



# MINDARIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

At this morning's Parents and Citizens meeting the issue of the Kiss and Drive area was again discussed. We have been advised that at this stage the City of Wanneroo is not proposing to make any modifications to the area or take any action regarding the area. As we do not have a Road Wise representative on the P&C our hands are tied in relation to progressing this matter.

We do continue to have problems with the Kiss and Drive area which, whilst we (the School Administration) man the area and put out the cones to ensure the drive through aspect is used as planned, we are still receiving negative attitudes from parents.

The following actions by parents are noted on a regular basis.

- U-turning at the corner of Pattini Court and Abbeville Circle to enter the kiss and drive area, often requiring that the vehicle u-turning drives up onto the footpath.
- Double parking next to the Kiss and Drive vehicles and calling children out to vehicles, meaning that children have to walk past the vehicles parked in the Kiss and Drive area.
- Vehicles stopping at the entry of the Kiss and Drive and parents calling for their children therefore interrupting the flow of traffic
- Parking in the area and not moving on so that the parents in the vehicles behind the parked car either drive over the cones or remove the cones.

In addition there is the sometimes unpleasant discord directed towards Administration members.

As you would appreciate traffic management around the school is not the responsibility of the school. School staff are not trained as or authorized to be traffic wardens and basically we do not have the right to give directions pertaining to traffic management or infringements to drivers in vehicles that are not following the expected road rules.

I am very concerned that my staff are being placed, daily, in this position. I am also concerned that they are required to carry eight full sized traffic cones up a steep flight of steps to set out along the Kiss and Drive area to stop drivers entering and exiting anywhere along the designated area. Currently we only supervise the one area. The area closest to Rothesay Heights is currently being used by drivers as a parking spot. This creates a backlog of vehicles as cars pull in and out of this area.

As of the end of this week, whilst Administration team members will 'watch over' students until 3.05 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and until 2.40 pm on a Wednesday we will no longer be putting out cones or undertaking any tasks that a trained and appointed Traffic Warden would normally undertake. Our role will be purely to make sure that children do not go onto the road and place themselves in danger.

Kind regards  
Ms Barbara Bromley  
Principal

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