



Mt St Patrick College

Catholic Schools Office Road Safety Message – Returning to School Secondary

As children return to school, it is important to keep safety in mind.

As parents you should take the opportunity to talk with your children about getting to and from school safely.

Here are some safety tips:

1. Be alert and aware by traveling distraction free. Ask children to take off their headphones when walking.

2. Choose a safe place to cross. The fastest way, may not be the safest way.

3. Keep safe getting in and out of the car. Always use the door closest to the kerb.

4. Keep safe getting on and off the bus.

Wait at the bus stop and stand at least one step back from the edge of the road.

Wait until the bus has gone, before you cross the road.

5. Student driver reminder. If your child will be driving to and from school, remind them that they are required to adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner.

6. Wearing a helmet. Children must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law.

Be a positive role model when you are a pedestrian, passenger and driver. Children learn from what they see, as well as what we say.

Never sacrifice safety for convenience.

Source: <http://www.walk.com.au/wstsd/>, <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/>