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Dear Neighbours

The following article appeared in our February Campus newsletters regarding student safety, parking and traffic management.

This is a reminder to all Parents with regards to student safety, parking and traffic management.

Traffic flow and car parking in the streets around the Ivanhoe Campus continues to be a major issue for the School and for local Residents, where safety and welfare of Students is our greatest concern. Please take particular care when driving in the streets near to the School as there are likely to be Students, other Parents and local Residents walking in the vicinity.

The School is located in a Residential Area and it is the School's objective to maintain good relationships with our neighbours. It is important for Parents and Staff to be as supportive as possible by observing all laws relating to parking and traffic flow. This includes not parking across driveways, not double parking, not parking on nature strips or removing residents' rubbish bins to create a parking space and so on.

#### Parking Inspectors

The Banyule City Council will continue to patrol the School areas to ensure motorists are complying with the signs and road rules when dropping off and picking up children.

Please be aware of the speed limits and parking restrictions around the School to ensure the safety of your children.

Council Officers will also, as they have in the past, be patrolling the streets adjacent to the School and infringement notices and fines may be issued.

To assist with traffic management, the School has employed a Traffic Warden, Ms Wendy Mitchell, who is clearly visible each morning and afternoon. Parents and visitors to the School are asked to obey instructions from the Traffic Warden and always be courteous and understanding.

#### Guidelines

By following any or all of these simple steps we can all assist in minimising the congestion, and therefore dangers, particularly at peak drop off and pick up times:

- Observe all road rules in place in The Ridgeway and Russell Streets including speed, parking restrictions, (especially five minute drop off/pick up zones).
- Parents with Students in Year 8 should take particular care not to drop Students off at the 'bend' in Russell Street (southern end) as this is potentially very hazardous. Drop off should occur well away from this danger point.
- Travel up The Ridgeway (in a southerly direction) and exit using Rose or Merton Streets (to the west) rather than returning down The Ridgeway to exit on Lower Heidelberg Roads.

- Arrange to drop off/pick up your Son or Daughter a short distance from the School (in for example Waterdale Road). I will be asking Students to discuss this with you as they, too, can assist by not requesting to be picked up on The Ridgeway.
- Stagger drop off/pick up times to ease traffic congestion – arrive a little earlier at the beginning of the day or pick up a little later at the end of the day.
- Consider public transport options (or walking if you live close enough to the School).

Finally, as mentioned, our greatest concern is the safety of your Children and our Students. It is critical that in minimising the dangers to them, careful driving habits and legal parking occurs at all times.

Yours sincerely



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