



A NEW CHILDREN'S CROSSING AT YOUR SCHOOL

Introduction

Your school is getting a new warranted children's crossing that will be operated by a trained Traffic Warden. A children's crossing is designed to contribute to the safe travel of students to and from school and its proper use is vital to achieving the safety benefits for the children and any accompanying adults. In addition, the correct and proper use of a children's crossing by children will assist them in learning how to cross roads safely.

Here are some suggestions on how to inform your school community about your new children's crossing.

What you can do

1. Inform students of the new children's crossing and how to use it at a school assembly.
2. Inform teachers of the new children's crossing at a staff meeting or by any other relevant internal school communication.
3. Publish an article in your school newsletter, on bulletin boards around the school or on your school's Facebook page:
 - Advising of the new children's crossing
 - Asking that the Traffic Warden's instructions be obeyed.
 - Asking parents to drive safely around the crossing.
 - Advising of any new parking requirements or restrictions around the children's crossing
4. Take students to the new crossing location for orientation – especially younger students. Not only will they learn where to cross the road safely, but they can also be introduced to your Traffic Warden and will know that he/she is someone to listen to, trust and respect.

Feedback please

You are invited to provide feedback to the WA Police Children's Crossings Unit of any other initiative your school will implement to ensure your children's crossing is used properly and safely. This initiative can be shared with other schools to promote the positive use of their children's crossing.

Other initiatives

Other initiatives your school can undertake for the proper and safe use of the children's crossing are to:

- Develop internal instructions or guidelines regarding the correct use of the children's crossing.
- Monitor the behaviour of students using the children's crossing for the first few weeks to ensure that they (and their parents) are using it effectively and are following the directions of the Traffic Warden.
- Take appropriate remedial action for the incorrect use of the children's crossing by students (or parents).
- Develop feedback mechanisms for teachers, students and parents for the incorrect use of the crossing.

Further information

For further information you can speak to your Traffic Warden or contact the WA Police Traffic Warden on 6274 8729. Or if there are issues with the infrastructure please contact the Children's Crossings Unit on 6274 8767 or email:

childrenscrossingsunitsmail@police.wa.gov.au