



New South Wales Government



NSW Co-ordinator
Road Safety

40km/h school zones

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school.

Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8am and 9:30am and from 2:30pm till 4pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all gazetted school days including staff development days (pupil free days).

While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits MUST be adhered to during NSW Government determined school terms.

Gazetted school term dates for 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 are listed below.

Gazetted school term dates can be found on the RTA website and

the websites of the NSW Board of Studies and the NSW Department of Education and Training.

Western Division

A small number of schools in the Western Division of NSW commence the school year one week later than schools in the remainder of the state.

Non-standard 40km/h school zone times

There are a small number of non-standard school zone times in NSW. Red signs at these schools display the non-standard times which apply.

The minimum penalty for speeding in an operating 40km/h school zone is a \$141 fine and the loss of 2* demerit points.

Dragon's teeth road markings

To increase motorists' awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular dragon's teeth road markings will indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.



GAZETTED SCHOOL TERM DATES

	2009	2010	2011	2012
TERM 1	27 January to 9 April	27 January to 1 April	28 January to 8 April	27 January to 5 April
TERM 2	28 April to 10 July	19 April to 2 July	26 April to 1 July	23 April to 29 June
TERM 3	27 July to 2 October	19 July to 24 September	18 July to 23 September	16 July to 21 September
TERM 4	19 October to 18 December	11 October to 17 December	10 October to 20 December	8 October to 21 December

Minimum fines and loss of demerit points for exceeding the 40km/h speed limit in an operating school zone

If you exceed 40km/h in an operating school zone in a light vehicle by:	Minimum fine	Minimum loss of demerit points
• 10 km/h and under	\$141	2*
• More than 10km/h but less than 20 km/h	\$253	4*
• More than 20km/h but less than 30 km/h	\$422	5*
• More than 30km/h but less than 45 km/h	\$816	6*
• More than 45 km/h	\$1,859	7*

*These values are higher for provisional drivers and are doubled during designated holiday/long weekend periods.



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