

## **Student Safety Policy**

At St Michael's Coolamon all students and staff have both the right and responsibility for maintaining and keeping a safe and supportive environment for all learning to take place.

School students are exposed to a number of hazards on a daily basis, with traffic related accidents accounting for the majority of all serious injuries and deaths to school aged students generally across the nation.

### **Aims:**

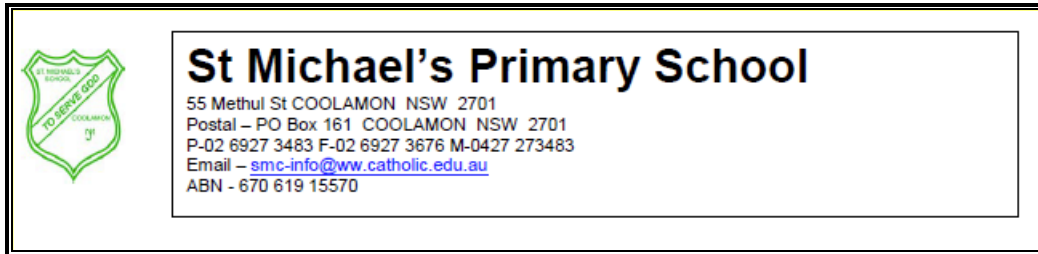
To enable students to learn about the safety issues in regard to themselves and other hazards in the school environment, particularly in regards to the use of the road, parent pickup area and bus area in their school and local environment and to develop the physical skills, attitudes and behaviour patterns for safe use of roads, school busses and cars and to raise the profile of traffic safety within the local school community.

### **Implementation:**

#### **Children travelling in cars:**

- ❑ Each family within the school community will be made aware of the procedure for collecting and dropping off children in the school environment.
- ❑ Children can only be dropped off and picked at the front gates of the school.
- ❑ No child is to be picked up or dropped off in any other area.
- ❑ Children at St. Michael's are to walk to the parent pick-up area to meet the duty teacher each afternoon.
- ❑ Children being picked up in the afternoons will be supervised by the duty teacher who is to remain with the children until all children have been collected.
- ❑ Children waiting to be picked up must remain seated near the wall of the Kindergarten room their parent or designated pick-up person comes to collect them. No child is to go to where the cars are park unless accompanied by an adult.
- ❑ In the case of wet weather the children are to remain on the verandah outside the Year One Classroom classroom until collected by an adult.
- ❑ No student or sibling is to play with any equipment while waiting to be collected, or taken home.
- ❑ Children are not permitted to play in or near the parked cars, even if they are supervised.





### **Walkers and Bike Riders:**

- ❑ It is suggested that no student be permitted to ride a bike to and from school unless they are in year 3 or supervised by parent/caregiver.
- ❑ Children walking or riding bikes will meet the duty teacher in the designated area and wait until instructed to leave the grounds.
- ❑ The duty teacher will walk the children out to the front gate where they depart from the school.
- ❑ The duty teacher will dismiss the children from this area after ensuring that traffic is clear from all directions. The duty teacher needs to stand so that all children and traffic can be clearly seen at all times

### **Children Using Busses.**

- ❑ Buses drop off and pick up students before and after school in the bus zones situated at back of school in Bruce St.
- ❑ All children who catch busses in the afternoon will remain with the duty teacher sitting in their lines on the basketball court under the COLA. Children will be walked to this area by their classroom teacher
- ❑ All children will remain seated until their bus is called by the duty teacher.
- ❑ When their bus is called the children will line up and walk to the gate to catch their bus, while being watched by the duty teacher.
- ❑ The duty teacher will stay on bus duty until the last bus has left the school premises.

### **Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed annually by staff and parents.

This policy was last reviewed in July 2018

