

## NOTICE OF RESTRICTED USE OF STAFF CAR PARK



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Dear Families

To enable us to increase the safety of children, our students and their siblings who might access the car park supervised or unsupervised to and from school, it is advised that the **Staff Car Park will have restricted access and be unavailable for drop off and pick up times between 8:30 am and 9am and then 3pm and 4pm Monday to Friday**. Access to the Disability Car Parking, Maternal Health, Playgroup and BOSHC will be available at all times, and for those if your child or yourself is unable to walk long distances due to injury or impairment.

It is also advised, that those who choose to park in the Staff Car Park at any time (including staff) do so at their own risk. The Department (DET) does not provide insurance cover nor liability to vehicles or property damage, injury, disability or death, and any caused on your behalf would be liable for prosecution by the affected parties.

We will not enforce traffic management systems to block access, we only ask that you respect your responsibility to keep our children safe and model acceptable behaviour as an adult, for your own children, in regard to adhering to school directives.

Families are advised, that the previous drop off and pick up areas around the surrounding streets that they have been using are still available (including the parallel parking gravel bay near the Old Gates before the crossing).

The DET Legal Division has provided the following directive regarding its position on the use of Staff Car Parks.

*"The Department does not provide parent car parking on school grounds. While parents may prefer to park close to school entrances, parking in surrounding streets is often safer and reduces the risks associated with traffic congestion.*

*The Victorian Government encourages walking and cycling to school to promote the health and wellbeing of students. This also reduces the environmental impact of travelling to and from school by car, including air and noise pollution, and can foster a sense of location and community.*

*The responsibilities of the Principal under Ministerial Order 199, the Teaching Service (Employment Conditions, Salaries, Allowances, Selection and Conduct) Order 2009, include the efficient organisation, management and administration of their school, implementing Government education policies and the general care, safety and welfare of students attending the school. This responsibility does not extend to complying with a parent's requests to use the staff car park, especially if this would place student safety at risk."*

**PEDESTRIANS Drop off and Pick up:** (reminder that all bike riders access through the Old Gates and walk their bikes on school grounds to and from the bike shed).

**If you access the school from High Street side (eg Stanhope Street/Stanley Street side)** - Please enter/exit through the Old School Gates or if you use the School Crossing please use the crossing provided between the School Crossing to and from the Maternal Health/Playgroup BOSHC Gate. The car park entry and gate closest to the school is for staff use only during pick up and drop off times (as indicated above).

**If you access the school from Barnawartha Howlong Road side (eg Davey Road/Annika Place etc)** - Please enter/exit from the main front gates or the school's oval access points on Davey Road.

We thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

Regards,

Lisa van Noordennen

Principal

Barnawartha Primary School.