



Keeping Our Children Safe

Across the Gold Coast District Police are regularly contacted by school's and concerned parents in relation to inappropriate driving and behaviour's around school zones. Speed limits, drop-off and pick-up areas and parking rules exist to keep your children, parents and carers safe. They also help to minimise speed and traffic jams around schools. Whilst we appreciate that the drop off and pick up is a particularly busy time of day it does not excuse dangerous behaviour that could come with fatal consequences.

Gold Coast Police are constantly patrolling our school zones. Some of the offences that have been witnessed are, parents stopping in the middle of the road (double parking) and allowing children to get out of the vehicle, u-turns over double white lines into on-coming traffic, running red lights, speeding, unrestrained children, and road rage (use of offensive language whilst children were in the vehicle).

Over the next few weeks you will see an increase in High Visibility Traffic Patrols. We are keeping our roads safe by performing proactive and targeted traffic enforcement in relation to all school zones on the Gold Coast. So remember the road rules and don't break them just to save a few extra minutes. The consequences will be with you for the rest of your life.

Below outlines some of the penalties which apply to traffic offences that are currently occurring within your school zone.

SPEEDING

School zone times have been standardised in Queensland to help motorists remember when to slow down. The standard operating times for your school zones is **7-9am** and **2-4pm**.

Speeding

<13km over the speed limit \$151 and 1 point

13-20km over the speed limit \$227 and 3 points

21-30km over the speed limit \$379 and 4 points

31-40km over the speed limit \$531 and 6 points

41km and over the speed limit \$1062 and 8 points

PARKING

Make sure to take extra care when parking on school grounds and on the roads and streets around the school and follow the signed parking rules at all times. Remember most schools are around residential areas please be courteous and respectful to these people by not parking over their driveways.

Stop across Footpath \$45

Stop contrary to flow of traffic \$45

Double Parking \$45

Stop Contrary to continuous yellow line \$45

OTHER COMMON OFFENCES

Seatbelts – As the parent you are responsible that your child has their seatbelts on and if required the correct car seat. Penalties for not wearing a seatbelt is \$341 and 3 points. If your child is under 16 and is not wearing a seatbelt you get the ticket.

U-turns – Illegal u-turns when not signed to do so - \$91 and 2 points

Red Traffic Light - \$341 and 3 points

Cross Double Lines - \$204 and 3 points

Disorderly conduct - \$341