



## Travel Information for Parents and Carers

### Setting a good example: You are a role model

Safety of students as they travel to and from school each day is important. It is expected that parents and carers will support the school through role modelling safe road use behaviours. These include:

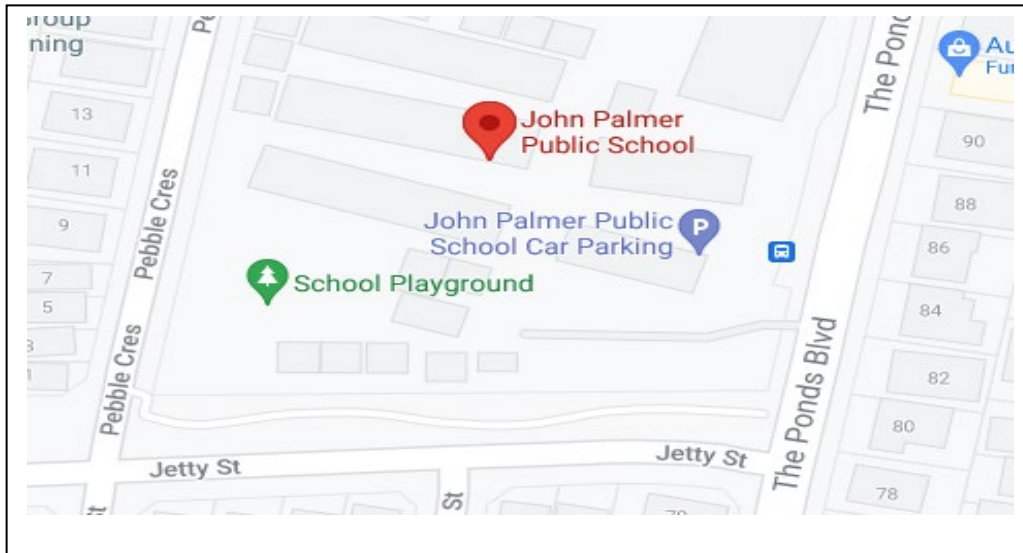
- Using designated footpaths or walking in areas away from the road
- Holding children's hands for those up to 8 years of age and actively supervise all children as they walk to and from school
- Teaching children to *Stop! Look! Listen! Think!* every time they cross the road
- Walking with children to cross roads
- Not calling out to children across the road
- Crossing roads away from parked cars
- Parking correctly in designated areas
- Getting children in and out of the car on the footpath side
- Using seatbelt restraints for all passengers prior to driving away

#### Arriving and departing:

There are three points of entry for pedestrians into John Palmer Public School. These include:

- 2 Pedestrian access gates on The Ponds Boulevard
- 1 Pedestrian access gate on Pebble Crescent

Parents and students are **not allowed** to walk through the school staff car park and the service entry driveway as this is not the safest entry point to the school.



### Arrival and departure by car:

For those parents that need to drive their child to school, there are car parking spaces available in the surrounding streets. The preferred streets to park are Pebble Crescent or eastern side of The Ponds Boulevard. Park correctly and walk with your child to the school gate, using the pedestrian crossing provided. Please be mindful to reduce traffic/parking congestion around the school. **Parents must not park within the school's staff car park.**



The school is located in a 40km school zone where a 40km speed limit applies for the hours of 8.00-9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm on school days. The speed limit is lowered to 40 km during these hours to increase the safety of students arriving and departing school. Drivers are expected to abide by these speed regulations.

Wet weather days are particularly hazardous for children as traffic increases, visibility of children is decreased and slippery roads make driving conditions more difficult. Reduce speed, park correctly and walk with your child from the school gate to your vehicle.

### Unavoidable delays:

Should you be unavoidably late in picking your child up after school, please notify the school office to avoid unnecessary distress for your child and organise alternate arrangements.

## Bicycle/scooter travel:

Parents are expected to reinforce positive safety practices with their child and assist them with learning and practising road safety rules as a user of the road. These include:

- Ensuring that your child wears an Australian and New Zealand Standards (AS/NZ2063) approved helmet
- Making sure the helmet fits correctly and check it regularly for damage
- Children should ride in a safe place off the road and away from vehicles and driveways
- Students are to walk their bikes/scooters across roads and either of the crossings outside the school
- Students must always walk their bikes/scooters through the school grounds to ensure pedestrian safety
- Bicycles/scooters are to be stored in the bike racks outside the administration area of the school.
- No responsibility is taken by the school for their safety throughout the day.

