

## Parking and traffic management guidelines

Managing traffic and road safety at schools is a matter for everyone in the community. Children and young people are more at risk in road environments around schools because they are smaller and less visible to drivers. Their behaviour can be less predictable than adults and they may have errors of judgement when dealing with traffic.

School environments are often congested during the peak times, because roads and car parks aren't built to meet the high demand and struggle to cope over a short timeframe. The school community can help to reduce congestion and improve safety for children by walking or riding to school. If you need to drive, consider partway drop off locations or follow these traffic management guidelines to ensure children remain safe.

More information is available on the [Transport Canberra](#) website, including a range of information sheets and educational resources for school communities to promote active and safe behaviours around schools.

## Parking and traffic management guidelines

- Please drive slowly and be patient and courteous to others when visiting the school.
- Cars should be legally parked at all times. There is sufficient parking available on the streets around the school (refer to maps).
- Illegal parking reduces visibility of children and creates a potential safety risk. Parking Operations and a Licence Plate Recognition vehicle undertake periodic patrols in school environments to enforce safe behaviours.
- Cars should not park in the Pick Up and Set Down zone at the front of the school. Please only use this area to quickly drop off or collect children.
- Drive very slowly through the carpark (10km/h) and be alert for children at all times.
- Stopping on pedestrian (zebra) or children's crossings is dangerous for children, who shouldn't be required to navigate cars when crossing the road.

## Useful tips and resources

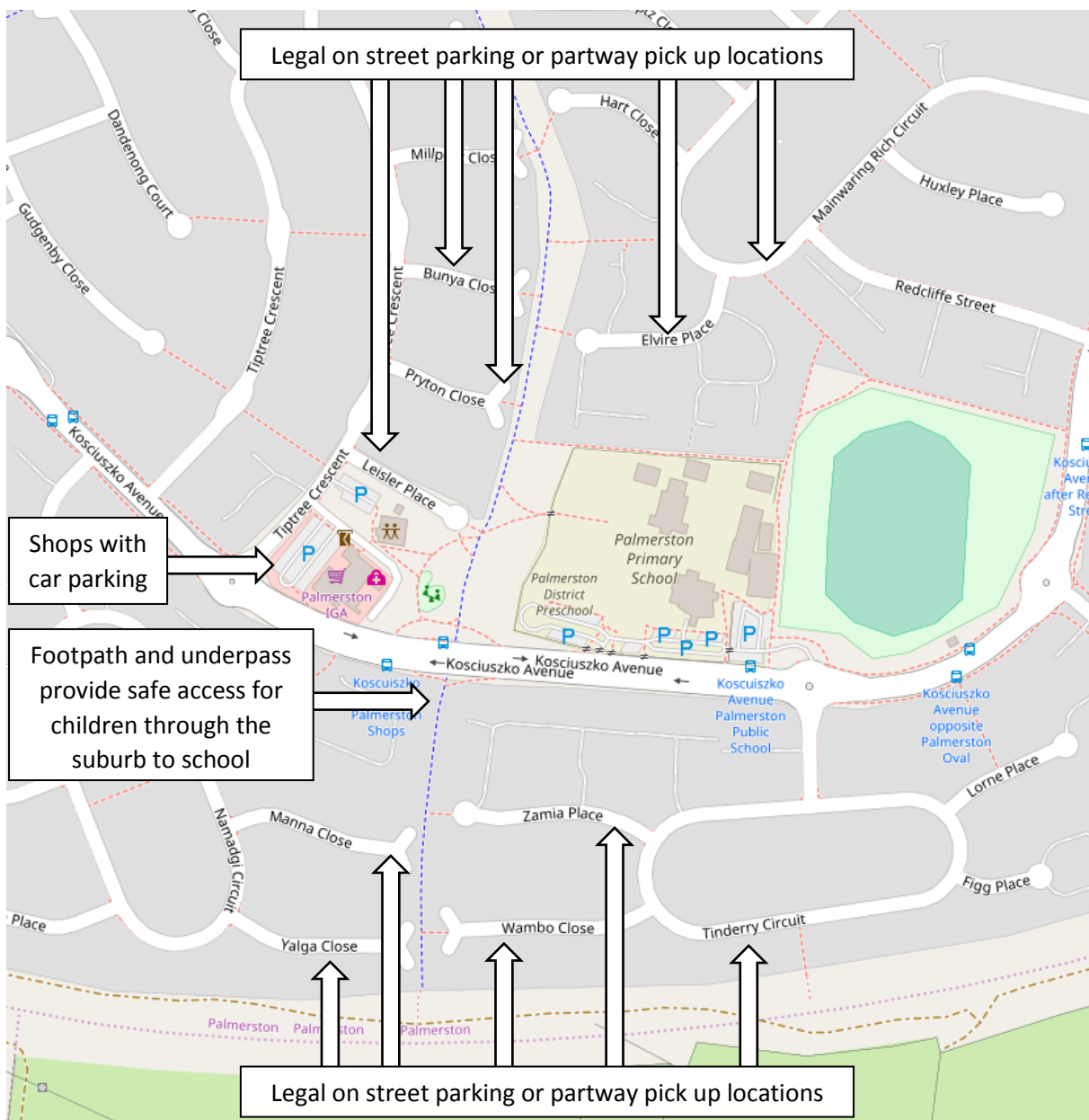
- Walking and riding to school is a safe, fun and healthy form of travel and is encouraged and supported by the school.
- Children can be dropped at school from 8:30am. By dropping children slightly earlier, you are likely to avoid congestion.
- The afternoon peak is concentrated around the school finish time (3pm). Children are welcome to wait in the foyer for 10-15 minutes after school, which will allow parents to collect children after the traffic has subsided.
- Arrange an alternative meeting point with children to avoid the congestion at the front of the school.
- Palmerston is participating in the Ride or Walk to School program, our map with suggested routes is available online (<http://bit.ly/RideorWalktoSchool>).
- Carpooling, public transport and active travel are all encouraged forms of transport.

## Illegal driving practices

By following some or all of these suggestions, parents can provide a safer environment for our children and avoid incurring fines which include:

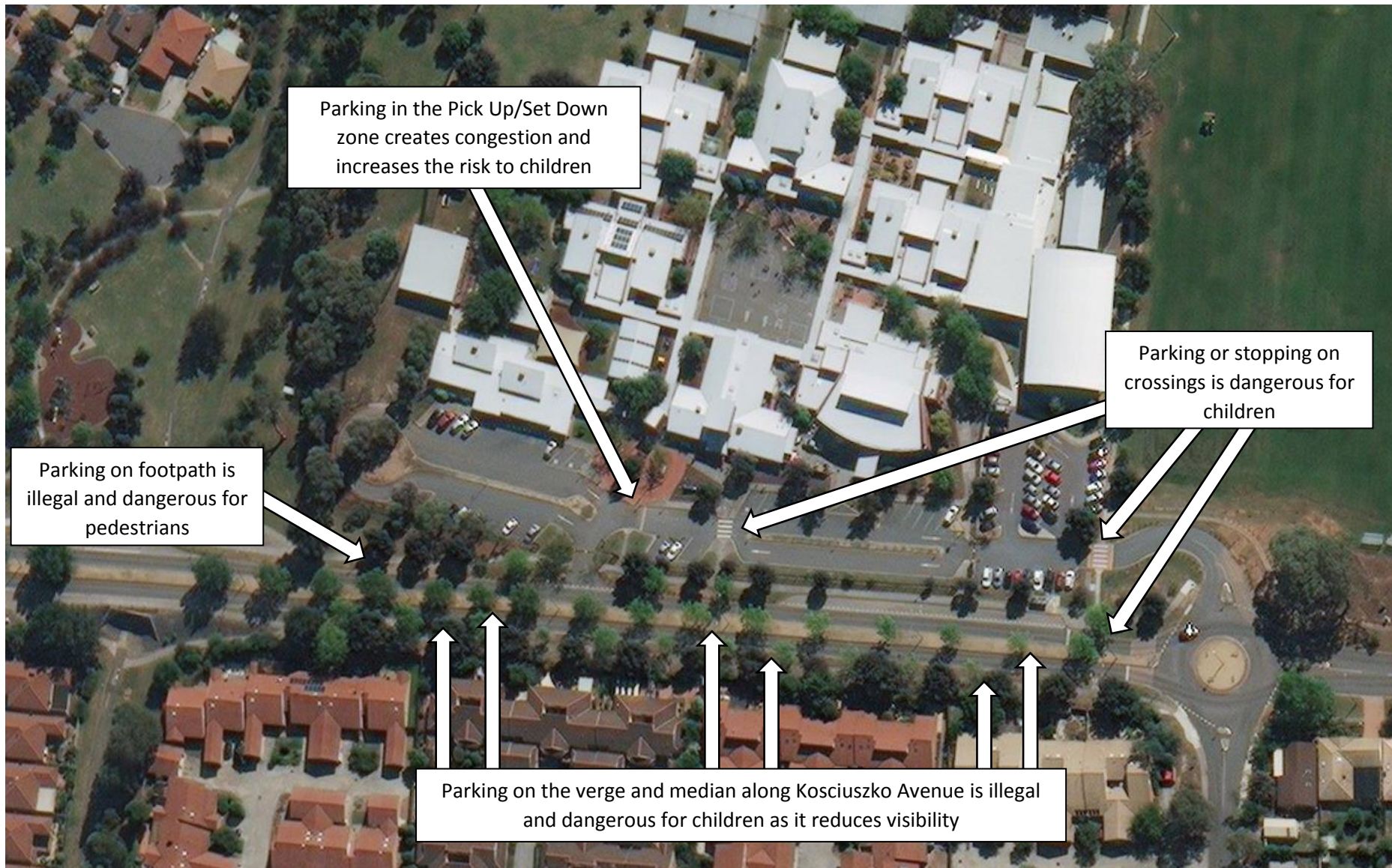
- Parking on the verge (fines from \$114)
- Parking on footpaths (fines from \$114)
- Stopping in a No Stopping zone (fines from \$255)
- Parking in a No Parking zone (fines from \$114)
- Stopping on a pedestrian or children's crossing (fines from \$383)
- Parking in a Bus Zone (fines from \$153)
- Parking in a mobility (disabled) space (fines from \$600)

## Palmerston district map



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## Palmerston carpark and street frontage



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