

Let's slow down traffic around schools

While many Aucklanders were making the most of the summer holiday, there were communities, whānau and friends missing loved ones. The end of 2018 saw the worst death rates on New Zealand's road in over a decade.

This is why Auckland Transport is focussing on road safety and are acting fast. They are aiming for a region free of road deaths and serious injuries where children can safely walk and cycle to school. It is an unfortunate fact that people on foot or bike are the most vulnerable which is why we are aiming for residential and school streets with safer speed limits.

Road deaths and serious injuries for school-aged children 5 to 18 years walking and cycling during weekday school arrival and departure times on local roads have increased 30% between 2013 and 2017. Most of these serious school-aged injuries occurred while walking on main urban 50kph roads during peak travel times. A significant increase was seen in 2017 among Secondary School pedestrians. This is a worrying trend.

As well as the ongoing programme of safety work around school zones, in February AT will be opening public consultation on a bylaw that proposes to change the speeds on approximately 10% of our roads and we are encouraging people to provide a submission. To do this, see our website or you can [Sign Up for Safe Streets Newsletter](#)

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