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SCHOOL CROSSINGS

Dear Parents,

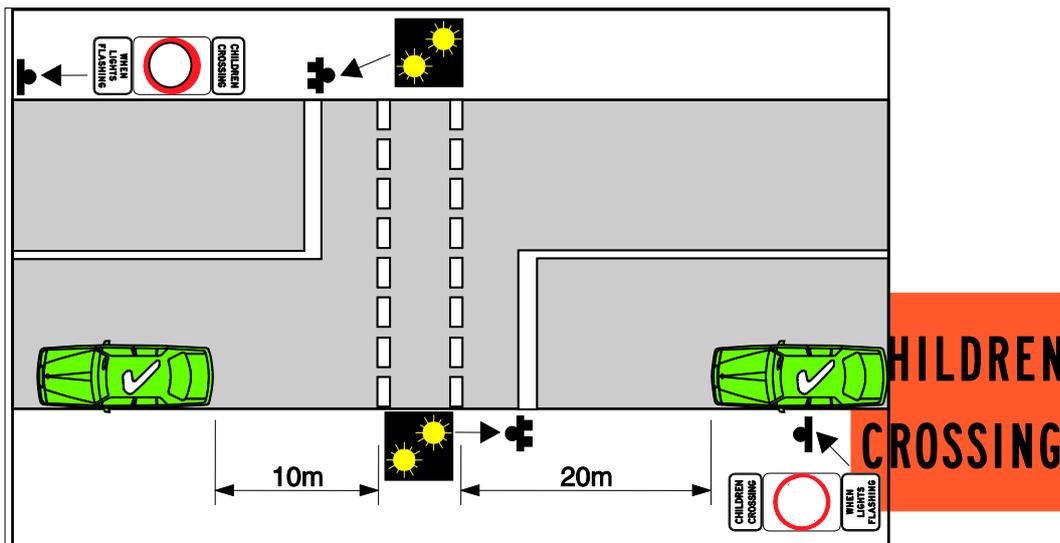
I represent the Moreland City Council as the Senior Officer for School Crossing Supervisors. To give you a brief history Moreland City has approximately 34 primary schools and 12 secondary schools, the majority of which have multiple school crossings with 58 school crossing supervisors.

School Crossing supervisors are subsidised by VicRoads on a pedestrian and vehicle formula that is applicable throughout the state. The basic formula requires a certain number of pedestrians and vehicles to use the intersection before it is eligible for supervision.

Since attending these intersections I have observed a number of parents walk their children across roads near intersections. When this happens it does not count towards supplying a supervisor for your children or other children and therefore reduces the safety of pedestrians. The flow on effect is that if the intersection does not have enough pedestrians and cars using it then the supervisor is transferred to another intersection as VicRoads withdraws funding for that intersection.

I am currently organising for more parking officers to attend in or near schools to issue penalty notices to those breaching the Road Safety Road Rules 2009. Contrary to popular belief this is not to raise revenue. This is and will only be for the safety of school zones in particular school crossings. Safety is my only concern for your kids and the School Crossing Supervisors, as they are employed by Moreland Council and this therefore makes the crossing a work site. There will be zero tolerance for offences detected in School Crossings.

Offences that are applicable are as follows:



Usually there are two of these signs and they are attached to a red and white striped pole. This indicates the intersection.

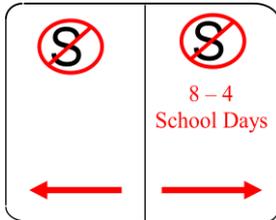
It is an offence to park 20 metres before these crossings and 10 metres after these intersections. This is to ensure high visibility of pedestrians and school crossing supervisors.

Offence: \$148



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This rule means that there is parking or stopping in areas where these signs apply



Offence: \$148

This sign reads no stopping on one side and no stopping between the hours of 8 to 4 School Days. If you see this sign it means no stopping in these areas between school drop off and pick up times on school days, so Monday to Friday.



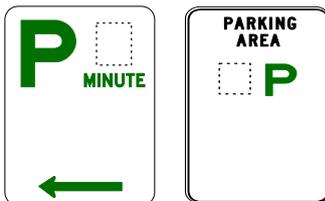
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Similar to No Stopping signs but you can park in this area for no more than 3 mins. Effectively it is a pick up or drop off zone. An offence is committed if you overstay that time or the driver leaves the vehicle



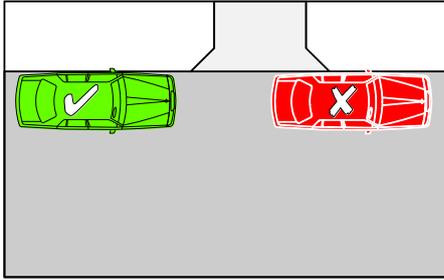
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This means unless you have a disabled parking permit then you cannot park here. Sometimes the signs have hours and days attached as well.



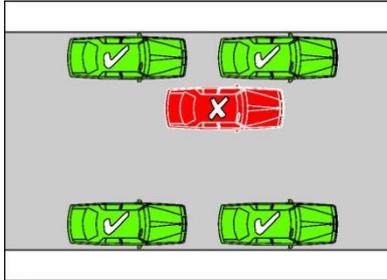
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This means that parking is permitted however there is a time limit. If you park longer than the permitted time then this is an offence.



Offence: \$89

This is when you park unreasonably blocking driveways to take your child to school.



Offence: \$89

Double parked waiting to or picking up your children.

Be aware that costs may rise in July at the start of the new financial year however this change in costs is set by State Government and out of the jurisdiction of Moreland City Council.

This is not a complete list of signs that may be in and around schools so read the signs carefully and if you have doubt find a parking place that you have no doubt about. I cannot stress enough that the safety of your children and the school crossing supervisor is my priority. Please do not park where a Infringement notice will be issued and again please ensure your children use the school crossing. My supervisors are a lovely group of people and are there to help your child cross safely.

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