

MEDIA RELEASE**18 MAY 2009****NEW CROSSING IMPROVES CHILDRENS' SAFETY****Croydon Public School receives new crossing for 125th birthday!**

Burwood Council's Traffic Committee has been working closely with Croydon Public School since 2004 to ascertain potential road safety hazards and implement new strategies to reduce the risk of accident and improve traffic congestion.

Burwood Mayor, Lesley Furneaux-Cook visited the school this morning to unveil a brand new raised crossing, just one of the measures introduced by Council.

"These new road safety strategies are great news for the school community, the safety of children is of course paramount and school drop offs and pick ups are notoriously busy times of the day," said the Mayor, "this crossing not only assists families to cross the road, but it also raises drivers' awareness that this stretch of road has a high volume of pedestrian traffic," she added.

In addition to the raised pedestrian crossing Council has increased the area of the 'Kiss & Ride' zone allowing more children to disembark from their vehicles in safety. Road markings and signage have also been upgraded to heighten their visibility.

These safety measures not only improve reduce the risk of accidents around schools, but they also help educate children about the vital road rules that need to be observed and adhered to.

The safety improvements come in time for Croydon Public School's 125th anniversary celebrations!

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