



# Media Release

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## Council highlights road safety as students return to school

Camden Council is urging residents to be especially careful on local roads, with children across the Camden area returning to school next week.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, reminded residents school zones would be back in force from Monday 14 October.

“There are almost 20,000 school-aged children living across the Camden area making their way back to school next week for the final term of the year,” Cr Fedeli said.

“It is the role of every single resident to make sure these students can move to and from school safely by doing the right thing behind the wheel, particularly when around our local schools.

“Last term, Council issued 51 fines for offences in school zones. The most common offences were disobeying No Stopping signs and stopping in bus zones.

“These rules are in place to protect our children, so there is just no excuse for doing the wrong thing.”

Camden Council, in partnership with NSW Police, runs a number of road safety programs in local schools. These programs aim to teach children from a young age the importance of following road rules put in place to keep everyone safe on our roads. These include:

- Council’s School Safety Program, which addresses a number of safety issues around schools, including on the road. As part of this program, Council delivers a presentation to local schools at Kindergarten orientation sessions, to help educate new parents on what’s expected of them behind the wheel around our schools; and
- The Drive 2 Stay Alive Program, a road safety day delivered to Year 11 students. This program aims to reduce the serious and fatal crashes amongst young drivers by highlighting the importance of following road rules and driving safely.

For more information on:

- Council’s Road Safety Programs, visit [camden.nsw.gov.au](http://camden.nsw.gov.au) and search ‘Community and road safety’; and
- Road rules across NSW, visit [rms.nsw.gov.au](http://rms.nsw.gov.au).

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