Enrolment Information for St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School
Charlestown – Road Safety

Setting a good example

Safety of students as they travel to and from school each day is important. It is expected that parents/carers, grandparents and family members will support the school through role modelling safe road use behaviours.

These include:

- Using designated footpaths or walking in areas away from the road
- Holding the children’s hand (for those up to 8 years of age) and actively supervising all children as they walk to and from school
- Teaching children to Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road
- Walking with children to cross roads (do not call children across the road)
- Crossing roads away from parked cars
- Parking correctly in designated areas
- Getting children in and out of the car on the footpath side
- Using seatbelt restraints for all passengers prior to driving away
- Waiting safely at bus stops and waiting until the bus has gone and choosing a safe place to cross

Access points

- Top walkers – Shelton Street
- Bottom pick up – Elmore Street
- Back gate – Guna Street
- Bushwalkers – Kaleen Street
St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School Charlestown Arriving and Departing Road Safety Guidelines

Parent/carers and family members are encouraged to walk with their child to school to reduce traffic congestion around the school, to promote physical activity and to teach children about correct road use behaviours.

There are four points of entry/exit into St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School Charlestown:

- One pedestrian access gate ‘top walkers’ on Shelton Street located next to the car park gates.
- One Pedestrian access gate departure only ‘back gate’ (Guna Street). Parents are to park on the school side kerb to avoid children crossing the road.
- One pedestrian access gate departure only ‘bushwalkers’ (Kaleen Street). Parents are asked to walk to collect their children from the teacher at the grass-covered area at the Kaleen Street end of track.
- One Pedestrian access gate departure only ‘bottom pick up’ on Elmore Street (Basketball court). Parents are asked to reverse their car on basketball court and collect their child from the teacher on oval.

Parents/carers, family members and students are expected to use the above access gates. Parents/carers, family members and students should Stop, Look, Listen, Think before crossing the road and cross in an area away from parked cars and especially buses. Where a staff member is on supervision students are to wait and directly cross together. Supervision is provided for departures at each of the above four access points.

For arrivals in the morning students are to remain on the tar area where supervision is provided from 8:30am. Students are strongly encouraged to arrive no earlier than this time as there is no supervision prior to this.

Parents/carers, family members and students are not to walk through the staff car park on Shelton Street as this is not an entry point to the school. Students must use the pedestrian access gate and pathway located directly next to the staff car park.

**Arrival and Departure by car:**

For those parents/carers, and family members that need to drive their children to school, there are car parking spaces available on Shelton, Camrose and Elmore Streets. Park correctly and walk with your child to the school gate.

Restricted parking signs are in place around the school site to increase children’s safety. Drivers must abide by these parking regulations. There are No Stopping and No Parking signs on Shelton Street near the staff car park. N.B. Shelton Street in front of school and Enmore Street (kerb closest to school) are Kiss and Drop zones. **Drivers are expected to abide by these parking regulations.**

The school is located in a 40km school zone where a 40 km speed limit applies for the hours of 8.00-9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm on school days. The speed limit is lowered to 40km during these hours to increase the safety of the students arriving and departing the school. Drivers must abide by these speed regulations.

**Departure by bus:**

Students are to wait on the tar area with the teacher until their bus arrives. They then safely follow the teacher to the waiting bus and present their bus pass. Students can apply for a bus pass by completing the bus pass form and (handing into office or sending to bus company)

**Wet weather**

Wet weather days are particularly hazardous for children as traffic increases, visibility of children is decreased and slippery roads make driving conditions more difficult. Reduce speed, park correctly and walk with your child from the school gate to your vehicle. Children under 10 should be supervised in the traffic environment and those 8 years and younger should always hold an adults hand.

In the event of wet weather ‘bushwalkers’ (Kaleen Street access point) may be closed and students redirected to ‘top walkers’ (Shelton Street access point). An announcement will be made via our skoolbag app to inform parents and carers of the change in exit point.

Thank you for working with us to ensure every child’s safety.

Please sign this Arrival and Departure form and return to school to indicate that you will abide by the above policy.

Name:____________________________________ Signature: __________________________ Date:________________