

MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2018

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL ZONES

As the school summer holidays come to a close, Narrandera Shire Council would like to remind all drivers that the 40km/h school zones will be back in force from Monday 29 January 2018 when teachers return to school. School zones operate from 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm on gazetted school days.

Motorists are reminded double demerit points will be in force up until midnight on Sunday 28 January. If you're caught speeding, using a mobile phone illegally or not wearing a seatbelt or helmet, in a school zone you're in for double the consequences.

"School safety is a very important issue with 40km/h speed zones in place to protect our children on their way to and from school. Flashing lights, dragon's teeth and 40km/h road stencils all remind motorists that they are in a 40km/h speed zone.

Parents and caregivers should be aware that school zones may be congested. Remember to slow down, watch out for children and pedestrians, take notice of signs and park safely in school zones" said Kym Snow Narrandera Shire Council Road Safety Officer.

Senior Sergeant Mallam of Narrandera Highway Patrol stated "Over the next few months NSW Police will be targeting speeding, parking and other offences in school zones. Traffic offences committed in school zones will attract increased fines and demerit points. Do the right thing in school zones and keep our children safe."

Parents of children attending school for the first time or a new school should make themselves aware of the parking arrangements around the school to avoid any confusion when dropping off or picking up their child.

"At the end of the day we want everyone to slow down in school zones, do the right thing and set a great example for your child. Let's all arrive home safely "said Miss Snow.

For further information on safety around school zones please visit the NSW Centre for Road Safety <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/> .

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