

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish School



Road Safety Management Plan

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Rationale

The Road Safety Education Program is funded by the Centre for Road Safety in government and non-government schools. Road safety is taught in the learning area of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE). All students in NSW study PDHPE from Kindergarten to Year 10.

The teaching and learning focus is on pedestrian, passenger and wheels safety, as well as on future drivers. The Centre for Road Safety leads the development of quality teaching and learning resources for teachers to use in schools.

Education is the best prevention. As a school community, we provide information for families as part of the Road Safety Management plan on how to keep children safe around roads.

Aims

- To provide a Road Safety Education Program and practices that will address the development of knowledge, skills, attitudes and values relating to road use.
- For the school community to work to reduce road trauma through a quality education program and keeping our children safe on and around roads.

Road Safety Education

- Our Lady Help of Christians Parish School will provide a comprehensive and integrated road safety program that will meet the needs of our students. The program will focus on the Key Learning Area (KLA) of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education. We will also identify other appropriate KLA's where road safety education can be included as well as a variety of resources including visiting performances or presenters.
- Our Lady Help of Christians Parish School will take into consideration the education needs and developmental stage of the students.
- When designing our Road Safety Education Program we will take into consideration the local environment and actively seek to involve the community in improving road safety in the local area and utilise our Diocesan Road Safety Education resources.
- In developing Our Lady Help of Christians Parish School Road Safety Education Program we will actively seek parental and community participation and support.
- Our Lady Help of Christians will supply information to parents via the Newsletter every year about School Zones and Road Safety.

Road Safety Management

1. Pedestrian Movement

Students arriving or departing school grounds have ONE exit via Rhodes Street. Parents will come to collect their child/ren from school from the office if during school hours or from the Parent Pick-up area at the end of the school day. During this time the supervising teacher will ensure that the children remain seated and in the allocated area. Crossing Flags are

placed on the pedestrian crossing by the supervising teacher at 8.25am, these remain out until the Parent Pick-up Duty is completed where the supervising teacher will then collect them. Students moving to and from the school day are encouraged to use footpaths and stay with their parent/carer. Parents are encouraged to take their children by the hand to cross the road using the marked crossing area and to walk the children to the car. Parents are asked to be aware of the passing pedestrian traffic as they move their car to and from the carpark.

2. Bus Zone

There are two designated bus areas at the front of the school. The students assemble at these areas at the front of the school where they are under teacher supervision. Students wait for teacher instruction to board the waiting buses. On arrival at school students disembark their bus and are directed to their supervision area by the supervising teacher. They proceed from there directly to the playground supervision area.

3. Bus travel and Safety

Students who travel on buses line up before boarding the bus. Students are reminded about bus safety. Parents are not permitted to pick students up from the bus zone.

4. Parent delivery and collection of students

There is one waiting area for students who are to be collected by parents/carers this being Parent Pick-up under Area 2. Students are to wait in the designated area until the parent/carer comes into the school and the teacher gives permission for them to leave. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to take them to waiting cars (walking with the children and holding them by the hand). Parents are encouraged to comply with legal requirements at all times. Students being delivered in the morning alight from their cars and then proceed along the pathway using the crossing and go directly into the school grounds. Parents are encouraged to walk their child/ren across the road.

5. School deliveries

Delivery vehicles are encouraged to drive into the allocated drop off area to access the administration area of the school. All deliveries must be taken to the administration office. No vehicles are permitted on school grounds during school hours unless prior arrangement and proper supervision is provided for vehicle entering / exiting school ground.

School Sport

1. Travel to and from venues

When students travel to and from sporting venues by bus, safe bus travel procedures as above apply. A registered bus company is used. When walking to a venue in the town, students are led by a teacher. Footpaths and pedestrian rules are followed at all times. Students will be closely observed when crossing the road and the teacher will be the first and the last person on and off the road.

Excursions

1. Travel to and from venues

Students travel to and from excursion venues by bus or cars. Safe bus travel procedures as above apply. When using cars the following safeguards are put into place;

- a. Licence, registration, insurance papers of volunteer drivers are required and kept on file. WWCC verifications apply to all volunteer drivers.
- b. The number of students is restricted to the number of passengers allowed in the vehicle.
- c. Students are reminded to correctly use seat belts and to act safely while in the car.
- d. Students are lined up in a traffic free area and escorted by an adult to the vehicle.
- e. A designated assembly area at the destination is pre-organised.

2. Travel during excursion time See relevant 'Risk Assessment'

Safety Expectations for traveling to and from school

Drop Off/ Pick Up Zone

Parents are asked to ensure their children safely cross Rhodes Street when dropping them off each morning. Parents are asked to park in designated areas and not to obstruct the various driveways along Rhodes Street. ·

Walking to school ·

Students must walk on the footpath along Rhodes Street. ·

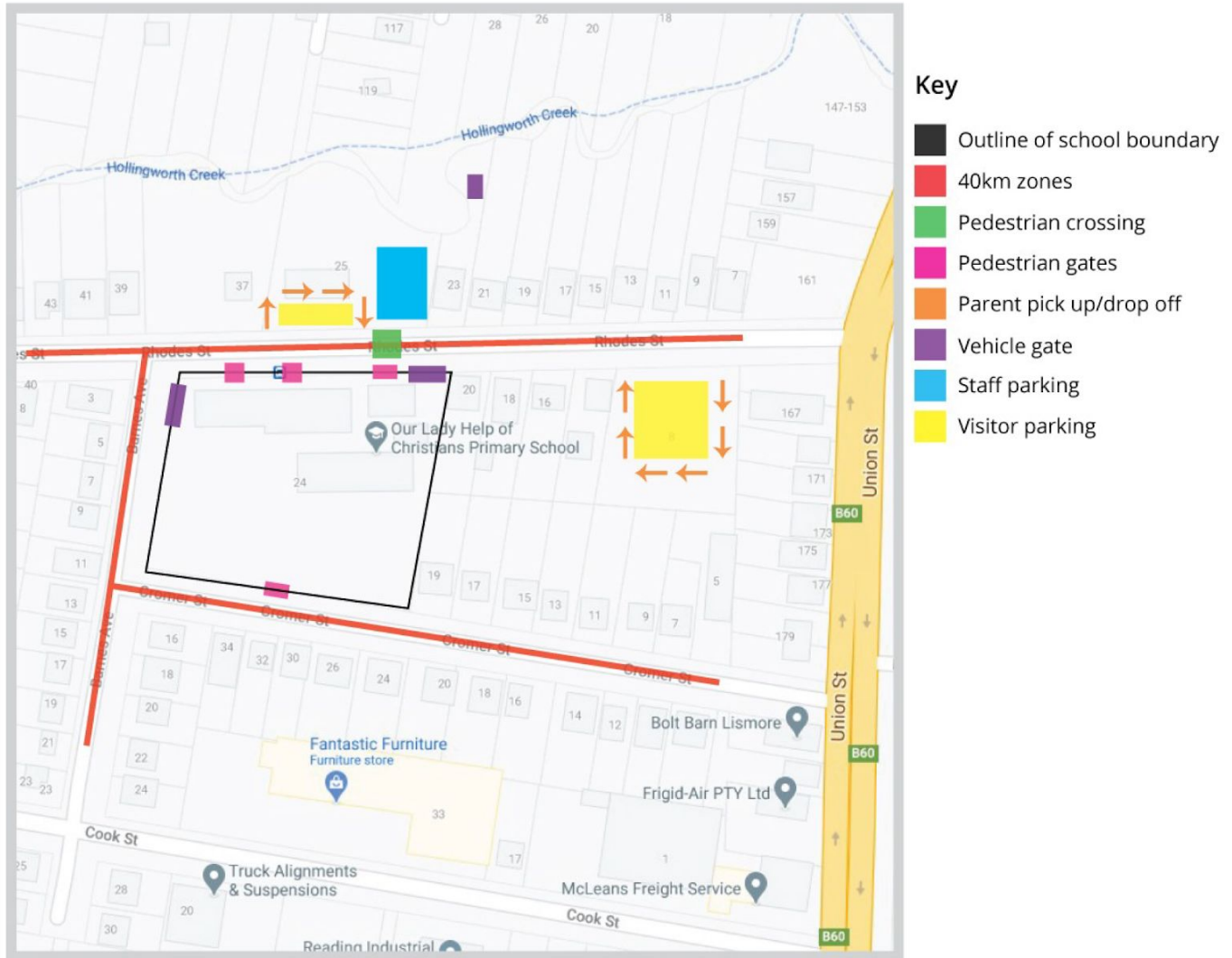
Cycling to School:

No child will be allowed to cycle to and from school unless they wear an approved bicycle helmet. Students will walk their cycles within school grounds.

Bus Drop Off / Pick Up:

The designated Bus area is out of bounds for non-bus vehicles between the hours of 8.15 – 9.00am and 3.00 – 3.45pm.

Traffic Management Plan



Parent Communication

Each year, OLHC will communicate the Traffic Management Plan, School Zone information and Road Safety information with parents through the newsletter.

During Road Safety units in PDHPE, the classroom teachers will share what students are learning about so that they can reinforce this at home.

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/downloads/keeping-our-kids-safe-around-schools.pdf>

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/flashinglights/index.html>

Road safety Information for Families

The entrance areas to schools are busy places in the morning and afternoon so be aware of road safety. If you are driving your child to school please follow our school's drop off and pick up procedures and Traffic Management Plan - this is for your child's safety and for the safety of all other children attending Our Lady Help of Christian's.

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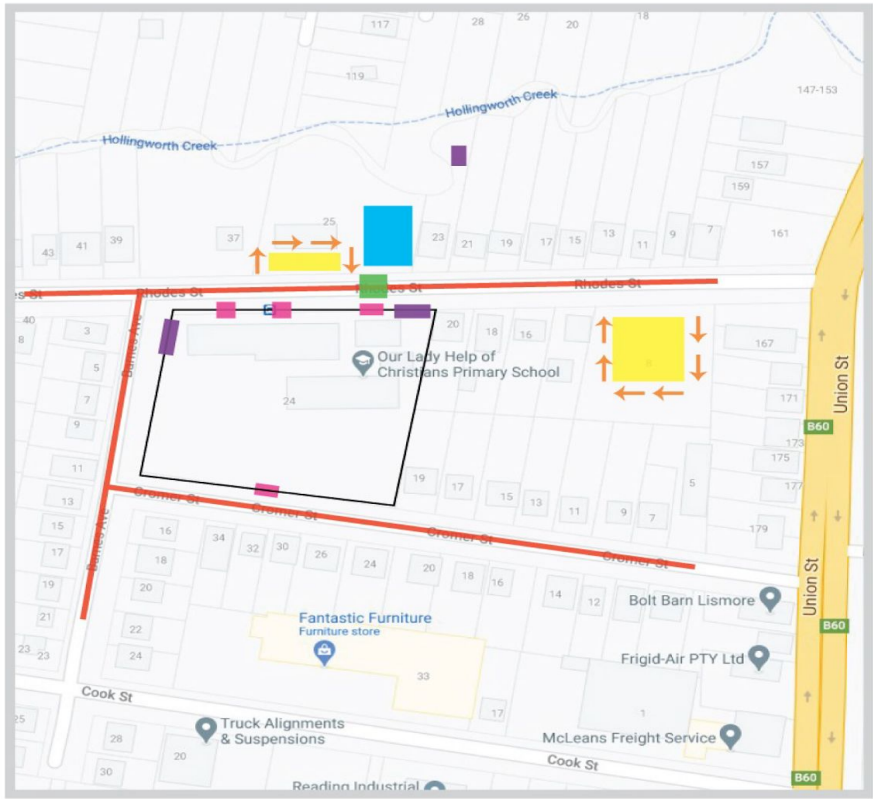
40km School Zone

40km/h school zones help protect children on their way to and from schools at the times and places where they are often in high numbers. This lower speed limit reduces the risk and potential severity of a crash. School zone signs, dragon's teeth road markings and flashing lights improve the visibility of school zones.

40km/h school zones are in force on all days which are not a weekend, a public holiday or a publicly notified school holiday for government schools and operate from 8 to 9.30am and from 2.30 to 4pm. School zone days include school development days, also known as student-free days, because some students may attend their school on these days. This applies to our school because of OSHC.

Traffic Management Plan

The below map outlines the details of Traffic Management at OLHC. 40km per hour School Zones are identified along with pick up/drop off and parent parking zones. As there are double lines on the road outside of the school, U-turns are not permitted. Please use the carpark to turn around.



- Key**
- Outline of school boundary
 - 40km zones
 - Pedestrian crossing
 - Pedestrian gates
 - Parent pick up/drop off
 - Vehicle gate
 - Staff parking
 - Visitor parking

It is important that as a community we work together to keep our children safe.