

Road Safety Management Plan St Paul's Catholic College Booragul

Rationale/ Preamble/Belief Statement

At St Paul's Catholic College, we believe that a road safety management plan provides a framework of common understanding for students, staff, parents/carers and the community who interact with the College to provide a safe environment.

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

Environmental Statement

At St Paul's Catholic College, we have approx. 850 students using a variety of transport methods including: buses, trains, walking and riding bicycles to and from school. There are approximately 230 senior students in Years 11 and 12 who at some point will obtain a driver's licence whilst at school. A percentage of these students also begin to use private transport to and from school. There are also approximately 110 staff who use private transport and use the allocated parking spaces on the grounds.

The heavy traffic of students, staff and pedestrian density in the morning and afternoon causes significant congestion, slows traffic flow and impacts on the safety of students and staff.

Aims

At St Paul's Catholic College, we aim to provide a quality road safety education program for Year 7 – 12 that develops attitudes, behaviours and values promoting responsible road use.

At St Paul's Catholic College, 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 Paul's College our staff aim to develop and implement effective, sequential road safety education programs within the year 7 to 10 PDHPE course. We draw on Transport for NSW (TfNSW) resources to address issues such as:

- driver and passenger safety
- pedestrian safety
- bicycle safety

Each Year 11 cohort participate in the Bstreetsmart program which aims to promote safe behaviour as drivers, riders and passengers.

School management procedures

At St Paul's Catholic College, the staff will maximise the safety of students by:

- Implementing the arrival and departing document (see attached).
- Ensuring road safety is taught explicitly in 7 to 10 in PDHPE as well as Wellbeing days for senior students.
- Considering the heightened road safety risks associated with excursions and other extra curricular activities.

Members of the St Pauls Catholic College community will be informed via Compass notifications, Newsletters, Website and Student Handbook the importance of:

- modelling safe road user behaviour;
- parking vehicles safely outside the school grounds 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 plan or the application of the plan in the event of unforeseen and exceptional circumstances.

This plan was prepared by: (school staff, students, parent/carer representatives and the Diocesan Road Safety Education Adviser).



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