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Council to ensure children safe in school zones

Shoalhaven City Council rangers will be enforcing restrictions at school zones during 2010 to ensure that all school children arriving and leaving school are safe.

Parking restrictions around school zones are enforced for the safety of school children, to alleviate traffic congestion around schools and reduce the likelihood of traffic accidents and possible injuries to children.

Shoalhaven City Council strongly encourages all parents and people either dropping off or picking up school children to obey these road rules.

Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green said the school zones are designed to ensure children are safe and traffic can move smoothly through these areas.

“At drop off and pick up times these zones can be busy,” Cllr Green said. “Many small children are both difficult to see and unpredictable in traffic. Up to the age of 10, they cannot properly judge the speed and distance of a vehicle and have difficulty coordinating traffic noise with the direction and the approach of a vehicle.”

Councillor Green stressed that all drivers need to be aware of children and the restrictions in place in these zones.

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