped and flipped in the pool. My friend also had a sleepover and we played on my Xbox. **TAY**

On Christmas Day, I was filming on my iPad because my mum did not have a camera to use.

I gave my mum the iPad while I opened my presents. I got lots of clothes, three books and a bike.

I got my sisters mugs with BEST SISTER written on them.

There was a special gift for the family. It was five airline tickets for a holiday to Greece. We are all very excited and cannot wait to go. **CLEO**

During my summer holiday, I went cruising on a big boat. I was meant to get a hat because there was a game that we could play. My sister and I went upstairs to get a hat. We forgot and instead we got some food. Luckily my sister had a hat and she won a prize. Next, my sister and I went on something that helped us fly. It was terrific fun. **MADDISON W**

On Christmas Day, early in the morning we left the house to see my nanna and poppy. They live in Nara which is about two and half hours from our house. We reached there at about 12.30 pm and the Christmas party began. We had lots of fun opening our presents. Our family stayed over at nanna's house for the night. Mum woke up sick the next morning and so we left straight away for home.

**MADELEINE E**

My summer holiday was amazing. I did lots of fun things with my family and friends. I was so excited because I was having a play date with my best friend, Charlotte. It was the best play date ever. Then I had to clean up my room. That was a nightmare and it took me all day. I love school a lot, my friends and my teacher as well. **HOLLY**

My play date with Charles, Christian and Harry. We played a game on the PS4. When we got bored we played BATMAN. **LEO**



## *4 Blue Students recount some occasions of their Christmas Holidays (continued)*

These holidays were a blast. During these holidays Madeleine and I went to Luna Park. Firstly, Maddie and I went on Mouse Trap. We got flung from side to side like crazy. We both love Tumble Bug because we tumbled everywhere. I absolutely loved it. I wish I could do it all over again!!! **AVA**

These summer holidays have been great and lots of fun because I went to Nelson Bay with my family. The weather was really hot and we stayed there for five days. We went to the beach every day. The water was really cold but I jumped in and I got used to the water. We went fishing and I caught two snappers and a whiting and that was fun. We also visited a water park and we went on the slide. It was fun. **CLAIRE**

In my holidays, I went to Dubbo just for fun. It took us about six hours to get there. Once we got there we went inside our cottage and started exploring it. **JESSICA**

Two days before Christmas we had a family party. Everybody in the family went into the pool and played classic catches. On the grass, we played soccer. We do this every year and it is a lot of fun. **EMILY**

For Christmas, we went to the Central Coast for two whole weeks. At the beach, we made holes in the sand and then went into the water and caught big waves boogie boarding. At the lake, there were jelly fish. On New Year's Eve, we watched the fire-works. There was also a lady with a trolley full of dogs - eight puppies with a male and female dog. **CLAIRE**

In the holidays for Christmas, my family and I went to the beach with some friends. We had lots of fun and played about in the water. We built sand castles and rode our boards. It was fun and I did not want to leave. We also buried ourselves with sand up to our chests. It was my best day ever. **ROGAN**

In these holidays, I went to a house in the Blue Mountains. The road trip took one and a half hours. I slept during the entire trip. When we reached there we watched some TV and slept. When I came home, I was unwell. **DEVAN**

For my holidays, I went to Queensland. My room was small. When we reached there we had to go to sleep because it was very late. **ALFIE**

I went to Lollipops on the last day of the holidays with Kayla. We were there for four hours. First, we chased each other until the top was in sight. Then we slid down the tallest, most curly slide. When we got to the bottom we found all our headquarters we had made last time and practiced our secret language. Sometime later, we got some chips in the biggest bowl there. The BBQ sauce was not very tasty but the tomato sauce was delicious. When we finished eating we were back at the playground. Suddenly a girl came called us a rude name. We ignored her and she left us alone. Soon after we went home and on the way out we got a lollipop. **ZUZANNA**

### *School Volunteers at St Michael's*

In order to become a school volunteer at St Michael's Primary school, all parent / grandparent volunteers must complete a Diocese of Parramatta Child Protection Training Course and Undertaking.

These requirements can be accessed via the St Michael's website:

<http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au>

Click on Enrol Now, go to Parent Involvement, click on Child Protection Course.

You will then be directed to the Catholic Education Office – Diocese of Parramatta website:

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/home>

#### **Complete Steps 1 and 2**

- Step 1: Complete 'Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' Form
- Step 2: Complete the online training module

Once you have successfully completed the training, an email will be sent to yourself and St Michael's for our records.

These steps need to be completed every two years.

Teachers will sent home a note regarding volunteering in the classroom. All volunteers will receive a Classroom Volunteer Handbook from their child's teacher..

Unfortunately if you offer to assist and have not completed all the volunteer requirements, you will not be able to assist until the volunteer requirements have been completed.

All volunteers need to sign in at the school office.

If you have any questions regarding Volunteering at school, please contact the school office on 9865 1600.

### **Gilroy Catholic College** **Open Evening for Enrolments Year 7 2020** **Wednesday 20 February 2019**

**Principal's address: 6.15pm**  
in the Brother Damien Harvey Hall

*College Tours will be conducted at 5.00pm and 7.00pm*

*Enrolment Packages available now from the College Office, Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm and at the Open Evening.*

*Gilroy Catholic College focuses on quality education within the nurturing environment of a faith community.*

*Gilroy is a Technology rich learning environment.*

*We aim to develop competent and confident young people who can think critically and make decisions informed by Catholic values.*

*Pastoral care is central to the organisation and operation of the school and endeavours to ensure that all students are able to recognise the dignity of their relationship with others.*

**Applications close 7 March 2019.**

To book a tour [www.gilroy.catholic.edu.au/community/announcements](http://www.gilroy.catholic.edu.au/community/announcements)

For further information:

Email [mmcbain@parra.catholic.edu](mailto:mmcbain@parra.catholic.edu)

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# HELP KIDS START OFF ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Poor attendance patterns can develop as early as Kindergarten and continue throughout school. Catch poor attendance early and educate parents about the importance of attendance every day.



every learner every day

How can you promote a healthy attendance culture in your school?

Visit [www.parra.catholic.edu.au/everylearnereveryday](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/everylearnereveryday) to find out more.

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# SCHOOL CANTEEN

## ST MICHAELS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 4 & 1



### ~ SANDWICH BAR ~

<b>Vegemite, Jam or Honey (O)</b>	<b>\$2.40</b>
<i>Margarine spread</i>	
<b>Chicken (E)</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
<i>Lettuce &amp; mayo</i>	
<b>Cheese Tomato (E)</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>
<i>Cheese &amp; tomato</i>	
<b>Ham (E)</b>	<b>\$3.80</b>
<i>Cheese &amp; tomato</i>	
<b>Chicken Schnitzel (E)</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
<i>Hummus &amp; tabouli</i>	
<b>Cheese (E)</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>
<i>Sliced tasty cheese</i>	
<b>Salad (E)</b>	<b>\$3.60</b>
<i>Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, beetroot, onion &amp; alfalfa</i>	
<b>Egg (E)</b>	<b>\$3.60</b>
<i>Mayo &amp; lettuce</i>	
<b>Curried Egg (E)</b>	<b>\$3.60</b>
<i>Mayo, curry &amp; lettuce</i>	
<b>Tuna (E)</b>	<b>\$3.80</b>
<i>Mayo, cucumber, Spanish onion, sweet chilli</i>	

<b>Breads (G)</b> <i>White, wholemeal or Multigrain</i>	
Wrap	\$0.60
White Roll	\$0.60
Gluten Free Sliced	\$1.20

<b>Extras</b>	
Avocado (G)	\$1.00
Boiled Egg (G)	\$1.00
Hummus (G)	\$1.00
Ham (O)	\$1.00
Cucumber, tomato or lettuce (G)	\$0.60

<b>Lunch Bag</b>	<b>\$0.20</b>
<b>Spoon or Fork (without a lunch order)</b>	<b>\$0.20</b>
<b>Sauce Portions</b>	<b>\$0.30</b>

### ~ SUPER SALAD BAR ~

<b>Greek Salad (E) (GF)</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<i>Tomato, cucumber, Spanish onion, pitted olives &amp; feta</i>	
<b>Chicken Caesar (E)</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<i>Grilled Chicken, Cos lettuce, croutons, egg, Caesar dressing</i>	
<b>Chicken Buster (E)</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<i>Grilled chicken, tabouli &amp; hummus</i>	
<b>Garden Salad (E)</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<i>Lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, carrot, capsicum &amp; sprouts</i>	

Look out for our  
Weekly Summer  
Specials!

### ~ BREAKFAST ~

<b>MTB Brekkie Roll (E)</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
<i>(Poached egg, avocado, cheese, rocket &amp; relish)</i>	
<b>MTB Brekkie Roll &amp; flavoured milk (300ml)</b>	<b>\$5.50</b>
<b>Toasted Banana bread &amp; flavoured milk (300ml)</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
<b>Toasted Sandwiches (E)</b>	
<i>Cheese</i>	<b>\$2.50</b>
<i>Ham &amp; Cheese</i>	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>Raisin Toast (2) (E)</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Toast (2) (E)</b> Jam or Honey	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Fresh Fruit Salad (E) (GF)</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>
<b>Yoghurt &amp; Muesli (E) (GF)</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>
<b>Fruit (E)</b>	
<i>Fruit available daily</i>	<b>\$1.00</b>

### HOME-MADE TREATS ~

<b>Homemade Muffins (O)</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<i>(Banana, Blueberry or Apple cinnamon)</i>	
<b>Warm Banana &amp; Custard (O)</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>
<b>Banana Bread (O)</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>

### NSW Healthy Canteen Strategy

#### ~ FOOD CODING ~

<b>E</b>	Everyday
<b>O</b>	Occasionally
<b>GF</b>	Gluten Free

### CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY AT SCHOOL!

Order your Zooper Dooper  
Iceblock Bucket or Homemade  
Cupcakes on our website or ask  
one of our friendly staff at our  
MTB Canteens!

[www.melstastybites.com](http://www.melstastybites.com)

## CRUNCH & SIP before 9am - \$2.00



Bottle of Water 350ml plus a choice of a Apple, Banana or Orange

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<b>Hot Chicken Schnitzel (E)</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<i>Baked homemade Chicken Schnitzel, lettuce &amp; Mayo</i>	
<b>Baked Fish (E)</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<i>Baked crumbed fish, lettuce &amp; tartare sauce</i>	
<b>Cheeseburger (O)</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<i>Fresh beef patty, cheese, mustard &amp; tomato sauce</i>	
<b>Veggie Burger (E)</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<i>Veggie pattie, lettuce &amp; Tomato</i>	

### ~ HOT BAR ~

<b>Beef &amp; Bean Nachos (E)</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<i>Corn chips, beef &amp; beans, lettuce, cheese, tomato, sour cream &amp; avocado</i>	
<b>Vegetarian Fried Rice (E)</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
<i>Fresh veggies tossed in fluffy rice w/soy sauce</i>	
<b>Spaghetti &amp; Sauce Nachos (E)</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
<i>Spaghetti &amp; sauce w/ corn chips and melted cheese</i>	
<b>Fish Cocktails &amp; Salad (E)</b>	<b>\$4.50</b>
<i>Baked Fish &amp; Garden Salad</i>	
<b>Home-made Pizza (E)</b>	<b>\$4.50</b>
<i>(Vegetarian / Bbq chicken /Margarita)</i>	

### ~ MILK ~

<b>Lite Oak - 300ml (E)</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>
<i>Chocolate, Strawberry)</i>	

### ~ COLD DRINKS ~

<b>Harvey Juice 99% (E)</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>
<i>Orange, Apple, A&amp;B, O&amp;M</i>	
<b>Water (E)</b>	
<i>Spring Water 600ml</i>	<b>\$2.00</b>

**PLEASE USE FLEXI SCHOOLS ONLINE FOR LUNCH ORDERS!**

[www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

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### ~FROZEN TREATS ~

<b>Frozen 99% Juice Cups (E)</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>Peters Ice Cream from (O)</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>Frozen Orange Qtr (E)</b>	<b>\$0.50</b>

### SNACKS ~

<b>Yoghurt &amp; Fruit (E)</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>
<b>Sliced Watermelon (E)</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>

## COMBO DEAL — WHEN YOU SPEND \$3.00 OR MORE

**\$2.00**  
(300ml)



OR



**\$1.50**  
(600ml)

### WEEKLY SPECIALS

#### MONDAY

<b>Chicken Stir-fry w/ Hokkien Noodles (E)</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<i>Asian veggies tossed with chicken &amp; hokkien Noodles</i>	

#### TUESDAY

<b>Chicken Schnitzel, Mash &amp; Gravy (O)</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<i>Homemade Schnitzel with Mash &amp; Gravy</i>	

#### WEDNESDAY

<b>Spaghetti Bolognese (E)</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<i>Homemade Bolognese sauce tossed with spaghetti</i>	

#### THURSDAY

<b>Chicken Mushroom Boscaiola (O)</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<i>Chicken breast, cream, mushrooms &amp; penne</i>	

#### FRIDAY

<b>6 x Nuggets (O)</b>	<b>\$4.50</b>
<i>Baked chicken breast nuggets</i>	



**Mel's Tasty Bites**

Healthy Canteen Operators & Catering Services



# Parking Rules & Penalties Fact Sheet

# DRIVEWAYS



**You must not park your car over or block access to a driveway.**

You can stop in a driveway to drop off or pick up passengers BUT only for less than 2 minutes AND the driver must stay with the car.

## **SCHOOL ZONE**

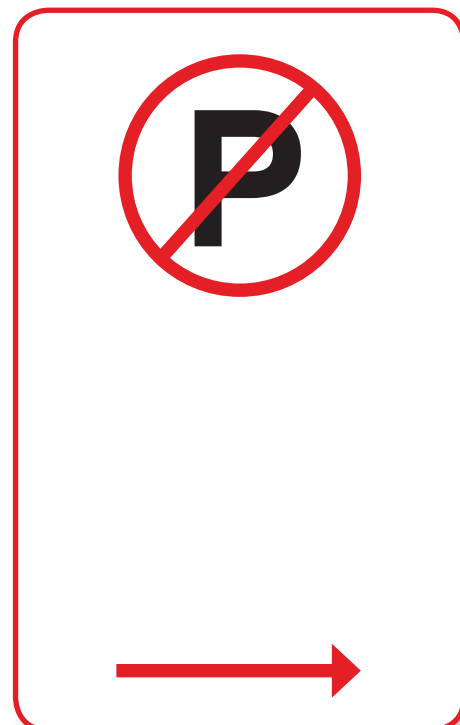
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Council's Compliance Officers enforce parking signs at your school.

For more information please contact The Hills Shire Council on 9843 0145

## Parking Rules & Penalties Fact Sheet

# NO PARKING



**You can stop only to drop off or pick up passengers or goods**

**and you must not stop for more than 2 minutes**  
**and The driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle**

Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running

### **SCHOOL ZONE**

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# NO STOPPING



**You must not STOP at any time**

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**Council's Compliance Officers enforce parking signs at your school.**

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance.  
**When an offence is detected, you will be fined.**



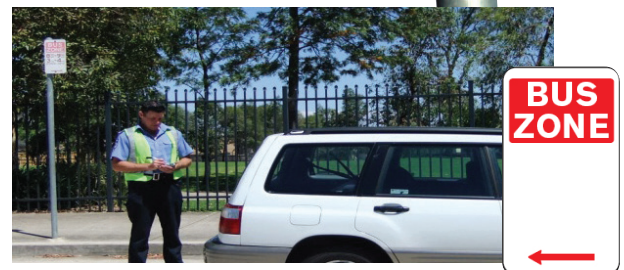
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Penalty from \$337 and 2 demerit points



## **BUS ZONES**

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

Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

## **SCHOOL ZONE**

Penalty from \$337 and 2 demerit points



## **NO PARKING**

**You can stop only to drop off or pick up passengers or goods** and you must not stop for more than 2 minutes and The driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

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Penalty from \$187 and 2 demerit points



## **DRIVEWAYS**

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## **SCHOOL ZONE**

Penalty from \$337 and 2 demerit points



# There are now increased penalties and demerit points associated with all offences in School Zones.



## **NO PARKING**

You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalty from \$187 and 2 demerit points



## **NO STOPPING**

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

Penalty from \$337 and 2 demerit points



## **BUS ZONE**

You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.

Penalty from \$337 and 2 demerit points

**Double parking**

\$337 & 2 demerit points

**Stop on path or nature strip**

\$337 & 2 demerit points

**Stop on / near marked pedestrian/children's crossing**

\$448 & 2 demerit points

**Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely**

\$561 & 4 demerit points

**Illegal U turns**

\$448 & 4 demerit points

**Stop across driveway**

\$337 & 2 demerit points

**Drive using a hand held mobile phone**

\$448 & 5 demerit points

**Parallel park close to (within 3 metres) double centre line**

\$337 & 2 demerit points

**FINES CURRENT AS OF JANUARY 2019**

For a complete list of school zones offences visit [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au)