## Road Safety Update for Schools

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been an increase in reported incidents involving children running onto the road in front of vehicles within the school zone.

Here are some safety tips to ensure the safety of your child:

- Hold the hand of your child when leaving the school grounds
- Park on the same side of the road where your child is to be picked up or dropped off – this avoids the need for your child to cross the road
- Avoid queuing too early
- Leave additional time school drop off and pick up are peak times for traffic and pedestrian movement
- Have patience and put safety first unnecessary mistakes can be made when you're rushing
- Practice waiting with your child on the kerb until the bus has driven away
- Practice appropriate gap selection with your child if they are traveling alone
- Utilise bus travel where possible it reduces congestion around schools and increases safety for all
- For more information on road safety in Port Stephens, please visit pscouncil.info/road-safety

