



PARKING AT YASS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Background

Yass Primary school was designed and built in..... and due to it's wonderful community and quality education has grown from 220 To 290 Students

However, although our school community is growing, unfortunately our premises are not, and this has resulted in some parking issues and pedestrian safety issues for which we are asking parents/care givers to assist us with.

Although we are always looking at ways to improve things we would appreciate your co-operation and patience in working with us to achieve the safest possible arrangements for our children when parking, specifically during afterschool pick up times.

WAYS YOU COULD HELP

When possible pick up your child after 3.35pm.

Between 3.20 and 3.35pm the top carpark is a hive of activity with over 15 buses arriving and departing. The addition of Approx. 40 cars and many more children also trying to negotiate this small car parking area increases the risk of a tragedy. Children are supervised within the school grounds after school until parents arrive.

Use the Carpark behind the school.

There is a car parking area behind the school. Using this carpark means less congestion in the top carpark and allows the buses to flow and in out of the carpark more easily and get to their next school pick up on time.

Use the Swimming Pool Skate Park carpark

For older children this could also be an alternative. Although we would never encourage children to cross the main road to this carpark there is a very safe underpass available for children to walk across and meet parents here. This is especially helpful if you are heading back towards Yass CBD as turning right out of the top carpark can be quite challenging at times.

Only use designated Carparks.

Carparks are designed with safety in mind and therefore when you park in a non-designated area, even if only for 2 minutes, it increases the risk of injury to those around you. It only takes seconds for a child to be hit by a vehicle.

Use the bus services.

Using the bus services is a great way to promote independence in your child/ren and a great space to for them to be social and wind down for the afternoon before they get home. It also helps reduce the number of vehicles (and therefore possible injuries) in the carpark at peak times.

If appropriate walk, ride or scooter.

Being active is a great way to keep kids fit and active and it can be a nice idea to organise a friend or two to meet on the way. Walking with your child if needed and of course making sure you talk to your children about road safety is vital. Please be mindful that when leaving the school grounds that all students and parents who are walking down the street, leave via the gate in front of the Library.

Using paths and designated crossings, using the STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK procedure to cross roads, listening as well as watching out for cars, anticipating cars exiting from driveways, making sure your child wears a helmet if on wheels and where possible wearing bright clothes or a bright backpack or helmet for greater visibility by other road users are all ways of keeping your child safe. The Centre for Road Safety NSW recommend that you always hold your child's hand up until the age of eight when crossing a road.

Crossing Road Procedure.

- **Stop** one step back from the kerb
- **Look** for traffic to your right left and right again
- **Listen** for the sounds of approaching traffic
- **Think** whether it is safe to cross

For more great resources on safety for children go to <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/index.html>

