

## Care for our kids

Keeping our children safe is our first priority for pick up and drop off times.

## Respect our neighbours

We thank everyone for the majority of the times when everyone follows safe directions and traffic rules - there are MANY instances of desirable behaviours.

However, if you've been around the school at drop off and pick up times there a number of distressing driver and pedestrian behaviours that are putting our children's safety at risk.

There are also behaviours that are disrespectful to our school neighbours along Russell Terrace and Taringa Parade.

School traffic safety is everyone's responsibility



## FOLLOW THE RULES

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about safe travel to Indooroopilly State School

#### What zones DO I have to KEEP CLEAR around the school?

There are a few places that need to be car free to keep the roads safe and traffic flowing for everyone.

These are ...

- the school crossing on Russell Terrace. This should be obvious, but cars regularly back up across it. This is not safe. Even for a few moments.
- outside the entry/ exit zone to Moore Park, due to the poor access and poor visibility it causes.
- be aware and courteous of customers entering and exiting the Vet. While this is not an official 'keep clear' please be mindful of our neighbour's customers.
- The Moggill Rd intersection. If you can't enter the Taringa Pde STOP, DROP AND GO do not drive in (or even sit at the lights, waiting)– as frustrating as this is, it's only 800m to the roundabout – do a lap or find a park a little further along.

#### I want to help decrease congestion in the MORNINGS to make the roads around Indooroopilly State School safe. What are some things I can do?

Thank you for caring about safety and wanting to make a difference.

One option is that you park a little further away than usual and walk that little bit further or keep the car at home when you can and walk to school.

Places you could park include in **Moore Park**, further up **Russell Terrace**, or around **Carinya Park**, accessing the school through the underpass and path. Alternatively, you could park across in **Usher or Finney Rd** behind the car yard and beyond.

Alternatively, you can catch public transport. Why don't you try one trip a week for a month to see how it works for your family?

Another option is cycling or scooting. Bike racks are placed in various places around the school. You could then continue commuting to work or cycle home for that extra exercise that many of us are always looking to fit in.

**I want to help decrease congestion in the AFTERNOONS to make the roads around our school safe. What are some things I can do?**

As well as parking a bit further away and walking, catching public transport or cycling or scooting, we suggest **you arrive a little later to keep the kids safer**. Most children do not make it to the school gate until 3.05pm or even 10 past 3pm. Being released, grabbing their bags, talking with their friends all takes time.

Arriving at 2.30pm and idling in the Russell Terrace Stop, Drop and Go zone means that the children in the lower classrooms are breathing your car exhaust *all afternoon*. It also means that Russell Terrace Stop, Drop and Go zones fill up fast creating congestion up Russell Terrace, along Taringa Parade and into Moggill Rd earlier than it should.

Unless you have an activity to get to straight after school we suggest letting your children know you will be arriving at an agreed time to help keep them and their friends safe.

Maybe also agree to a place to pick them up that's a bit further away? It will keep you out of the busy traffic while helping to cut it down too.

**I always see the two or three spaces above the school crossing free. Surely that's ok to park there?**

It's important to ***Check the time and look up at the sign – if you get it wrong you could get a fine.***

This is a no standing zone from 8am to 4pm. This is because parking here creates congestion AND limits visibility of the crossing.

There have been a number of near misses here. Don't be the person to blame if a child is injured in school traffic due to you being in a rush and not following the rules.

**I know that backing up across the school crossing is dangerous for our children. What can I do if the spots on Russell Terrace aren't free for me to stop in (to drop OR pick up) as I drive *down* Russell Terrace?**

*In the mornings*, choose a place to park and walk. Perhaps approach the school from different direction and enter Russell Terrace or Taringa Parade STOP, DROP AND GO or enter Moore Park?

Thanks for thinking of different options to keep children safe. It is not appropriate to double park or queue back up the hill.

*In the afternoons*, arrive a little later and perhaps arrange a different place to pick your child up from, such as down the bottom of Russell Terrace or in Moore Park, or even further along Taringa Parade.

**Where do I queue to enter the Russell Terrace STOP, DROP AND GO ?**

Many parents in our school traffic safety survey told us this issue confused them.

We recommend waiting to enter the Stop, Drop and Go zone in Russell Tce rather than entering Moore Park and queueing amongst the parked cars or those waiting to exit.

This will decrease confusion and also clears the Moore Park drivers more consistently.

Remember not to block the section outside the entry/ exit zone to Moore Park, due to the poor access and poor visibility it causes.

### **Why can't I get out of my car in the Stop, Drop and Go zone (between 8-9am and after 3pm) to help my children with their bags?**

This slows the flow of traffic. This is also unsafe as it creates more people out, amongst the traffic.

Do your goodbye cuddles at home. Children are asked to *keep their bags at their feet or on the seat* to help keep the drop-offs flowing well.

### **Where can I park and walk in the mornings if my children can't be dropped in the 'Stop, Drop and Go'?**

We know some children have a few bags for sports gear or music.

Stopping and getting out in the Stop, Drop and Go zone slows the flow for everyone and creates greater congestion on Russell Terrace or out of Taringa Parade into Moggill Road.

We all know the frustration of waiting for the lights to change but not being able to get across the intersection.

### **Why can't I park in the Vet's carpark or in the Scout's car park?**

These car parks are both private properties.

Although it looks like there are 'free spaces' in these places it is not appropriate or respectful to park here.

This takes up spaces for the Vet's customers or members of the Scouts.

The Vets and Vet nurses have told us of the number of near misses they have witnessed with 'late arrivals' rushing into the carpark for a quick drop off and nearly hitting a customer's car or another child taking a short cut or being dropped off here.

### **Where can I park in Moore Park?**

Moore Park is a very busy place.

Parking is allocated to

- The left as you enter
- Along the school side
- Four spots near the play ground
- Up past the turning circle on both side of the road. However, be sure not to block the road when you park here.

There is NO parking along the Western Freeway side of the Moore Park side of the drive.

There is also NO parking in the turning circle. Ever. Doing so shows a lack of consideration for other Indooroopilly families who are doing the right thing. It slows the flow of traffic and makes everyone's mornings or afternoons trickier than they have to be. It also reduces visibility and makes it more likely a child will be hit by a car.

Here are some of the issues we noted from our recent school survey.

# 5 main topics that parents told us about ISS traffic

## 1 safety concerns and dangerous behaviour

Illegal U-turns, failure to give way to pedestrians, inconsiderate drivers, speeding and ignoring safe crossing points = many near misses

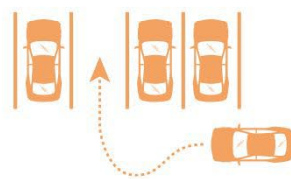


## 2 Promotion of active travel and transport

Encouraging bus use, cycling and walking to school, even if from a short distance away (park and walk from nearby)

## 3 Parking issues and enforcement

Parking in no stopping zones impacts safety/ visibility; Parking in Vet/ Scouts impacts their customers/ members and damages school reputation



## 4 Infrastructure and traffic management

Work with BCC - upgrade Moore Park. Need to better understand how to queue to enter Russell Tce Stop drop/pick up and go

## 5 Parking capacity and stop, drop/pick up & go

Stop, drop/pick up and go zones not used correctly (**idling** = fumes into classrooms, **leaving cars** = delays, blocking entry by **not driving to end** = Moggill Rd backlog)

