



Road Safety Policy

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Charlestown

Rationale/ Preamble/Belief Statement

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Charlestown we believe that a road safety policy provides a framework of common understanding for students, staff, parents/carers and the community who interact with the school to provide a safe environment.

Our Catholic School is founded on the person of Jesus Christ and is committed to educate in Gospel values - especially in hope, love, justice and care for others in the community.

The main intention of this policy is to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our students who use the services and facilities of this school. We do this by assessing the risks in the road environment around our school, developing practical school management procedures and ensuring that curriculum that pertains to all road safety issues is taught to our students.

Environmental Statement

St Joseph's Charlestown has large diverse grounds with some complex road issues. These include an exit point through bushland, no pedestrian crossings, main entry is in a cul de sac and one departure gate requires crossing at a significantly busy road. Each access point is teacher supervised when being used as a departure gate.

Aims

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Charlestown we aim to provide a quality road safety education program (K-6) that develops attitudes, behaviours and values promoting responsible road use.

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Charlestown we aim to have procedures and practices in place that maximise the safety of students when they arrive at school and when they leave school.

Curriculum Statement

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Charlestown School our staff will develop and implement effective, sequential road safety education programs within the K-6 PDHPE key learning area. Our programs will make use of the Transport NSW resources including the Move Ahead with Street Sense materials, Stage 3 Safety Town resource and address the following road safety issues for our students:

- passenger safety;
- bus safety
- pedestrian safety; and
- safety on wheels (bicycles, scooters, roller-blades and skateboards).

School management procedures

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Charlestown the staff will maximise the safety of students by:

Staff will provide supervision from 8:30 am on the tar area and in the afternoon at all four dismissal points. Staff will explicitly teach road safety in the classroom including the rules and expectations for bicycle riders. Staff will regularly remind parents and carers of the road safety guidelines and frequently review these procedures. Staff will take action if required.

Members of the community at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Charlestown will be informed via newsletters, handbooks, orientation activities, assemblies and parent take-home notes of the importance of:

- modelling safe road user behaviour;
- parking vehicles safely outside the school and observing all parking signs;
- ensuring that children are protected whilst travelling to and from school;
- reinforcing the safety messages taught at school;
- supervising the travel of young students;
- identifying and reporting safety issues in and around the school; and
- contribute to solving road safety issues that are of concern to the school and community.

Discretionary basis

The Principal has the right of discretion to make provision for departure from the policy or the application of the policy in the event of unforeseen and exceptional circumstances.

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