

Traffic safety tips

Being an inner-city school with limited parking presents safety issues for our community. These tips will help you and your family keep safe around the College.

Talk to your children about being alert

Remind your child to *stop, look, listen and think* before crossing a driveway, road or carpark.

Always hold younger childrens' hands when crossing the road, walking along the footpath and in a carpark.

Parking

Please park legally. There are homes along Brisbane Street where the driveways extend along the entire frontage of the yard.

Parking over driveways prevents people from being able to get in and out of their homes.



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Keeping safe around our College

College drop-off and
pick-up safety



Students driving

Students who wish to drive to and from school may do so if written permission from a parent or carer is given to their House Leader.

It is expected that students use the transport provided for travel to College activities during the day. If an exception is made and a student is given permission to drive herself to or from an excursion, she may not take other passengers with her.

Vehicles may not be parked in the College or Cathedral grounds at any time.

The College accepts no responsibility for the safety of cars and will not allow students to leave the College during school time to attend to their vehicles.

Turns

Drivers should not make U-turns, three-point turns or back up their vehicles in a school zone. When doing so, it can be difficult for drivers to see small children crossing the street. Turns can be confusing for children as they may not be able to anticipate such irregular vehicular movement.



Kiss and Go

Please use the designated **Kiss and Go** zone on Harrington Street. This allows you to drop off and pick up your children on the school side of the road.

It is the safest spot for children to exit the car, with the supervision of parents, away from passing traffic. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.

Please do not park over the driveways near the Nagle Centre or entrance to the College on Brisbane Street. The entrance to the Nagle Centre leads to staff parking and it is dangerous to block traffic, especially on this steep part of the road.

No Stopping zones



Do not stop in a **No Stopping** zone for any reason. These are designated areas where a stopped vehicle could obstruct visibility of other drivers and pedestrians and increase the likelihood of an accident. Do not stop in the bus zones as this prevents the school buses from arriving on schedule.



Cross at the lights

For your child's safety it is very important to ensure they cross at the lights. It is difficult for children to see approaching traffic when they are attempting to cross the road between parked cars, especially on the very busy Harrington and Brisbane Streets.

Please remind them not to use their phone when crossing. Parents should teach children to look left, right, and left again, and make eye contact with drivers of approaching vehicles where possible before crossing roads. The practice of making eye contact with drivers is to ensure that the driver has seen the pedestrian and has the intention of stopping. Pedestrians should continue watching traffic as they cross the road. It is important for children to learn not to assume that all drivers will stop. Road safety is also embedded in the College curriculum from Kinder onwards.

Double parking

Do not double park or allow your child to get out of or into the car when double parked.