



ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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DROP-OFF & PICK-UP ARRANGEMENTS AT ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Drop-off and Pick-up

The College Road slip lane is used for drop-off and pick-up of Years 1 to 6 students. If parents permit, students may also walk or ride to and from school, or use the train (then walk from Claremont Station or Loch Street Station). There is no bus service at St Thomas' Primary School.

Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Pre-primary students must be dropped-off and picked up at the classroom. Only Years 1-6 students are permitted to utilise the slip-lane.

Important points to note:

- The College Road slip-lane is for drop-off and pick-up during the times of **7:30am-9:00am** and **2:30pm-4:00pm**. A **2-hour parking limit** within the slip-lane will apply Monday to Friday outside of these times. **Parallel parking** is required, it is an offence to park perpendicular to the road in the slip-lane.
- The school gate on College Road is open from 8:15am-8:40am and 3:00pm-3:15pm.
- The **red faux brick paving is NOT for parking**. It has been installed for pedestrian access to vehicles in the slip-lane.
- **Drop-off** - Parents are advised to move on as soon as the child has exited the vehicle.
- **Pick-up** - All cars are asked to move the full way down the slip-lane, school staff will assist in moving children safely to their vehicle. It may be necessary to exit the slip lane and re-enter the queue from Warden Street if your child is not ready to be picked up.
- Students should have their **bags with them** in the car if possible, not in the boot of the car.
- **Parents should stay in the car**, and not get out to assist their children. School staff can assist students where necessary.
- All drivers **MUST** adhere to the **40km/h speed limit** during 7:30-9:00am and 2:30-4:00pm times. Being a residential area, the speed limit is 50km/h at all other times.
- All vehicles must **stop at the stop sign** on Warden Street. This may incur demerit points and/or a fine from WA Police. Cars may only progress into the slip lane when space permits.
- **Vehicles are to rotate anticlockwise** via Melville Street – Senate Street – Warden Street – College Road, to keep the traffic moving until they pick up their child. Please do not travel down College Road from Melville Street – having students picked up by crossing over College Road is unsafe. Making a u-turn at the College Road – Warden Street intersection is also an unsafe practice, easily made safer by traveling in the manner described above.
- The Town of Claremont **Rangers will enforce parking limits and areas**. Fines incurred by incorrect parking are payable by the driver of the car, not the school or church.
- There is **limited parking** on College Road between Warden Street and Melville Street. Some street parking is available on streets nearby – please refer to the signage.

Map and Process for Drop-off & Pick-up

All drivers are asked to use College Road from one direction only – i.e. approaching from Senate Street then Warden Street. This facilitates a continuous flow of left-turning vehicles from College Road into the slip-lane. Children both leave and board vehicles from the left-side doors on the paved areas, and drivers can then proceed on College Road and towards Melville Street. Traffic flow therefore moves safely in an anti-clockwise direction around the school at these peak times.



Our Message to Students

Please reinforce these four elements with children:

Be Punctual

We get where we need to in a timely manner, avoiding delays in getting to the pick-up area and in our car.

Be Observant

We look for the person picking us up, to avoid waiting and holding up traffic.

Be Calm

We walk and act in a patient and thoughtful way to get where we need to safely.

Be Safe

We make sure we follow road rules and the process for pick-up. We ask, "is what I am doing safe?"

