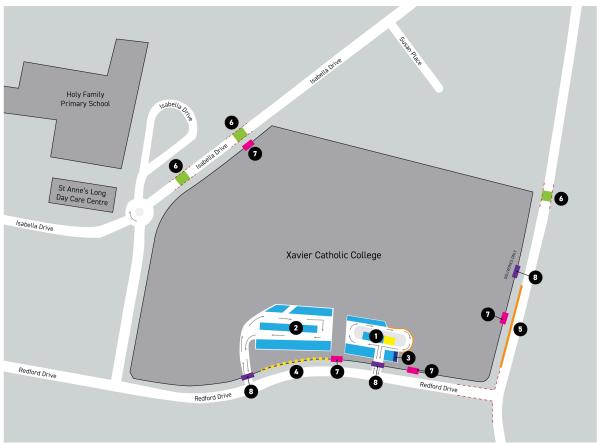


# Road Safety at Xavier Catholic College

Road safety is important to everyone, but it's particularly important around schools. This brochure has been designed to give you an understanding of the traffic management plan that has been implemented by the school for the benefit of all.

Please let grandparents and other carers know this information if they are going to drop off or pick up your children from school.





All roads surrounding and adjoining Xavier Catholic College are signed and subject to School Zone Road Restrictions from 8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm on all school days.

## 1. Upper Car Park

This area is used for staff parking and temporary visitor parking. The driveway loop in this Carpark is a No Stopping Zone. Please ensure you do not double park in this area. Do not use this area as a drop off zone between 8:00am and 9:00am or a collection zone between 3:00pm and 4:00pm. This area is designated for parents to drop off and collect students during off-peak times.

#### 2. Staff Car Park

This zone is available solely for staff access. Parents are requested not to access this zone.

# 3. Disabled Parking Zone

The disabled parking zone should only be accessed by vehicles displaying disabled parking permits.



#### 4. Bus Zone

The Bus Zone operates Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 9:30am, and from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. This area provides a safe place for larger buses to set down and pick up passengers.

Ballina Shire Council enforces these rules and can issue penalties, so always use the zone correctly to avoid fines. Parking outside these time periods is permitted.



# 5. School Drop Off/Pick Up Zone

The School Drop Off/Pick Up Zone is a designated No Parking Zone and is to be used for a maximum of 2 minutes to drop off or pick up passengers. Please stay in your car at all times and never leave your car unattended. This zone is designed for quick entry and exit to minimise congestion and confusion.

## 6. Pedestrian Crossing and Refuge Island

Xavier Catholic College has three pedestrian crossings with refuge islands for crossing Isabella Drive and Headlands Drive. The refuge island is in the middle of the road. The island allows pedestrians to cross the road in two stages if needed.

Approaches to pedestrian refuges are signposted. When you are approaching a pedestrian refuge you should look out for children/pedestrians. Always slow down near school crossings and give way to pedestrians.



# 7. Entry/Exit Gates

Pedestrians are to enter and exit the College through designated entry and exit gates.

# 8. Driveway Entrances

Xavier Catholic College has three designated driveway entrances: two on Redford drive for access to the car parks and one on Headlands Drive for deliveries. Pedestrians are not to use these as entry points to the College.

# **Additional Road Safety Reminders**

#### **School Zone**

All roads surrounding and adjoining Xavier Catholic College are signed and subject to School Zone Road Restrictions from 8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm on all school days. Speed limits of 40km/h are enforced during these times.



## **No Stopping Zones**

You cannot stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping sign applies FOR ANY REASON. A yellow unbroken line painted on the kerbside of the road also indicates a No Stopping Zone. Sometimes there is a space close to a corner which might seem like a good spot to park. It's NOT. It is illegal to park less than 10 metres from the corner, even if it is not signposted. Parking on the corner blocks vision for turning drivers and creates a hazard for all motorists, pedestrians and especially for the children trying to cross the road.



## **Seat Belts**

Each child must be firmly buckled into an appropriate seat belt or child restraint.

Tip: Try to make a rule that every child passenger must be securely buckled into a seat belt or child restraint before you start the car.

## **Double Parking**

Double parking at any time is illegal and is particularly dangerous around schools. It reduces visibility and blocks the road for other motorists. Children stepping on to the road to get into or out of a double-parked car are not visible to other motorists.

#### **U-Turns**

U-Turns are discouraged near the school. The amount of traffic in the vicinity of the school means that U-Turn manoeuvres are unsafe and block traffic flow. Please do not undertake a U-Turn anywhere within the school zone.

#### **Mobile Phones**

Please do not use your mobile phone in the school zone as research has proven that it is a dangerous distraction and compromises the safety of your children.



## Walking to a Vehicle

Do not walk through designated parking and traffic areas. Please move to collection points and vehicles via designated walkways.

#### DO

- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in the school zone.
- Ensure children enter the car through the kerbside door.
- Please consider arriving closer to 3:20pm for pick-up.
- When you reach the pickup zone, drive to the front of the queue so that as many cars as possible can pull in behind you.
- Ensure your child's seat belt is securely fastened before pulling away from the kerb.
- Please let grandparents and other carers know this information if they are going to collect your children from school.
- Please consider neighbours.

#### DON'T

- For their safety, children should only get into and out of the car directly onto the kerb.
- Do not jump the queue of waiting for traffic.
- Do not allow children to get out of the car on the traffic side.
- Do not do a U-turn anywhere in the vicinity of the school.
- If you are in a queue do not move into the pick up zone until you know for certain that space is available. If you end up stopping in the 'No Stopping' zone, by law you can be booked.