



Parking around schools – Did you know?

Option 1

It is an offence to park on a footpath. Blocking pathways gives pedestrians little choice but to walk on or near the road, increasing the risk of an accident. If you are parking near a school please consider the safety of children.

Option 2

Parking on private property or a verge opposite the private property is unlawful unless the property owner has given permission. Don't risk getting a fine and be considerate of residents who live around schools.

Option 3

Walk or ride to school if you can. Research has shown that exercise has many positive effects including improved health and wellbeing and better learning outcomes at school. Walking or riding to school instead will help relieve congestion and reduce your carbon footprint through less car emissions. If it's too far to travel on foot or bike, consider being dropped off at a safe place closer to school and walk the rest of the way.

Option 4

Congestion around schools can be a major traffic hazard. Some motorists double park or park contrary to signs causing visibility issues or creating blind spots, which put young lives at risk. Please obey all signage and road rules to provide a safer school environment and consider alternative travel such as walking, cycling or public transport.

Option 5

If you get to school by car, plan your travel to assist in creating a safer environment by reducing congestion and ultimately saving time. Try arriving a bit earlier or later in the day to avoid peak drop-off and pick-up periods. Reducing the number of vehicles in the area at the same time will reduce the risk of accidents and crashes. Where it's safe to do so, you could also drop off students a short distance from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Option 6

Instead of trying to find limited parking spaces around the school or risk being fined for illegal parking, why not walk to school or take turns with other parents to walk a group of children to school – you can all enjoy the health benefits. Walking can help children get their daily hour of recommended physical activity, which builds strong bones and muscles, improve fitness and helps maintain a healthy weight. Walking also saves you money on fuel and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Option 7

Rangers at the City of Gosnells use the City's *Parking Local Law 2012* to ensure parking remains safe, lawful and allows traffic to flow. Don't risk a fine for parking illegally around a school – many parking infringements are \$100. If you can't find anywhere around the school, consider parking further away and walk the rest of the distance. Better still, if it's possible, leave the car at home and walk or cycle to school to improve your health and reduce congestion on the roads.