

Road Safety – a Shared Responsibility

When thinking about road safety, what is *shared responsibility*?

It's a way for us, individually, to ensure the safety of everyone in our community.

Central Coast Council regularly reviews the environment around our many schools, improving areas such as the setup of parking restrictions or the upgrading of crossings. Supporting schools to educate their school community about road safety outside schools is also a role of our Council.

Everyone in the school community - parents, grandparents, carers, teachers, students, bus drivers, crossing supervisors and motorists passing through the area – all have a responsibility for the road safety of our children.

Please consider the following to help keep the members of your school community safe

- If you drop off or pick up children to or from school, please follow the Road Rules
- There are designated areas that allow for parking but there are also areas that do not allow parking
- Pedestrian and / or School Crossings provide the safest options for crossing the road
- Speed limits are set at 40km/hour to help keep people around school areas
- especially children - safe.

Road safety around schools is about *shared responsibility*. Addressing road safety issues are not always about needing more parking spaces.

Children are great imitators so please set a good example and model safe behaviour.

The Safe System Approach to Road Safety has been adopted in NSW. The following is taken from the NSW Towards Zero Road Safety Campaign:

People are at the heart of the safe system approach to road safety.

Road safety is a shared responsibility – everyone needs to make safe decisions on and around the road to prioritise safety.

All road users owe it to themselves and to everyone else on the road to follow the road rules and drive to the conditions. Crashes can be prevented, and lives can be saved, by making safe choices.

<http://www.towardszero.nsw.gov.au/safesystem>

Source: NSW Centre for Road Safety

