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Dear Parents,

RE: General reminder about car parking and pick up

I am writing to provide a general reminder of the expectations regarding car parking and to help clarify and confirm some processes regarding the afternoon pickup zone.

Although the afternoon pickup presents a great chance to catch up with other parents or teachers, we ask that if you want to do this, you park your vehicle in the car park not the pick-up zone.

Given the 2.15pm finish time for Preppies it is understood that Prep parents will be the first arrivals in the pick-up zone. Year 1 and 2 finish at 2.30pm, Years 3 and 4 finish at 2.45pm and Years 5 and 6 finish at 2.50pm. All other boys finish at 3.05pm. These staggered finish times are another way the College has responded to traffic congestion issues.

Having arrived to pick up your son, parents are to remain with their vehicle and depart promptly once your son and his bag have been safely buckled on board, to allow a timely departure and the unimpeded flow of traffic in the space.

If you have a Prep boy and an older son, please make use of the car park or if using the pick-up zone, you will need to move your car and continue around the round-a-bout after collecting your Preppie. It is important that the pickup zone is clear as soon as possible to allow for the incoming Year 1 and 2 students in the next ‘wave’ of student departures.

Under no circumstances should parents use the pick-up zone for parking or stop on the round-a-bout to pick up or drop off their son.

The afternoon collection time should be a warm and enjoyable moment for you as you get to greet your son and hear about the wonderful day that they have had. However, on occasions I have had reported to me instances of “road rage” and unacceptable behaviour which has fallen short of the values our College upholds. While I appreciate that the congestion in the afternoon pick up is inconvenient for a short time we still need to model our MIRROR values such as being Merciful, Respectful and Resilient.
In a further effort to assist with traffic flow the College will be trialling a roster of staff between 2.30pm – 3.15pm in ‘high viz’ uniform whose role will be to politely move cars through. Please follow their directions.

We hope that this clarification about the processes will help make the pick-up process as effective and smooth as possible.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

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Head of College