

## Traffic concerns – findings and considerations – Balwyn North Primary School

Location	Description of concern	Council response for community
Around the school	Improve condition of nature strip. Currently it's not flat / not levelled properly.	A Council works request has been placed and the nature strip has been improved. Complete.
	Parents are parking in the driveway across the school and then doing U-turns.	Suggestions to help address this is to create a corflute sign on the fence, install decals (footpath stickers), and provide education for the school community.
	IDEAS - At the crossings install line marking zigzags before the pedestrian crossing	Council will investigate further.
	IDEAS - Skateboard racks in the bike shed	Review the bike parking area. A student from the student project team has drawn up designs for a skateboard rack.
	IDEAS - Identify a couple of safe spots and a specific time for parents to drop off kids, and then supported by a walk to school.	Create a 'Routes to school' map, encouragement and education by the school community.
	IDEAS - School should modify Maud St fence for better pick up and drop off	<p>It was recommended that the existing green safety fence be extended to prevent parents parking within the no stopping sections. This safety fence has been installed to discourage children from crossing the road directly in front of the school gate and instead redirects them to the formal school crossing. The extension of the green fence isn't supported as it is to be used for pedestrian protection rather than parking enforcement and instead a combination of parent education and the presence of parking enforcement officers would achieve a better outcome.</p> <p>Council will investigate the school's request for the safety fence to be slightly extended on the east side - closest to the school gates. This is to discourage the children from crossing over the road towards Houghton Street. The school has also requested replacement of the current fencing that has been bent and damaged from cars.</p>
	Install disability spot	There is currently one accessible/disabled space on Maud Street, next to the Merrell Kindergarten. Council recommends that a second spot, if required, is best located on the school grounds such as the staff park area, by the school gates. A space on Buchanan Road is not recommended due to the steep grade of the road and the need for a flat area.

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Ashby Court	Blocked access on Ashby Court	Can provide education to the school community regarding parking. Also Council is unsure if this is the high school traffic or primary school. A 'no stopping' can be installed on one side, however this requires consultation with all residents in the area. Council asks that those residents with concerns to please approach Boroondara separately.
Dight Ave	Lollipop crossing guard on Dight Ave	This is not considered a high traffic area and the warrants for the numbers of pedestrians and cars needs to be met for a crossing guard. Council recommends crossing at the appropriate points on Lansdowne Street.
Doncaster Rd	Traffic jam & remove tram stop?	This is out of Council's jurisdiction as it is on VicRoads (Department of Transport) roads. Council can advocate for change but is unable to implement any changes.
Doncaster Rd & Belmore Rd	Install pedestrian crossing - halfway between Belmore and Doncaster Roads.	Council will be installing a pedestrian crossing just before Tower Road towards the end of 2021.
Douglas St	Double parking, 3point turns	Council to arrange parking enforcement and provide education for the community.
	Single side parking needed due to the high school & primary school families	Council will investigate further.
Lansdowne St & Buchanan Ave	<p>One way rule - "on a section of Buchanan Avenue and Lansdowne Street surrounding streets to aid the movement of cars."</p> <p>Creating one-way traffic on Buchanan Avenue (Entering from Belmore/Doncaster Roads) ONLY during 8:30am to 9:00am and 3:15pm to 3:45pm.</p>	<p>Council does not recommend this approach as it is a safety issue and a major undertaking, to create one way traffic for a short period of time during the day. Compliance, the obeying of the signs, is difficult to manage during this short period.</p> <p>In addition, the streets currently have two lanes which invites drivers to drive both ways. So, to make it safe as a one-way the street would need to appear as a 'one way' and this is a major traffic undertaking by Council that would require all the residents in the street to agree to the changes. Furthermore, Buchanan Avenue is an important link between two arterial roads and needs to serve two lanes.</p> <p>Council recommends other treatments and education around the school to minimise volume of traffic during drop off and pick up times.</p>

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Landsdowne St	Fence wall is falling and impacting on pedestrians trying to walk past it.	Community to take a photo and upload it via the SNAP SEND SOLVE app.
Macleay Park & Buchanan Ave	IDEAS - Park and Stride Area. Students can be dropped off and a very short walk to school from here.	Routes to school map, encouragement and education by the school community
Maud St & Severn St	Dangerous, busy crossing point "I don't let my children walk on their own because the intersection of Maud and Severn is really difficult to cross and busy."	Signs have been ordered to be installed on 4 sides of the intersection, 50m back. Council will monitor and review this area.
Maud St	Marked parking bays? Cars are not parked properly while pick up time especially on Maud St	Given Maud Street is 7.5m, there isn't sufficient width to linemark the parallel car parking spaces along the school frontage whilst providing two trafficable lanes (one lane in each direction).  Linemarking the spaces may reduce the car parking provision. As these spaces are only really used in the morning drop off and afternoon pick up, the linemarking of the spaces within a residential street isn't supported. It is acknowledged that initially there was support by Council for the spaces to be linemarked.
	Parking enforcement required. "Parents are reverse parking, or parking across the pedestrian crossing. Parents are flouting the law, very frustrating and dangerous."	Council to arrange parking enforcement and provide education for the community. This is a shared responsibility.
	Need driveway education for students and parents.	Education for the community
	Double parking along the street	If the cars are stationary, this is then an issue for enforcement by parking inspectors. If not, and they are waiting on the road, this is for police enforcement. To help educate the community Council can arrange for the police speak at one of the school assemblies.
	Ignoring 2-minute parking	Council to arrange parking enforcement and provide education for the community. This is a shared responsibility.
	Ignoring 10-minute parking	Council to arrange parking enforcement and provide education for the community. This is a shared responsibility.

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Maud St	Dangerous traffic and parking. "People park over driveways, right on the corner, making turning in and out of streets extremely difficult, park in permit only spaces in side streets. They park right near the crossings as well making visual safety for walkers extremely concerning. There seems to be a complete disregard for foot traffic by a lot of the drivers."	Council can install Kiss & Go signage to help with parking. Council can also arrange parking enforcement and provide education for the community. This is a shared responsibility.
Maud St & Buchanan Ave	Dangerous crossing point	Council has completed traffic and pedestrian surveys and observations. The installation of a pedestrian crossing on the roundabout is currently being investigated.
	Pedestrian distraction "Have observed high school students distracted with mobiles as crossing the roundabout"	Education for the community on walking without distraction.
	Force parking away from Maud Street	Council can provide education for the community. Also providing the routes to school map to encourage families to park a short distance from the school.
	Speed	Buchanan Avenue is a 40km zone alongside the schools. This is an enforcement issue with police. Council could investigate installing humps if speed continues to be an issue.
	Parking right up to the corner	Council to arrange parking enforcement and provide education for the community.
	Ignoring 10min parking signs	Council to arrange parking enforcement and provide education for the community.
Maud St & Houghton St	How to cross over Houghton Street and get to Doncaster Rd, once leaving the school and crossing over the crossing.	There were some concerns that parents undertake U-turns at Houghton Street particularly after parking with their cars facing west on Maud Street.  There were discussions around the installation of a pedestrian refuge island to both prohibit U-turns and allow pedestrians to cross Houghton Street in a staged manner. However, there isn't sufficient width to provide a pedestrian refuge island at this location. Instead, Transport Management can install no U-turn signs at the intersection which can apply to school drop off and pick up times only.
Maud St & Severn St	Congested roundabout	Council to provide education for the community.

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Maud St & Douglas St	No parking on the corners	Signs are in place. This is an enforcement issue for police. Council can also provide education for the community.
Maud St & Osborn Ave	IDEAS - extend No Parking at school pick up time	Council will investigate further.
Maylands Ave & Severn St	Not heeding stop sign	This is an enforcement issue with local police. There is a stop sign and drivers are required to obey the signs. One treatment to force drivers to slow down on the approach is to install a speed hump. However there needs to be demonstration that there are volumes of pedestrians and cars with speed.
Sutton St & Balwyn Rd	Blind spot turning onto Balwyn Rad from Sutton St	Council can consult with VicRoads (Department of Transport) on a staged intersection. Council also recommends turning from another side street.
Sutton St	Please review bushes & footpath tiles	Community to take a photo and upload it via the SNAP SEND SOLVE app.