

RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Learning to Live • Living to Learn

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER • 1 November • TERM 4 WEEK 4

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 4

Week 4

2 November

Inclusive Education Assembly

3 November

KC, 2W, Year 4, Year 6 Assembly

Week 5

8 November

Diwali Celebration

9 November

2024 Kindergarten Transition 10-11am

Parliament

Choir School Spec Rehearsal

P&C Meeting 4pm

10 November

Remembrance Day Assembly 9:15am

PSSA

1L, Year 3, 5T Assembly

Week 6

13 November

Dance School Spec Rehearsal

17 November

Last Day PSSA

KD, 2D, Year 4, Year 6 Assembly

Week 7

20 November

Kindy Sydney Zoo Excursion

21 November

Dance School Spec Rehearsal

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

World Teachers' Day

In 2023, World Teachers' Day celebrations will focus on the theme 'The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage.'

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our exceptional teaching staff for their tireless commitment to education. They ensure our students are known, valued and cared for, and are engaged and challenged to continue to learn every day.

Thank you to our wonderful P&C for acknowledging our staff.







Remembrance Day Service

Remembrance Day is a day of special significance for all Australians, commemorating the loss of Australian lives in all wars, conflicts and peace operations. Our ceremony will commence at 9:15am on Friday 10 November. All parents are welcome.

P&C Meeting Week 5

We encourage our school community to attend our next P&C Meeting on Thursday 9 November at 4pm in Maria Locke. School Executive will be holding our annual 2023 Focus Group Feedback sessions.

Open Classrooms Learning Goal Sharing

Student Goal Sharing Tuesday 5 December 8:15am to 8:45am

We look forward to welcoming parents into classrooms on Tuesday 5 December from 8:15 to 8:45am.

Visible Learning Open Classrooms

K-6 Student Goal Sharing
One parent or carer invited into their child's classroom where students will share their work and learning goals.

P&C Halloween Discos

Our weekly dance fitness sessions were spooktacular! An enormous thank you to our exceptional P&C Executive and volunteers for coordinating a wonderful event for our students. Lots of colourful, creative costumes and dance moves.



Grandparent's Day Afternoon

It was wonderful to welcome grandparents into classrooms this week. Grandparent's Day is a special occasion that celebrates grandparents, grand-friends, relatives, and those who generally take on the role of a grandparent within their family or community.





School Spectacular

Students from our Stage 3 Choir and Dance Troupe have been dedicated to their rehearsals in preparation for 2023 Schools Spectacular at Sydney Olympic Park.

Tickets for the 2023 Schools Spectacular - Fabulous, at Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park, are now on sale. **40 years of Fabulous!**

There are **four shows**:

- Friday 24 November at 11am and 7pm
- Saturday 25 November at 1pm and 7pm

It is a wonderful event for the whole family. The atmosphere of Schools Spectacular must be seen to be believed! *Visit the official TICKETEK website for tickets -* <u>Ticketek website</u>

<u>2025 Selective High School Information – Year 7 Entry in 2025</u>

Selective High Schools provide a learning environment designed for academically gifted and high potential students.

For more information go to - <u>Selective High Schools and Opportunity Classes</u> Important dates:

9 October 2023 – Applications open

20 November 2023 – Applications close

4 May 2024 – Selective High School Placement Test

Boundary Change and Moving Outside the School Catchment Zone

Due to the continued and sustained growth in new housing, adjustments to some school intake areas are necessary to ensure the best placement of students and their families. Riverbank Public School's intake area (catchment) has been adjusted effective from Term 2 2023. Please refer to the School Finder https://schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au for these changes. If your child is already enrolled as a local student based on a previous intake area, they do not have to change schools. You have the choice to keep them at their existing school or move them to the school you are now allocated to.

If you relocate outside the Riverbank Public School catchment, unfortunately we are unable to enrol younger siblings.

Starting Kindergarten in 2024

Kindergarten transition program dates held in Term 4.

Thursday 9 November	Parent and Student session		
10am -11am			
Monday 13 November –	Students only attend one		
Friday 17 November	session in the school hall.		
10am – 11:00am			



Congratulations Piya

Piya's (6A) artwork was selected for a showcase in the Peace Culture Festival in Brazil.

NSWPSSA Cricket Knockout Competition

All the very best to our senior cricket team with their upcoming match against Gymea Bay PS. The game is the final match for the two remaining Sydney Metro teams. A win would result in our team progressing through to the next stage of the competition to compete against the Sydney North champions.

Key events this term – Save the Dates

- Year 6 Dinner Thursday 7 December
- Excellence Assemblies
 Monday 4 December Kindergarten, Years 1-3
 Wednesday 6 December Years 4-6
- Year 6 Graduation Assembly Friday 15 December 1:30pm
- Last day of school Friday 15 December

Planning for 2024

I am busy planning in preparation for next year. To allow the school to plan as effectively as possible, we would like those families who know they will not be returning in 2024 to confirm these details as soon as possible. A form has been sent out via School Bytes. If you are aware that your child will return to school late next year, I ask that you confirm these details immediately. It is important for all students to return on day 1 of the new school year. Taking leave at this time of a new school year can have a significant impact on the formation of classes and the school's enrolment audit.

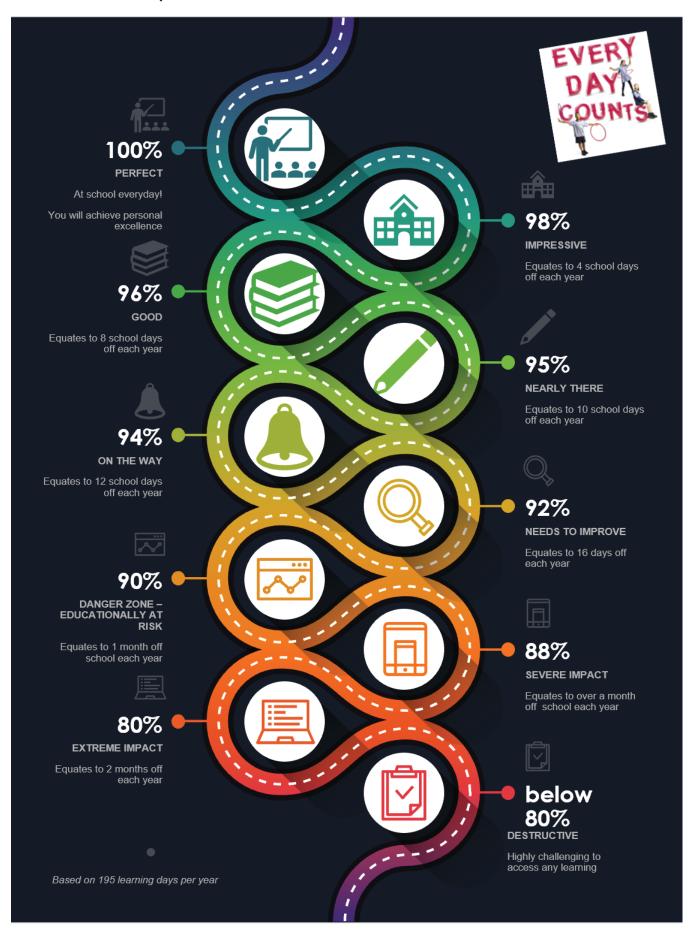
Please remember the first day of the 2024 school year is Thursday 1 February for Years 1-6 and Monday 5 February for Kindergarten.

We are anticipating 2200 students, with 83 mainstream classes and 4 Inclusive Education classes.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

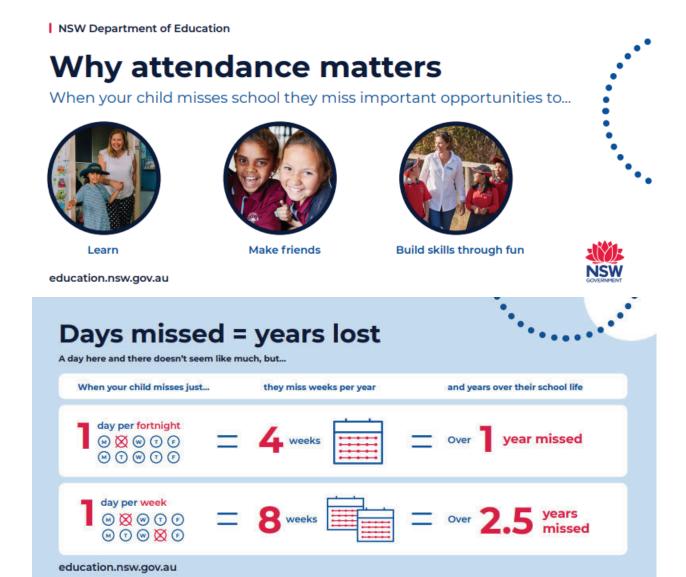
Mrs Jeanie Brown Principal

Attendance Road Map



In the gate by half past 8

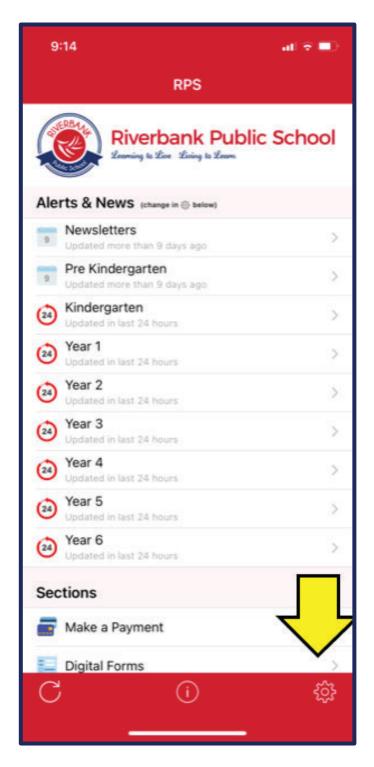
Parents, we are seeing over 100 students arrive late to school every day. Students are required to be at school before the morning bell and in their class lines by 8:45am. Thank you for your ongoing support.

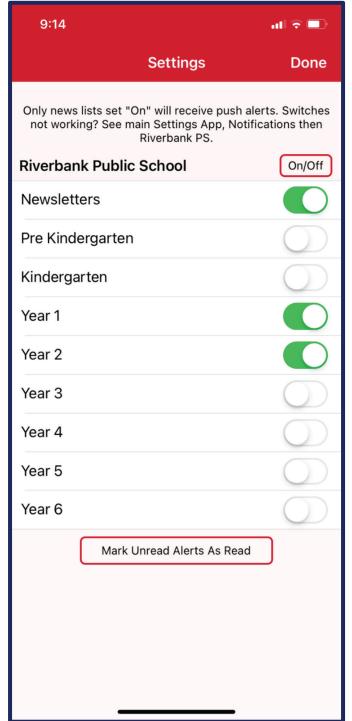


School App Tip

Did you know that you can tailor the push alerts that you receive from our school app to the grade/stage your child is in?

Select the cog wheel on the bottom right-hand corner and select Newsletters and the grade/stage your child is in to ensure that all relevant communication is received.





Merit Awards

Congratulations to our Kindergarten Term 4 Week 2 Merit Awards recipients.

Class	Class
KB – Bhanvi, Saathvik	KC – Aarush, Samara
KD – Jithin, Prisha	KJL – Adelyn, Aadhav
KM – Mia, Zachary	KME – Anishka, Vihaan
KN – Keya, Oliver	KP – Aarif, Mahitha
KR – Wilson, Mehar	KW – Agastya, Olivia

Congratulations to our Year 1 Term 4 Week 3 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
1A – Hridya, Raghav	1C – Vaani, Asher
1E – Annika, Javin	1H – Naomi, Aadhya
1J – Niyamat, Sindhu	1K – Will, Advika
1L – Aisha, Evy	1N – Medha, Sanya
1P – Viviksha, Anirudha	1S – Parth, Bikram
1T – Tanuj, Jeduthun	

Congratulations to our Year 2 Term 4 Week 2 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class	
2B – Nixon, Akshara	2C – Jack, Samaaya	
2D – Reshika, Adira	2J – Dhiya, Gabriel	
2LS – Ishaan, Surya	2M – Tessa, Aanvi	
2P – Prayush, Aadithya	2R – Rushanth, Mishita	
2S – Mujib, Diva	2T – Bella, Maayan	
2V – Georgina, Nived	2W – Akshaj, Arbi	

Congratulations to our Year 3 Term 4 Week 3 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
3A – Aarav, Mahnoor, Anayah	3B – Hadi, Ayaan, Avantika
3D – Amber, Ayush, Dhruva	3E – Abdallah, Isa, Maan
3H – Amina, Shreshta, Ishaan	3J – Ryan, Maddie, Brinda
3K – Armaghan, Thakarshi, Ira	3M – Arthur, Denzel, Yasmin
3N – Jyotsnaa, Rakshana, Aarush C	3S – Kiaan, Esther, Aryan
3T – Aarushi, Izna, Aritri	

Congratulations to our Year 4 Term 4 Week 2 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
4B – Sakshi, Manha	4C – Tiana, Aadyanth
4E – Amaya, Sam	4H – Lemar, Vincent
4I – Mukt, Aryan, Jolie	4M – Marcel, Vihaan
40 – Zyana, Nand	4P – Haris, Senul, Vidit
4R – Dhruvi, Smera, Maneesh	4S – Sriya, Thavanesh
4W – Aadhya, Aarush, Samaran	

Congratulations to our Year 5 Term 4 Week 3 Merit Awards recipients

Class	Class
5A – Layla, Zaina, Ranvir	5B – Aneesh, Shiv, Saesha
5C – Siya, Satvika, Kevinjeet	5D – Neev, Avyukt, Hareem
5E – Prabh, Likhith, Kassie	5G – Aalya, Aura, Aarav
5J – Saawian, Aarav, Viraaj	5K – Arnie, Samar, Agasthya
5L – Saanvi, Alisa, Archer	5M – Minuk, Sharvee, Jason
5R – Arihan, Rushil. Daliah	5T – Krrimish, Thehan, Sharvi
5W – Tavleen, Kavish, Virika	

Congratulations to our Year 6 Term 4 Week 2 Merit Awards recipients

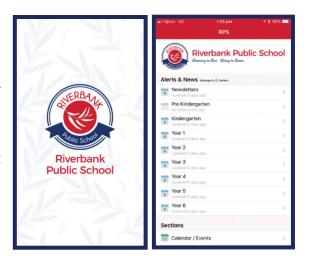
Class	Class
6A – Aaditya, Ethan	6B – Mantra, Isaiah, Tia
6C – Isha, Arsh	6D – Aditya, Navya
6F – Amaira, Ethan, Sujot	6G – Sanidhya, Anika
6J – Ayesha, Kavan, Jas	6L – Eramm, Rohan R, Aarush
6M – Aliza, Tanush, Aarush T	6N – Juliana, Nawaal
6S – Jasgeet, Levi	

Parent Communication

We use a variety of platforms to communicate information about upcoming events and highlight the great things that happen at Riverbank Public School.

School Enews App

Important notifications are posted and emailed on the School Enews App. School Enews is a free app available for all mobile devices. Just download the app from the App Store or Play Store by searching for Riverbank Public School. Please ensure that push notifications alerts are turned on so that you can receive information as soon as it is distributed.



School Website

Our school website is updated frequently. Some notes such as the Canteen Price List, Uniform Shop and our newsletter are all available online. Our school website is https://riverbank-p.schools.nsw.gov.au



Facebook

Riverbank Public School has its own Facebook page where we celebrate student's achievements. Parents are unable to post any news items but can comment on reports and photos. The page is designed to keep the community up to date regarding all the wonderful things that happen at Riverbank Public School.



Twitter

In addition to Facebook, Riverbank Public School use Twitter to share events as they happen throughout the school. You can follow us on Twitter @RiverbankPublic.



Restorative Practices

Restorative Practices form the relational basis for Quality Teaching and Learning at Riverbank Public School. Our Restorative Practice Framework, because of its explicit nature, offers a common language and practice capable of fostering healthy relationships.

Student achievement is enhanced through Restorative values being embedded as a way of being and learning together. Our approach fosters individual responsibility and helps develop empathy. Inappropriate behaviour or choices and mistakes can be viewed as an opportunity for insight, learning and development in both the academic and social domains.

The explicit framework is inextricably linked to the Quality Teaching Framework and includes the following sets of questions to be asked by children, teachers, and parents.

When Things Go Wrong.... When Someone Has Been Hurt

- What happened?
- What were you thinking of at the time?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
- What do you think you may do to make things right?
- What did you think when you realised what happened?
- What impact has this incident had on you and others?
- What has been the hardest thing for you?
- What do you think needs to happen to make things right?

The process is empowering as it takes students from the past to the present and gives them hope for the future. It empowers them to make things right and heal any harm that has been done.

A restorative classroom setting is one that values dialogue through an inclusive approach where everyone expects to be heard and through this participatory process, students develop the capacity to learn that emotions are an important and legitimate expression of healthy dialogue. This process helps students to deal with conflict, tensions and difference in respectful ways that engender trust and foster healthy relationships.

School Motto

The school's motto, 'Learning to Live, Living to Learn', reinforces a broad and enriching curriculum, which not only focuses on the development of literacy and numeracy skills but also on the social and emotional wellbeing of the students whilst respecting a culturally diverse community.

Riverbank Public School Code of Behaviour

- We share the voice space by listening actively to others and expressing ourselves confidently.
- We follow instructions by being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing.
- We use build-ups by saying encouraging, affirming things to others.
- We keep our hands, feet, and objects to ourselves so that everyone is safe.
- We own our own behaviour because we choose how we behave.

Our Help Increase the Peace (HIP) Keys - School Rules:

Our school values will incorporate the 'Help Increase the Peace Keys' to promote a harmonious, nurturing, and challenging living and learning environment.

The HIP program offers a whole school approach to building relationships through communication, co-operation, trust building and conflict resolution.

YELLOW KEY Care for Others

GREEN KEY Think Before Reacting

BLUE KEY Respect Yourself

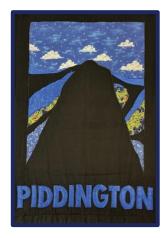
RED KEY Work Together for a Non-Violent Way

BLACK KEY Expect the Best



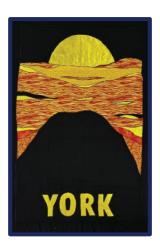
Sport Houses

There are Four Sports Houses that reflect the wonderful view the school has of the Blue Mountains.









Team Name	Named After	Famous For	Team Colour
PIDDINGTON	Mount Piddington	One of the highest peaks and is very famous for rock climbing.	BLUE (For the abundance of Eucalypts that give the mountains their blue colour)
ТОМАН	Mount Tomah	Is very famous not only for its height but the Botanical Gardens.	GREEN (For the gardens)
BOYCE	Mount Boyce	Is almost the highest point in the mountains and is famous for a major Bureau of Meteorology station.	RED (For the flowering red natives: Waratah, Lambertia or Mountain Devil and Red Grevillia)
YORK	Mount York	Is very famous because it is where Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth first saw the western plains.	YELLOW (For the viewing of the western plains by the explorers)

Sport Update

Round 7 Results 20.10.23

NRL Tag: Jnrs W 5-3 Snrs L 4-7
Softball Teeball: Jnrs W 18-15 Snrs L 5-8
Cricket: Jnrs W 35-8 Snrs W 47-23
AFL Jnrs D 9-9 Snrs W 14-17

Knockout Cricket

On Thursday 2 November, as part of the NSWPSSA Knockout Cricket competition, Riverbank will take on Gymea Bay Public School. The game is the final match for the two remaining Sydney Metro teams. A win would mean that Riverbank would go onto the next stage of the competition to play the Sydney North team finalist.



Peter Lawrence Sports Coordinator

Library Update

KW brought a very important visitor with them to their Library session last week - Rory! He really enjoyed being read to, seeing their favourite books in the Library, and of course borrowing himself!







End of Year borrowing: The last week for all students borrowing from our Riverbank Library is Friday Week 5. (For Year 6, their last day for borrowing was Friday Week 3). Students are still very welcome to come and read in our Library open times before and after school. All class Library sessions will continue until the end of the school year.

Library Open Times: The Library is open before school on Monday and Tuesday and after school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Returning Library Books: Students may return their books anytime in the large white returns box which is outside the Library each day.



Book Club - Issue 7: This issue has now closed. Orders will be sent to students' classrooms when they arrive - Approximately a week after the final closing day (Friday 27.10.23)

Thank you to all our Riverbank families that support Book Club - We continue to add many more books to our Library collection due to your generosity!

Library opening times:



Kate Martin Teacher Librarian

RPS Medical Procedures

Prescribed Medication:

When a medical practitioner has prescribed medication that must be administered during the school day, parents/carers must:

- notify the school.
- provide up to date information as required.
- supply the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way.
- complete the Riverbank Public School Medical Permission Note (please see the office for a copy of this note).

The administration of prescribed medication in schools is carried out by staff who volunteer and who are trained. Students must not carry medication unless there is a written agreement between the school and the student's parents/carers.

Individual Health Care Plans:

An individual health care plan must be developed for:

- severe asthma, type 1 diabetes, epilepsy, and anaphylaxis
- any student who is diagnosed as having a condition that may require an emergency response.
- any student who requires the administration of health care procedures

If your child has any health conditions and does not already have an existing individual health care plan, please contact the office to collect the required forms.

If your child has an adrenaline auto injector (EpiPen) prescribed by a medical practitioner, an <u>Action Plan for Anaphylaxis</u> must be completed. If the school does not have a current, Action Plan for Anaphylaxis please have your child's doctor complete one immediately.

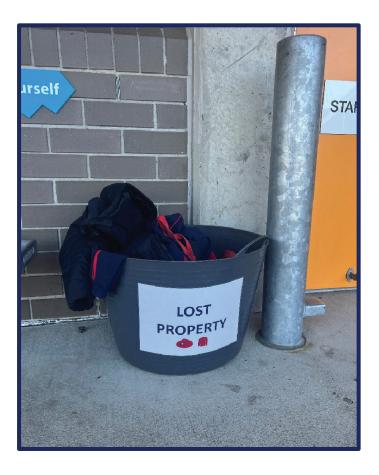
If your child has allergic reactions where no adrenaline autoinjector is prescribed by a medical practitioner, an <u>Action Plan For Allergic Reactions</u> must be completed. If the school does not have a current Action Plan for Allergic Reactions, please have your child's doctor complete one immediately.

If your child has been prescribed by a medical practitioner as having asthma, an <u>Asthma Action Plan</u> is required. If the school does not have a current Asthma Action Plan, please have your child's doctor complete one immediately.

Lost Property

Our lost property tubs are located outside the staffroom and are checked daily by staff. Lost property which is labelled will be returned to students the following day.

Please ensure that all uniforms, lunchboxes, and water bottles are labelled with your child's name.



Dropping Off and Picking Up students

A 'Kiss and Ride Zone' or 'Drop-off and Pick-up' area utilises existing 'No Parking' zones around schools. In these areas, drivers may stop to drop off or pick up children, however **No Parking** rules apply:

- Maximum stop time is 2 minutes.
- Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle.
- Vehicle must not be left unattended.

Additional safety tips for school zones:

- Always drop-off or pick-up your child from the designated area, following the school's procedures.
- Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
- Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
- Never double park
- Never Park across a pedestrian crossing
- Never undertake a U-turn near the school.

Safety Tips for Students:

- Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped in the 'Drop-off and Pick-up' area.
- Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position, e.g., on the floor.
- Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped, and you have unbuckled your seatbelt.
- Always get in and out of the backseat of the vehicle through the safety door the rear footpath-side door.

No Stopping



What does it mean? You cannot stop in this area FOR ANY REASON (including queuing or waiting for space).

Why is it there? Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children/pedestrians. Penalty \$330 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

No Parking



What does it mean? You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available, you cannot queue on the roadway or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must always stay within three metres of your vehicle.

Why is it there? To provide a safe place for children/pedestrian set down and pick up.

Penalty \$183 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

Bus Zone



What does it mean? You must not stop or park in a bus zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there? To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.

Penalty \$330 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

Pedestrian Crossings

You must not stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking. Why is it there? To ensure that children can be clearly seen by vehicles approaching the crossing.



Penalty \$439 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone).

Footpaths, Driveways and Nature Strips

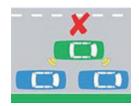


You must not stop on any footpath or nature strip, or even a driveway crossing a footpath or nature strip FOR ANY REASON.

Why is it there? You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.

Penalty \$183 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

Double Parking



You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.

Why is it there? Double parking forces other cars to go around you cause traffic congestion and reduces the view of drivers and children crossing the road.

Penalty \$330 Demerit points (School Zone)

The school is very fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who assist in the safe pick-up of students in this area. Please follow any instruction given to you by these volunteers in order to keep the children safe.



Richmond Agricultural College



Information Session: Year 7, 2025 Academically Selective AgSTEM Stream



The application process for enrolment in Richmond Agricultural College's **Year 7 Academically Selective AgSTEM** Stream in **2025** are now OPEN.

This will be a unique opportunity as students within this stream will study between the Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Education and Richmond High School campuses.

Year 7 Enrolment will be managed through the Department of Education's High Performing Students team. Entry in Year 7 will be through the Selective Schools Testing process.

Join our VIRTUAL Information Session 8th November, 2023 - The session will commence at 7pm and is anticipated to be finished by 8.15pm.

. To register for this session please follow the link below or email the College. https://forms.gle/nNCiFXi9tpLcBtRHA

Email: richmondagcollege-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au

Applications for the Selective Stream are now open and close 20th November 2024 via: https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7





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Term - IV

Thursday: 4:30-6pm

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE **YOU** RISKING? *



Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.



NO PARKING

No waiting. You have **2 minutes** to drop-off or pick-up.

You must stay

within 3 metres of your vehicle.

PENALTIES FROM

194 +2 DEMERIT POINTS



NO STOPPING

You must **not stop** on a length of road with a no stopping sign.

The first **10 metres** from an intersection is a no stopping

Yellow kerb lines are also a No Stopping

PENALTIES FROM

\$ 349

+2 DEMERIT POINTS

BUS ZONE BUS

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.

PENALTIES FROM

349 +2 DEMERIT POINTS



MOBILE **PHONES**

Extra fines apply for using a mobile phone in a school zone.

PENALTIES FROM

\$ **464**

+5 DEMERIT **POINTS**

May be subject to **Double Demerits**

SPEEDING OFFENCES

SCHOOL ZONE

8 - 9³⁰ 230- 4_{PM} SCHOOL DAYS

40km/h is the limit.

Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones.

PENALTIES FROM \$ 200 +2 DEMERIT **POINTS**

May be subject to **Double Demerits**

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

- 1. In a queue of traffic, **no part** of your vehicle can stop on a pedestrian crossing.
- 2. Do not let your child in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone.

PENALTIES FROM

\$ **464** +2 DEMERIT **POINTS**

DRIVE WAYS & FOOTPATHS

Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.

PENALTIES FROM 344 +2 DEMERIT POINTS

U TURNS

U turns are **illegal** on or near a pedestrian crossing and across a double white line.

PENALTIES FROM \$ 349 +3 DEMERIT **POINTS**

DOUBLE PARKING

Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.

PENALTIES FROM \$ 349

+2 DEMERIT

POINTS

*Fines current as of 11 November 2020. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.





SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?



NO STOPPING You must **not stop** on a length of road with a no





NO PARKING

2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up, stay within **3 metres** of vehicle.





BUS ZONE

Only a public bus can stop in a designated bus zone.



Help keep our children safe



