



St Therese's Catholic Primary School, New Lambton

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Transport
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Arrival and Departure Information 2025

Setting a good example

Safety of students as they travel to and from school each day is important. It is expected that parents/carers, grandparents and family members will support the school through role modelling safe road use behaviours.

These include:

- Using designated footpaths or walking in areas away from the road.
- Holding the children's hand (for those up to 8 years of age) and actively supervising all children as they walk to and from school.
- Teaching children to **Stop, Look, Listen and Think** every time they cross the road.
- Walking with children to cross roads.
- Do not call children from across the road. Parents/Carers need to meet their children from the supervised area and walk them across the road.
- Crossing roads away from parked cars.
- Parking correctly in designated areas.
- Getting children in and out of the car on the footpath side.
- Using seatbelt restraints for all passengers prior to driving away. Children under 145 cm height should continue using a booster seat. This is a suggested minimum height to use an adult lap/sash seatbelt. Children up to and including 12 yrs of age should sit in the rear seat, even though children 7+ yrs can legally occupy the front seat of a vehicle.
- The rear curb side door is usually the safest door for children to get in and out of a vehicle.
- Children should never be left in a vehicle without supervision.
- Parents/Carers need to wait safely at bus stops and once their child is off the bus, wait until the bus has gone and choose a safe place to cross with their child.

Arriving at School

Parent/carers and family members are encouraged to walk with their child to school to reduce traffic congestion around the school, to promote physical activity and to teach children about correct road use behaviours.

There are two arrival points of entry into St Therese's School.

- One Pedestrian access gate on Royal Street
- One Pedestrian access gate on Burke Street

These gates open at 8.45am when student supervision begins.

For those parents/carers that need to drive their children to school, there are car parking spaces available on Victoria Street, Royal Street and surrounding streets. Park correctly and walk with your child to the school gate. Parents may choose to drop and kiss at the designated Burke St and Royal St drop-off zones.

There are No Stopping signs either side of the one pedestrian crossing and bus zones. Drivers are expected to abide by these parking regulations.

Restricted parking signs are in place around the school site to increase children's safety. Drivers must abide by these parking regulations.

The school is located in a 40km school zone where a 40km speed limit applies for the hours of 8.00-9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm on school days. The speed limit is lowered to 40km during these hours to increase the safety of the students arriving and departing the school. Drivers must abide by these speed regulations.

Departing from School

Walkers (walking home, walking with parent to car, bike/scooter riders):

- There is one pedestrian access gate on **Royal Street**. A teacher will lead bike/scooter riders and walkers out the gate. For those parked across the road at Royal Street, parents are to meet their child once they are guided across the road by the Pedestrian Crossing Supervisor. Parents who are collecting children at **Royal Street** are to collect their child from the main hall via the rear door and walk them safely to their car.
- A teacher will lead students to the **William Street** gate for parents who have parked there. They will remain at William Street gate until all children are safely with their parent/guardian.
- There is one pedestrian access gate on **Burke Street**. A teacher will walk students safely across Victoria St. Parents are to collect their child from this supervising teacher if travelling home by car.
- Bike/scooter riders and students walking home (students will meet the teacher at the Learning Centre and will be escorted through the staff car park gates on Burke St).

Parents/carers, family members and students are expected to use the available pedestrian facilities around the school to cross the road. These include the flagged children's pedestrian crossing on Royal Street which is situated outside the school.

Where no pedestrian crossing facilities are available, parents/carers, family members and students should Stop, Look, Listen, Think before crossing the road and cross in an area away from parked cars and especially buses. Walk quickly and directly across the road. Pedestrians should avoid distractions like iPods, headphones, and mobiles when crossing the road.

Parents/carers, family members and students are not to walk through the staff car park on Burke Street as this is not the safest entry point to the school. There is a pedestrian access gate and pathway further along at Burke Street - please use this pathway.

Wet weather days are particularly hazardous for children as traffic increases, visibility of children is decreased and slippery roads make driving conditions more difficult. Reduce speed, park correctly and walk with your child from the school gate to your vehicle. Children under 10 should be supervised in the traffic environment and those 8 years and younger should always hold an adult's hand.

Burke St and Royal St Kiss and Ride Car Pick-up (Parents/Carers remain in their car)

Restricted parking signs are in place around the school site to increase children's safety. Drivers must abide by these parking regulations. Do not park across or block neighbours drive-ways at any time.

Parents/Carers must have their child's name printed and displayed on the windscreen so that teachers can quickly call their child.

Remember that if you are picking up from Burke Street it is done on a surname basis- A-K from 3.15pm and L-Z from 3.25pm. This alternates each term.

We ask that parents move off promptly after collecting their children to ease congestion which effects the smooth flow of traffic.

If you are running later than 3.45pm please ring the school and we will make sure your child is sent to the office.

Bus Departure

- Bus - Students will wait with a supervising teacher on the **Kindergarten** verandah. Supervising teacher will walk students to the bus.

When waiting for a bus, children should stand well away from the road back from the kerb. When getting off a bus, children under 10 should be met by an adult at the bus stop, not across the road. After the bus has gone, adults should choose a safe place to cross the road holding the child's hand if under 8yrs.



Mobility impaired persons should evacuate immediately on hearing the fire alarm assisted by a nominated Team Member.



EVACUATION DIAGRAM

St Therese's Primary School, Burke Street, New Lambton NSW 2305

Guardian Safety Solutions Pty Ltd
1300 656 432



ACTION ON DISCOVERY OF FIRE

Remove people

If in danger to the Assembly Area

Alert the fire service

Staff, students, and visitors

Confine fire and smoke

Close all doors if safe to do so

Extinguish

And control the fire if safe to do so

STAGES OF EVACUATION

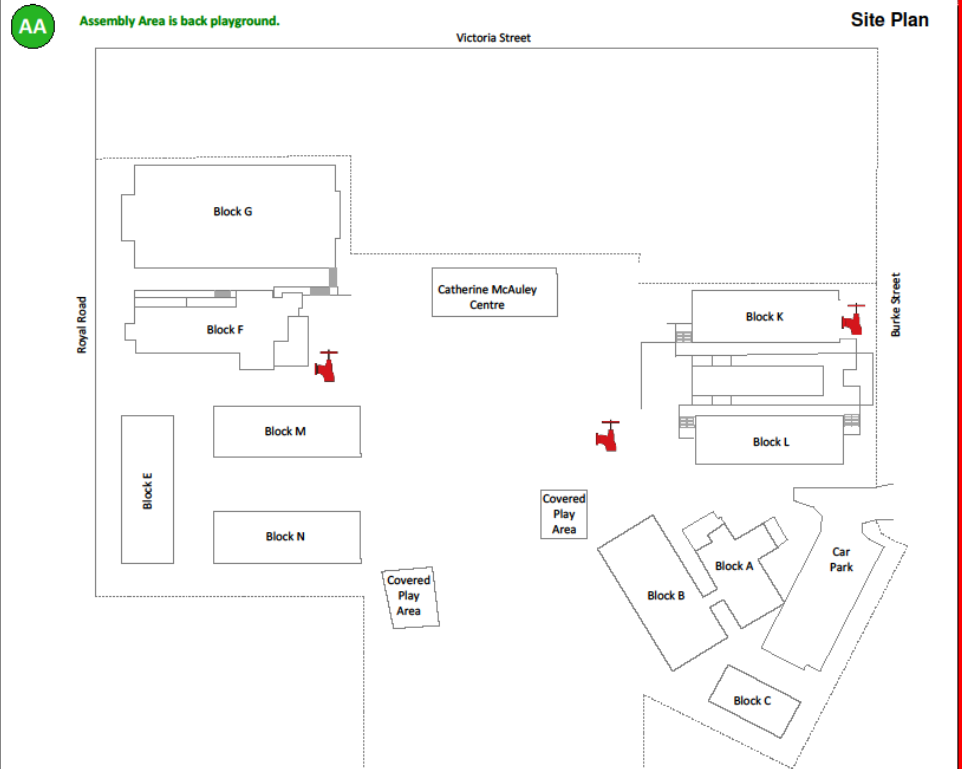
IN CASE OF FIRE

1. Person discovering the emergency to raise the alarm – notify Administration.
2. Administration – sound alarm – continuous high pitched siren.
3. Staff to collect phones – to utilise Online attendance.
4. Director to notify emergency services.
5. Staff to get children to hold hands in pairs and walk calmly to Assembly Area – Director to notify which Assembly Area.
6. Designated staff to check all areas of the school for children and staff.
7. Staff to check children off against Online Roll and check all staff, children, visitors are present at designated Assembly Area.

ASSEMBLY AREA



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To bring Christ and His message, in all its richness, into the hearts and lives of all.