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Scenic Drive Kiss & Ride Changes

Dear parents / carers,

There will be a slight change to the ***Kiss & Ride Zone on Scenic Drive starting Monday 3rd May.***

Kiss & Ride Zones are designed for your convenience and your child's safety. Designed for quick entry and exit, these zones operate under the same conditions as no parking zones, which means you may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes.

Kiss & Ride Collection Area

The supervised area for students waiting to be collected from Kiss & Ride will move from the surfboards to the gate near the OOSH sign / staff carpark. This is to ensure cars in the Kiss & Ride will flow toward the collection zone as opposed to the collection area being centralised in the Kiss & Ride Zone.

The car parked at the front of the Kiss & Ride zone will be called forward by the teacher on duty. When this is done, please move your car forward; across the staff carpark driveway. The staff member will then send your child/ren to your vehicle once your car has stopped moving. All children are to enter the vehicle from the footpath side of the vehicle.

The Kiss & Ride Zone is for families to collect their child/ren from the Kiss & Ride supervision area and is not an additional area for families to park and collect children directly from classrooms.

Pick Up Times

Remember to arrive at the Kiss & Ride Zone to pick your child/ren up in the afternoon ***from 3:30pm onwards*** as it takes children a little while to walk from their classrooms to the new Kiss & Ride assembly area. All students should be collected from Kiss & Ride ***by 3:40pm.***

Name Labels

It is important to display the surname of your child/ren in the side rear passenger side window or on the passenger visor (flipped down) so the teacher on Kiss & Ride duty can call your child to the gate, ready to walk to your car as you pull in front of the carpark. This helps to keep the traffic flowing and makes the Kiss & Ride Zone work effectively.

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Making the Zone Safe for Children

Parents are asked to ***drive as far along the zone as possible*** so there is space behind your vehicle for others to pull in out of the traffic flow. This helps the zone to work efficiently and, even more importantly, improves safety by ***discouraging overtaking and reverse parking. These are both hazards when young children are about.***

Cars must move forward in succession to collect children from the Kiss & Ride assembly area. If you approach the zone and see a gap further along the zone, please wait at the end of the queue rather than driving forward and reverse parking into the spot.

Complying with the Road Rules

There are two road rules on the use of Kiss & Ride Zones:

- Drivers must remain with their vehicles;
- Vehicles are only allowed to stand in the Kiss & Ride Zones for a maximum of 2 minutes. ***Once the two minutes are up, drivers must drive around the block to allow time for their child/ren to arrive at the Kiss & Ride Zone.***

Drivers are subject to fines and demerit points if they do not comply with these conditions.

Final Note

This is about ensuring the safety of young children and attempting to make the afternoon pickup as hassle-free for everyone as possible. The school seeks your support in achieving both of these goals.

Please ensure you deal courteously with other drivers and school staff when using the zone.

Tim Beaven
Principal