Pittwater Council is working with Mona Vale Public School and Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School to implement changes to the current parking arrangements on Waratah Street and Keenan Street. These changes will assist with traffic flow and will allow for a higher turnover of vehicles during the peak AM and PM periods.

Families from both schools are being asked to use the "NO PARKING - STOP, KISS AND LEAVE" zones on the side of the road where your child’s school is located. If this is not possible, then your child must use the supervised pedestrian crossings on Keenan Street and Waratah Street to reach their school.

Parents must not risk their child’s safety by allowing them to cross Waratah Street or Keenan Street to reach their school at any other location other than the supervised pedestrian crossings. Drivers can use the roundabouts on Waratah Street to circulate through the school zone.

WHAT IS CHANGING?

1. The current P2 and P5 "Stop, Kiss and Leave" zones on Waratah Street (both sides) and Keenan Street are being removed and replaced with "NO PARKING 8AM-9.30AM - 2.30PM-4PM, SCHOOL DAYS ONLY".

2. The Waratah Street "NO PARKING ZONE" on the Mona Vale Public School side of the road will be extended for the AM drop-off period. This will allow for an additional three cars to use this space between 8am-9.30am, school days only and will remove the current unrestricted parking during the peak AM period, which is in place until 2.45pm.

3. The existing AM and AM/PM school bus zones on Waratah Street will be swapping locations. The existing unrestricted parking in place until 2.30pm will be removed and replaced with "NO PARKING 8AM-9.30AM, SCHOOL DAYS ONLY". This will allow for an additional three cars to use this space for the morning drop-off.

4. The existing 1P parking will be removed on Keenan Street (Woolworths side) and replaced with a P5 "STOP, KISS AND LEAVE" zone between 8-9.30am - 2.30-4pm, school days only". You can only park here for a maximum of 5 minutes.

HOW DO WE USE THE "NO PARKING" ZONE?

- The driver must remain within 3 metres of the vehicle.
- Drivers are only permitted to stop here for 2 minutes to drop off and pick up passengers.
- "NO PARKING" will be in place between 8am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4pm, school days only. Outside of these times unrestricted parking will apply.
- School zone parking offence - Rule 168 (1) - $173 fine and 2 demerit points.
- In the afternoons, arrive after the bell has gone and allow time for your child to reach the "NO PARKING" zone. If your child is not waiting to be collected, do not stop - please continue to circulate through the roundabouts and approach the "NO PARKING" zone again.
- If you need to walk your child into school, then you must park elsewhere, such as the Keenan Street P5 Zone, Woolworths carpark or the Bungan Lane carpark (opening late 2014).

"NO PARKING" zones provide a safe place for children to be dropped off and picked up and allow for a high turnover of vehicles. It works, if everyone follows the rules and does the right thing.