



ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE OF STUDENTS POLICY

Rationale

This policy has been established to ensure the School provides a safe environment for families/children when arriving and departing the grounds.

Principles

1. Staff owe a duty of care to their students
2. Parents are an important part of our school community and play an essential role in ensuring students arrive at, and depart from school safely.
3. The School promotes social strategies that encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport
4. The School values its positive relationship with neighbours and seeks to work in harmony with them.

Organisation

Early Childhood Policy (Pre-Kindergarten and Pre Primary)

In accordance with the Education Act 1999, children in Kindergarten and Pre Primary are to be delivered and collected from their class by an adult.

Parking

For parents wishing to deliver or collect their children from the classrooms, the following parking is available:

- Priority parking for parents with very young children on College Road in front of church.
- Parking in quiet streets around the school (please keep to one side of the road to allow traffic and pedestrians to pass safely).
- Parking in Melville Street should only be used with extreme care as the road is busy and vehicles can approach quickly. Please ensure you do not cross the double white lines when reversing from bays.
- Park and walk from the Showgrounds and Rowe Park.
- Parking on neighbour's verges without their express consent is not condoned.
- Parents choosing to park and deliver/collect children must use the paved pathways in the school grounds and stay off the bitumen areas to ensure their safety. In the afternoons all children are to be collected from the undercover area to ensure responsibility for them is assumed before they leave school grounds.

Parents are advised to obey the Town of Claremont parking regulations at all times. Drivers not adhering to signs are liable to be fined by the Town of Claremont rangers.

Drive-Through System

The School has established a drive-through system to facilitate a safe and efficient means of delivering children by vehicle without the need to park.

A one-way system around the school block has been designed to ensure traffic movement is predictable and safe.

Before and after school: all drivers are asked to use College Road from one direction only – i.e. approaching from Warden Street. This facilitates a continuous flow of left-turning vehicles from College Road into the set-down/pick-up area. Children both leave and board vehicles from the left-side doors near the paved or undercover areas, and drivers can then proceed through the exit gates, turn left into College Road, and proceed towards Melville Street. Traffic flow therefore moves safely in an anti-clockwise direction around the school at these peak times.

