

Keep our kids safe, Park Safe



Ensuring the safety of our kids is a top priority for council, schools and the community alike.

One crucial aspect of student safety that is often overlooked is the significance of responsible parking in and around school premises and sporting zones.

Responsible parking contributes to organised traffic flow around schools and sporting precincts and helps prevent congestion and chaos during peak drop-off and pick-up times.

It is imperative that students and path users have safe walkways to get to and from school and their weekend sporting activities.

Unlawful parking can obstruct sidewalks and crossings, putting children at risk when navigating these areas.

Unimpeded access to school premises and sporting venues is also crucial for emergency vehicles. Responsible parking ensures that emergency services can reach the school or sporting venue promptly in the case of an emergency.

It also assists in promoting healthy lifestyles, as unobstructed pathways are essential for students walking, in wheelchairs or cycling to school or weekend sport.

Responsible parking is not just a matter of convenience; it is a critical component of overall

safety of path users. By following designated parking guidelines and fostering a culture of responsibility, we can create an environment where students feel secure and where the risk of accidents is minimised.

Council is working with schools and sporting venues to prioritise the safety of children by patrolling school zones and sporting venues and issuing infringements to motorists that are found to be parking in an unsafe manner.

We're asking motorists to share our commitment in creating a safe environment for all path users by making responsible parking decisions. A list of parking regulations is listed overleaf for your information.

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**Mackay Regional Council
Local Law No. 5 (Parking)
2011 allows council to
complement the parking
provisions of the Transport
Operations (Road Use
Management) Act 1998
(TORUM) to make provisions
for parking in our region**

This gives council the ability to manage parking in your local neighbourhood.

All motorists must comply with all the requirements of TORUM and any parking provisions provided by council to ensure the safe movement of traffic.

Illegal parking and unsafe parking on the road and on footpaths affects everyone and can:

- Endanger path users by obstructing their path, forcing

them onto the road.

- Reduce the visibility of road users by obscuring the view of vehicles entering and leaving roads and driveways.
- Damage underground infrastructure.
- Cause surface damage to the footpath.
- Make it hard for emergency services such as fire and ambulance to attend the property.

In accordance with parking rules, you must also not park:

- On a footpath, bicycle path, shared path, dividing strip, nature strip or painted island.
- On a road with a continuous yellow line.
- In a designated parking space for a time longer than the

maximum time indicated on the official sign.

- In a manner that the vehicle is not wholly within the space.
- In a loading zone, taxi zone or bus zone (unless an authorised vehicle).
- In a disabled parking space without displaying your permit clearly with the number and expiry date visible from the outside of the vehicle.
- In a way that obstructs passage of other vehicles to/from a road to an access provided for vehicles.
- A vehicle that is for sale on a Local Government controlled area or road.

If a Local Laws Officer finds your vehicle parked illegally, an infringement notice may be issued to the registered vehicle owner.