ROAD SAFETY RULES

AROUND | MIDDLE HARBOUR PUBLIC SCHOOL



Quick reference guide to safety signs and rules:

ZONE

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

WHY IS IT THERE?

PENALTIES & DEMERIT POINTS (IN A SCHOOL ZONE)

No Parking -Drop off/ Pick up

- You can only stop in a No Parking zone while picking up or setting down passengers.
- You must complete this process and leave the area within 2 minutes.
- You must stay within 3 metres of your car at all times.
- This is not a waiting area before school finishes, the no parking rule starts from 2.30pm.
- The 2 minutes starts from the moment you arrive.
- If there are no spots in the no parking area then drive around the block - do not queue down Hale Road.

Provides a safe place for children to be set down and picked up.

EXCEEDS:

No Stopping/ Yellow edge line

NO

STOPPING



- It is not permitted to drop off or pick up passengers in this area.
- A continuous yellow line on the road at the kerb is also a no stopping zone and you must not stop in this area.
- The No Stopping zones are installed for the safety of children on pedestrian crossings or for sight distances at intersections.

Keeps clear sight lines between drivers, children /pedestrians, especially around pedestrian crossings and intersections.

EXCEEDS:

5 Minute **Parking**



- This area is for parking for 5 minutes only.
- You are able to leave your car parked and cross the road to help children safely cross the road.
- Do not call your child across the road.
- Please park in a different location if you are going to be more than 5 minutes, as this area is to help all families to drop off and pick up.

Short term parking so spaces are available to more people.

EXCEEDS:

Mobile **Phone**



- For the safety of all road users please never use your phone in any way while driving.
- It only takes a second of distraction from the road to run over a child.

Taking your eyes off the road even for a second to look at a phone is worse than drinking and driving in terms of driving ability. **EXCEEDS:**

Continued on the reverse side.





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Pedestrian Crossing/ **Traffic Lights**



- Never stop on or block a pedestrian crossing or traffic liahts.
- When approaching a crossing slow down, be alert and only start to move once all pedestrians are off the crossing.
- Never overtake a vehicle stopped at a pedestrian crossing.
- As a pedestrian never assume a driver has seen you.
- Wait until the car has stopped before starting to cross.

Hitting an adult pedestrian at just 40km/h means they have only a 45 percent chance of survival – children even less.

Double Parking



- Double parking or stopping next to parked cars is illegal as it forces other vehicles on to the opposite side of the road.
- It is also illegal to gueue and wait for a spot in the drop off/ pick up area. Drive around the block.
- Never pick up or let out passengers if not parked legally.

Double parking forces cars behind you to have to cross on to the opposite side of the road and therefore risk a head-on collision.

EXCEEDS:

Double White Lines



It is illegal to cross double white centre lines to perform a U-turn especially near a pedestrian crossing or traffic lights.

It is also illegal to cross double white centre lines to overtake a vehicle.

These are in place around areas where sight distance is limited or where there is a safety risk eg: at pedestrian crossings.

SAFETY TIPS FOR SCHOOL ZONES

MIDDLE HARBOUR PUBLIC SCHOOL



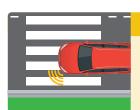
PARKING

NEVER double park - which includes not blocking traffic while 'waiting for a spot' in the No Parking area. Go around the block.



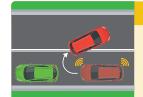
DROP OFF / PICK UP

Always follow the rules of the No Parking: stay for 2 minutes while dropping off or picking up and stay within 3 metres of your car.



CROSSING

NEVER park or stop across/on a pedestrian crossing.



NO U-TURNS

NEVER conduct a U-turn around school especially over double white centre lines or near a crossing.



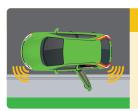
PEDESTRIANS

Always use crossing facilities, Stop Look Listen & Think even when you have right of way.



BUCKLE UP

Children stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped.



EXITING THE CAR

Make sure children use the kerb side door when getting in and out of a car.



BE READY

Children be ready at the gate and looking for their car at pick up time.

