RALEIGHS ROAD CAR PARK

Dear Parents/Carers,
As you would be well aware, the alterations to the Raleighs Road car park have begun. Unfortunately they were not completed in time for the start for the third term and this has caused some confusion to families that use that car park to drop off their children.

The entry point to the Raleighs Road car park has now changed. Access to the Melton Primary School section of this car park, both entry and exit, will now be via the south entrance and access to the Paul Sadler Simmsland section of the car park will be via the north entrance. Temporary bollards have been put in place to restrict access between the 2 car parks. Permanent bollards will be installed over the next few weeks.

As indicated to you in previous communications, earlier this year and last year, the Melton Primary School car park in Raleighs Road will be restricted to ‘Staff Access Only’ during drop off and pick up times. Entry to the Melton Primary School section will be restricted via the use of a boom gate which will also be installed within the next few weeks.

Over a number of years our requests to encourage the parent community to follow safe road practices and to ensure the safety of our students, your children, have been ignored by significant numbers of our parent community. Last year, school council met with the City of Melton to look at the options available to protect our students. The decision was made to implement the changes to the car park which will restrict the drive through and double parking issues.

The City of Melton and Melton Primary School Council has put out a number of fliers encouraging parents to ‘Walk Part Way’ or to ‘Ride Part Way’. We have organised meetings for parents and encouraged families to take up this option. We also held an afternoon tea in the kitchen area of our BER building to discuss these options. Unfortunately these meetings were not well attended.

Therefore, once again, I would like to encourage families that use the Raleighs Road car park as a drop off, to take advantage of the benefit of walking or riding part way. I have attached a map to this newsletter which indicates drop off points and parking points where families can then walk or ride part way to school. If many families took up this option then the congestion directly around the school grounds would decrease. For those not wanting long walks, the Girl Guide’s Hall car park, directly opposite the school in Raleighs Road and across the creek, has easy access and is a very short walk to the school, utilising the newly located school crossing. Entry to the Girl Guide’s Hall car park is via Pinkerton Street, off Yuille Street.

I encourage all of you to act responsibly and to think of your children’s safety when dropping off and picking up your children.
Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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