



CENTENARY HEIGHTS STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Safety - Respect - Learning

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Dear Parents and Carers

Centenary Heights State High School has a strong focus on Safety.

Please discuss with your child the importance of concentrating on being safe around vehicle traffic, particularly when coming to or from school. Please discuss with them about how to be safe around cars and other vehicles.

Recently, I have been made aware of several near-misses involving Centenary Heights SHS students and vehicle traffic adjacent to or near the school. It appears that many young people may be distracted by phones, music or engaging with friends when around vehicle traffic, or display little understanding of their obligation as pedestrians.

On the last two full-school parades I have explained the school's requirement for all students to use designated crossings or cross at the lights when coming to or going from school. Please re-enforce this requirement with you child. Students who refuse to follow our instructions and persist in their unsafe behaviours may attract a disciplinary consequence from the school.

Many of you will be aware that traffic is congested around the school between 8.30am and 8.50am and again at 2.55pm and 3.15pm each school day. During these times the roads are particularly complex and hazardous places. Can I please ask parents and carers to take a lead role when collecting their child from school by displaying safe behaviours and using designated crossing points rather than escorting students or calling students across busy roads.

It is important both as parents/carers and road users that we are safe and respectful. Please speak with your child about the importance of being a respectful and safe road user.

Regards

Darren Cook
Principal