

Keeping our students safe

More than one million school students travel to and from school each day in NSW. At Mt St Patrick College, Murwillumbah, we have children who travel to and from school using bikes, cars, buses or by walking. We are very lucky to live in a region which provides us with lots of different options for safe school travel.

With these opportunities we know that there is a great deal of responsibility placed on students as they safely travel and also on our parents and staff to ensure that our students are kept safe as they journey to and from school. The NSW Centre for Road Safety develops ideas and practical solutions to help keep them safe around schools, as they travel to school and home again. Please take some time to explore the many resources provided by the Centre for Road Safety.

[Back to school safety tips](#) for parents and carers explains the best ways to drop off and pick up children to reduce traffic dangers, while [Keeping our kids safe around schools \(PDF, 7.7Mb\)](#) fact sheets have information for schools to share with families and the wider school community.

The 40km/h speed limit in [school zones](#) and school zone flashing lights help protect children on their way to and from school at the times and places where they are often in high numbers.

Our [Road Safety Education Program](#) supports road safety education delivered by classroom teachers and is part of the PDHPE curriculum. The [On the move website](#) is designed for use by secondary school teachers and students as part of class teaching and learning programs.

Road safety issues around schools are managed by state and local government authorities. Although the roles and [responsibilities](#) of the authorities vary, school principals must approve any request before the agencies responsible are contacted.

MOUNT ST PATRICK COLLEGE ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN

MANAGEMENT ISSUE	PROCEDURES
<p>Staff and Student Parking</p> <p>Parent and Visitor Parking</p> <p>Parent and Visitor arrival and departure</p>	<p>There are only eight (8) undercover parks available for College staff. Two are used by the Principal/Assistant Principals. The remaining six (6) are rotated through six different staff each term. Other staff and students are able to use Mooball, Nullum, Main/Murwillumbah Street and Queensland Road for parking.</p> <p>There is no provision for parent or visitor parking in the Staff Car Park.</p> <p>During school hours, College parents and visitors are to report directly to Presentation House (Reception) on Main St. The footpath on Main St provides access to the steps at the front of Presentation House.</p> <p><i>NB: Due to COVID Guidelines - any visitors and parents entering Presentation House need to scan the QR codes using their smartphone's camera to sign in and complete the detail prompts. If you do not have a smartphone or the mygov app then there is a manual process for sign-in. Please remember to sign-out in the same browser window when you leave.</i></p>
<p>Student Arrival and School Supervision</p>	<p>Students arriving on buses alight in Murwillumbah Street or Queensland Road and proceed onto College grounds.</p> <p>A limited parent 'drop off' zone operates on the Sacred Heart Church side of Main St in the mornings. Parents are permitted to stop for a short time only.</p> <p>Staff supervision of Areas 3 - 6 of the playground begins at 8.22am</p>
<p>Student Dismissal</p>	<p>The final bell rings at 3.14pm each day. College students collect their bags from their homerooms, put their hat on, and either: walk home; to their parent's car; to their bike or to the Mt St Patrick Primary Bus Bay located on Mooball St.</p>



- █ 40 Km School Zone
- █ Pedestrian Crossing
- █ Parent Pick Up Traffic Direction
- █ Student Pick up Zone- AFTERNOON only
- █ Parent Parking- QUEENSLAND Rd only
- █ Vehicle Access Point
- █ Bus Zone- AFTERNOON Only
- █ Bus Zone- MORNING Only
- █ Student Drop off Zone- MORNING Only

Students Travelling Home by Bus and After School Supervision

College students travelling on the first five buses, which are parked in the Bus Bay from 3.10pm, are able to board their bus directly. The remaining bus travellers proceed into the Mt St Patrick Primary Bus Shelter. Staff on duty (4 each day for a week) are responsible for opening the locked gate to the shelter and monitoring these students until their bus is called.

Two staff then take charge of students moving to their buses: one calling the bus number/students while the other stands on the footpath at the bus entrance. College students proceed out the gate in the order Yr 12 down to Yr 7.

Usually only two buses are loaded at a time with Primary students boarding first, except in the case of Singhs' Bus Service who have requested that the primary students be at the front of the bus.

The Mt St Patrick Primary students exit and access the buses via a different gate from College students.

After school supervision at the College ceases when the last College student is safely on their bus.