

AFTERNOON COLLECTION

All children are seated under the Cola area in the main playground for dismissal. Gates do not open until 3.10pm to allow teacher's to escort their class to the various departure points. Please be patient whilst this process is undertaken.

Some children become distressed or forget how they are being collected of an afternoon. Please write the letters as follows on the back of your child's hand to remind them and assist staff to direct them to their collection point. FG = Front Gate; FGW = Front Gate Walker; BG = Back Gate; DT = Drive Thru or a Bus Number. If these arrangements change during the day please telephone the school office to advise. Never email change of arrangements.

It is very important that the responsible adult who is collecting your child or children be vigilant about walking safely around the school grounds. Crossings and paths need to be used for safe movement as we have many children at our school and we need to ensure everyone is SAFE at all times. Please model the correct behaviour for our children.

SCOOTERS AND SKATEBOARDS are NOT allowed to be used to and from school. This is directive from the Catholic Schools Office. If your child is riding a bike to and from school they will need to provide a note from parents advising they give their permission. The bike needs to be road worthy and child MUST wear a protective helmet.

There are many departure points as follows:

Front Gate (FG): Parents walk into the school and collect children, entering and leaving from the small gate on the left of our St John the Baptist school signage. Parents need to walk closely with their child, holding their hand, and walk on the pathways provided. **NEVER cut across the carpark.**

Front Gate Walkers (FGW): Children who walk home are escorted, by a teacher, to the entrance at Dulkara Road once the majority of the Front Gate parents have departed.

Back Gate (BG) (via Veron Road): Children are taken across the oval by teachers. Parents need to walk onto the oval area to collect their child from the teachers.

Back Gate Walkers (BGW) (via Veron Road): Those children who walk home - a teacher will escort to the Veron Road pedestrian crossing.

Buses (No.): Buses leave from Dulkara Road and Veron Road. Bus numbers are painted on the ground under the COLA outside the Hall. A bus timetable is available from www.busways.com.au. Children line up behind their bus number and are escorted by a teacher to their bus.

Drive Thru pick up (DT): **After 3.20pm ONLY**

To assist in easing the traffic congestion around the neighbouring streets, cars are not to line up on Dulkara Road until 3.20pm. This time has been assessed as the best time that allows all pedestrians to have safely left the school and therefore reduce any chance of pedestrians being hit by traffic coming into the school. It also allows parked cars the opportunity to come and go before the drive through traffic congests Dulkara Road.

Teachers assembly the children in front of the hall and call the children to various bollards to load quickly and safely into your car.

Parents can assist this process by having an A4 size sign with SURNAME in large black letters on the front passenger side for teachers to sight when calling out the child or children to be loaded into cars.

At drop off and pick up times, parents MUST NEVER GET OUT OF THEIR CAR, as this slows the flow of traffic and causes a hazard.

Each child must get in an out of the car on the passenger's side, NEVER THE DRIVER'S SIDE.

Parents must ensure all children BUCKLE UP once inside the car.

When driving out of MEACHAM WAY always TURN LEFT, NEVER RIGHT. There is a NO RIGHT TURN sign for which you can be fined for not obeying.