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Bundoora Primary
Balmoral Avenue
BUNDOORA VIC 3083

Dear Principal,

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Banyule City Council and Victoria Police work in partnership with local road safety stakeholders and the community to improve the safety of road users in the municipality, including primary school aged children.

The purpose of this letter is to advise your school community about actions being taken by Council to improve the safety of primary school aged children, and to encourage the members of the school community to use positive road safety practices around the school.

Council has installed a variety of road safety treatments around primary schools. These include traffic calming devices, line marking and parking restriction signs. Council also employs Parking Officers to enforce parking laws and contributes to the cost of employing school crossing supervisors.

With regard to enforcement of parking laws, Officers from Council’s Parking Enforcement Services regularly monitor school crossings and surrounding areas, issuing Parking Infringement Notices to drivers of vehicles observed breaching the Road Rules.

Banyule City Council will also utilise a special vehicle with a camera mounted on the dashboard. Photographs are taken of vehicles breaching parking rules and owners are subsequently identified. Parking Infringement Notices are then posted to the registered owner of the vehicle in accordance with the Road Safety (General) Regulations 2009. There is no requirement for an Officer to approach the driver of the vehicle prior to the issue of the Infringement Notice.
Achieving motorists’ compliances with Road Rules assists to provide a safe environment for children and other pedestrians. Council appreciates the work that school communities undertake in promoting road safety and driver compliance to the Road Rules. This often includes the provision of road safety information in meetings, assemblies and newsletters and making parents aware of the risk to children of illegal driving and parking practices.

By working together in partnership, Banyule City Council and the school community can enhance the road safety of children attending your school. Should you have any concerns / queries in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Mark Bernhardt during business hours on the telephone number shown below.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Bernhardt
Coordinator Municipal Laws