

Piara Waters Primary School

Traffic Management Policy and Procedures

Background

The area around the school becomes extremely hazardous especially around the peak morning drop off and afternoon pick up period. Managing our traffic is part of providing a safe environment for our school. Areas in and around the school present potential parking problems as there may be speeding motorists, busy roads and a lack of available parking bays. Parents and community who continue to disobey signed parking zones are continually placing students and community members at risk.



Parking on footpath at Piara Waters Primary School.
(ref <https://www.armadale.wa.gov.au/parking-and-road-vehicles>)

Scope

The aim of the Traffic Management Policy and Procedure is to identify risks and develop solutions that promote safe vehicle movement around our school grounds. This document has been created in consultation with City of Armadale, School Board and School community.

The Law

It is an offence to stop or park a vehicle

- Within 3 meters of a double barrier white line
- Within 10 meters of an intersection
- On a footpath
- Blocking driveways
- Double parking
- Parking facing the wrong way

- To park a vehicle on land without the consent of the owner or occupier of the land. At Piara Waters Primary School this includes
 - School oval and surrounds
 - In a manner contrary to signed school off street parking areas.

Traffic flow around our school

The best way to navigate around our school is to enter Wright Road south bound

Parking:

- Please use the following car parks until full:
 - Wright road (12 bays)
 - Pleasant Ave (20 bays) -Preference Kindy and PP Parents
 - Columbia Pkwy (30 bays)
- If bays around the school are full, please utilise the parking in the surrounding streets:
 - Burtonia Park (Mason Rd, Dortmund Gardens and Wright Road)
 - Marseille gardens
 - etc
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- If you are running late, you can circle the school in an anticlockwise direction Wright Road (south bound), left onto Jolley Ave, left onto Pleasant Ave, Left onto Columbia Pkwy. As parking bays become free, staff on duty will open entry ways.

Kiss and Drive:

- Kiss and Drive Manned from 2.10pm-2.40pm
- Enter 6 cars from Wright Road (South)
- Cars can sit in the Kiss and Drive for 2 mins at which point they will be asked to move on
- Students Surnames printed on sun visor. Parents pull sun visor down. Teacher on duty calls surname. Students can hop into car
- Only the front car can pull out of the Kiss and Drive at a time - prevent traffic congestion. Meanwhile traffic continues to flow around Wright Road

Periodically police will monitor speeding and any other traffic movement and also City of Armadale Rangers will visit the school and issue parking infringement notices.

When available the volunteer wardens appointed by the school and approved by the City of Armadale will control traffic flow and ensure the operation is carried out with maximum safety.

Parents - Kiss and Drive

The Kiss and Drive zone is for your child's safety, your convenience, and to minimise congestion and confusion.

Two minutes is the maximum time allowed for standing in the Kiss and Drive zone during the designated times of 7.30-9.00am and 2.30-4.00pm. Driver must remain in the vehicle.

- Pull into the Kiss and Drive zone as far forward as you can. This allows a continuous flow of traffic along Wright Road.
- Do not leave your vehicle
- Children should exit vehicle on the kerb side of the car
- Children should travel with bags in the car (not in the boot)
- Be timely. Make sure your children enter or exit the vehicle within two minutes
- Stay in sequence. Don't cut into the queue. Allow other vehicles to follow you into the Kiss and Drive zone in an orderly manner.
- If you cannot see your child waiting, exit the Kiss and Drive, proceed around the block and re-enter the Kiss and Drive zone.
- Ensure children have safety restraints fastened before driving off.
- Do not do u-turns in busy school zones. They are dangerous and put all children at risk.
- Do not reverse into oncoming traffic.
- Always remember to indicate to enter and leave the Kiss and Drive bays.

If your child is not yet waiting for you, exit the Kiss and Drive and proceed South on Wright Road.

Enter the roundabout and head east on Wright Road enter the roundabout and head west again to re-enter the Kiss and Drive zone. At all times you must obey crosswalk attendant on Wright Road prior to entry to Kiss and Drive Zone.

DO NOT DO A U-TURN. This is not only dangerous but illegal.

City of Armadale Parking Rangers patrol regularly.

Communication

The school will regularly and consistently provide reminders to parents and community by communicating this policy on our web site and through connect. The school will also include a flyer in all new enrolment pack and as part of the dialogue with new parents ensure that they are fully informed of the traffic management procedures. To assist parents in making informed decisions links to the City of Armadale Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law Documents (<https://www.armadale.wa.gov.au/parking-and-road-vehicles>) will also be included.

How parents can help may include but is not necessarily restricted to the following:

- Walk or cycle to school
- Park nearby and walk a short distance to school
- Plan your trip so that you approach the school in an anti-clockwise direction (do not do a three point turn I the road)
- Park according to signage, and note parking restrictions
- Slow down around schools and be aware
- Park only in designated bays
- Please do not park on footpaths or block driveways
- Do not double park

- Did you know that if you can meet your children 5-10 minutes after the siren, there is less congestion? For older children, this is a great idea. Use the Kiss and Drop zone as the meeting point.

Slogan

"It takes 12 minutes to walk 1 kilometre and kids love to walk – how far from school do you live?"