



# Road Rangers Parent-School-Child Road Safety Agreement

In Australia every year, families are devastated by death and injury of children and/or parents on the roads. Evidence shows that children learn their ultimate driving behaviour from a very early age. Ideally, teaching children safe road behaviour will decrease the risk of a disaster when young, and also pay dividends again when the child eventually reaches the learn to drive age.

The **Roads 2 Survival™** program was developed by young people, parents and other concerned community members....

...to help families and communities discuss and manage road safety issues involving youth and older road users.

The cornerstones of the program are

**Discussion,  
Family  
Trust,  
Responsibility  
and Choice.**

The Roads to Survival™ Program provides a framework to help you to discuss and hopefully to improve your own and your family's safety on the roads.



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*Every year in Australia many children die at or near schools as a result of car crashes. This usually occurs when they are pedestrians and are struck by other vehicles.*

## Parent-School-Child Road Safety Agreement

### **Parent(s)/Guardian(s)**

**Parents/guardians**, you have a responsibility to ensure safety for children in and around schools. Please remember children are often hit by cars during drop off and pick up times. It is essential that you ensure safe drop off and pick up behaviour for your child and others. Please also remember that your son/daughter is watching your driving. They will start to develop their own driving behaviour based on what they see you do. This learning is underway the moment they can sit up in the car seat or pusher. Please consider the example you would like your son/ daughter to follow.

I/we acknowledge that the right to drive involves responsibilities.

I/we also acknowledge that as parent(s) or guardian(s), I/we fulfil a role model for driving behaviour and will therefore drive in a responsible manner.

In particular, I will not indulge in illegal or dangerous behaviour during school drop off and/or pick ups.

Parent/Guardian Name.....

Parent/Guardian Name.....

### **School**

**Schools**, please remember that you also have a responsibility for the safety of children in and around schools. You should insist on safe drop off and pick up procedures by your students' parents. You also have a responsibility to have an up-to-date road safety policy and curriculum, ensuring that students are taught continually about road safety right through to the late years.

We acknowledge that we have a right to insist on safe behaviour during school drop off and pick ups. We also acknowledge that we have a responsibility to instil road safety knowledge and practice into the children we care for.

Teacher's Name.....

### **Child / Road Ranger**

**Children**, you need to be very careful around cars and roads. You need to learn and follow road safety rules. You should ask your parents and teachers what to do if you are not sure. Watch what they do, and learn to be safe.

**I know that cars and roads can be very dangerous. I will watch what my parents and teachers do, as an example to me. I will be careful and follow the road safety rules that I am taught. I promise to remind Mum and Dad about road safety if they forget something.**

**Road Rangers can help to make everyone safer.**

**My Name .....**



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*Tick or initial the items that you agree on.*

**Safety is our top priority.**

**Each year tragically many children die when hit by cars while crossing roads.**

## Overall Safety

## Crossing Roads

*Parent's / Guardian's Promise to provide a safe road environment for my/our child:*

**My/our son/daughter's safety is of overriding importance to me/us. I/we will aim to provide a safe environment for him/her as far as road safety is concerned. I/we promise to work with the school to teach and practise road safety to my son/daughter.**

- Parent

*School's Promise to provide a safe road environment for our students:*

**Our students' safety is of overriding importance to us. We promise to provide a safe environment as far as road safety is concerned. We promise to work with parents to teach and practice road safety to our young students.**

- School

**Education is a continual process and involves observation of real life behaviour as well as formal teaching.**

## Teaching/Learning

**We agree to teach (child's name)..... safe behaviour in cars and within the road environment.**

**We will do this by providing an example with our own behaviour as well as explaining what to do.**

- Parent
- School

**I agree to learn road safety by listening to and watching my parents and teachers.**

- Child

**I will set a good example to my child when crossing roads with them and obey and reinforce the rules below.**

- Parent

**We will ensure school staff set a good example when crossing roads outside the school or when with any school children. We will reinforce the rules below.**

- School

**I will cross roads only when it is safe to do so.**

**I will always Stop, Look, Listen and Think before crossing the road.**

**I will only cross roads at safe places like crossings and corners.**

**I will always use a pedestrian crossing if one is available.**

**I will always cross with the green walk sign.**

**I will never run onto a road, or run across a road, even if chasing something.**

**I will be especially careful when crossing roads with my friends.**

**I will look out for cars coming out of driveways when I am on the footpath.**

- Child



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*In Australia, after alcohol, speed is the next most common factor in fatal crashes. Whole families die every year in speed related crashes.*

## Speed limits and other road rules

**I will not exceed marked speed limits. I will obey all road and traffic laws. I will be especially conscious of my speed and extra vigilant around schools.**

- Parent

**We will ensure that rules of the road are covered in our road safety curriculum.**

- School

**I will watch Mum and Dad's driving and ask them about the things they do if I am not sure. This will help me to learn more about road safety and will be very useful when I learn to drive.**

- Child

*Every year many children are hit by cars on roads just outside their schools.*

## School Drop offs/Pick ups

**I will follow the agreed school policy when dropping off or picking up my child.**

- Parent

**We will ensure we have a sensible and safe policy regarding drop offs and pick ups which is promulgated and discussed with parents. We will monitor ongoing drop off and pick up behaviour.**

- School

**I will be very careful of cars and buses when I am being dropped off or picked up at school. I will remind mum and dad about the safe way to park for this if they forget.**

- Child

## Agreement

*We agree to accept the terms of the agreement as indicated by the statements and checked/initialed boxes.*

Signature of School Representative.....Date.....

Signature of Parents/Guardians.....Date.....

.....Date.....

Signature of Child.....Date.....

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