

From the P&C – Please park safely!

Please make safe parking choices!

During school pick up and drop off peak traffic times, there are too many parents/carers making illegal and often dangerous parking choices at the front of the school. These choices contribute to an extremely unsafe environment for our children.

People who wish to park and leave their vehicle must either find a legal parking space on the school site, or park across the road in one of the large public car parks.

The openness of our school driveway is designed to maintain safety and visibility of children as they enter and exit the school. If a child suddenly runs out into the driveway, drivers need to have a clear view so that they have time to stop. Safety and visibility are significantly compromised by the way our families are parking and there have been a number of near misses. It's only a matter of time before someone gets hurt.

There is no excuse for parking behaviour to be dangerous at our school. If you are found to have parked illegally or unsafely, you may be asked by an authorized traffic monitor to move your vehicle. We expect that you will follow this instruction.

Parking Inspectors will also be visiting the school regularly from now on, so beware!

We are a very lucky community compared to most, because we have car spaces available just across the road – a very short walk to collect children, either across the marked pedestrian crossing, or via the underpass from the bigger car park near the swim school on Jenke Circuit.

If you are collecting older children, we recommend you arrange to meet them somewhere near the school instead of in the driveway.

From the ACT Road Transport Authority:

Examples of where it is illegal to stop or park your vehicle are:

- on a taxi rank or bus stop;
- in a "No Stopping" zone;
- in a "No Parking" zone; (you can stop but not park)
- on a traffic island, the median strip or plantation in a divided carriageway;
- in a loading zone unless you have an approved loading zone parking permit or the vehicle is specifically permitted to use the loading zone;
- across any passage, thoroughfare, entrance, driveway or foot crossing;
- so that any part of the vehicle overhangs any line marking or parking space/bay; or
- anywhere other than in a marked bay in a car park marked into bays.

Examples of unsafe choices at Namadgi are:

- Double-parking
- Parking in Set-down/Pick-up zones and leaving vehicle unattended
- Parking in loading zones
- Parking too close to pedestrian crossings
- Mounting the kerb and parking in garden beds, on lawns, on gravel pedestrian areas and footpaths
- Driving across footpaths – often while children are walking there

Did you know...

The "No Parking – pick up/set down only" zones are not for parking during peak times (8.00am to 9.30am & 2.30pm to 3.30pm).

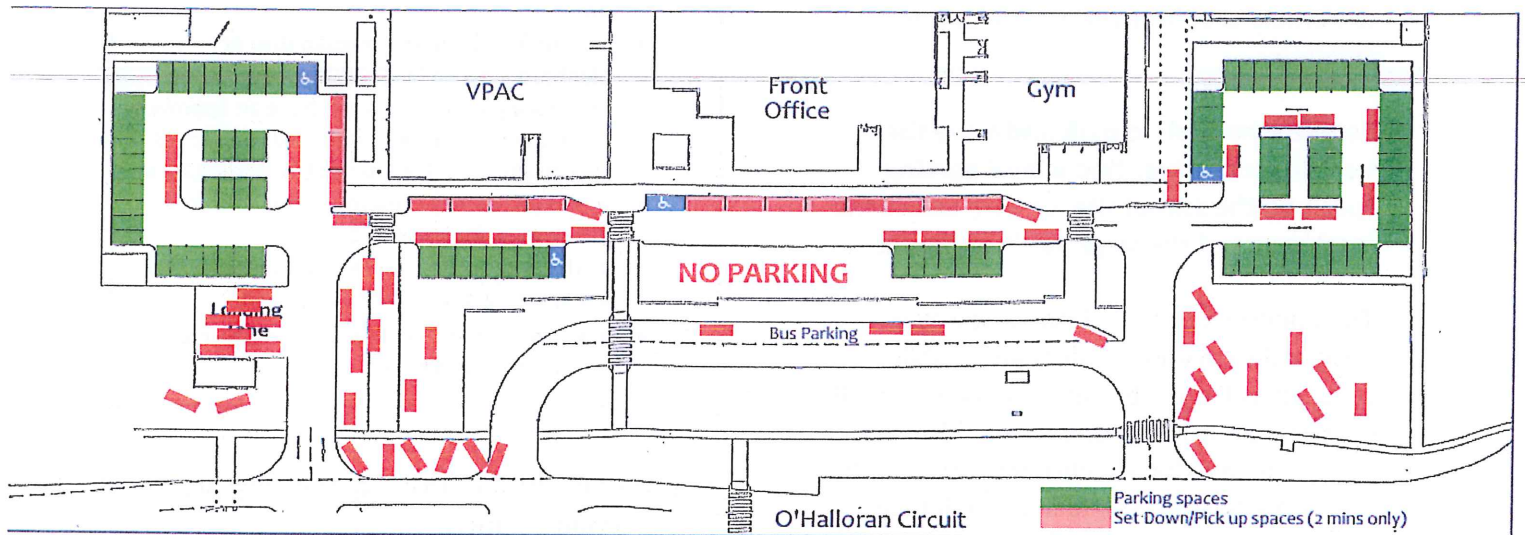
You may only pull over and idle your car for two minutes while you load or drop children. You can exit the vehicle to assist children in and out of the car, but you must not ever be more than 3 metres from your vehicle.

Australian Road Rules

Please send any suggestions/ideas/solutions for these issues to verity@homemail.com.au

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Shown on the map below are current examples of inappropriate parking – these parking choices are happening all at once, every day, and other cars quickly move into these spaces when cars leave.



The second map shows what is acceptable parking at the front of Namadgi School.

