

## Executive Summary of School Traffic Safety Survey

During Term 3, 2016 APFACTS conducted an extensive survey to compile data that identifies common issues of school traffic safety in non-government schools across the ACT. The questions were based on a previous survey conducted by ACT P&C in Public Schools. Some of the questions were requests for parent solutions to traffic safety that are occurring around their schools. We had a total of 393 respondents to this survey.

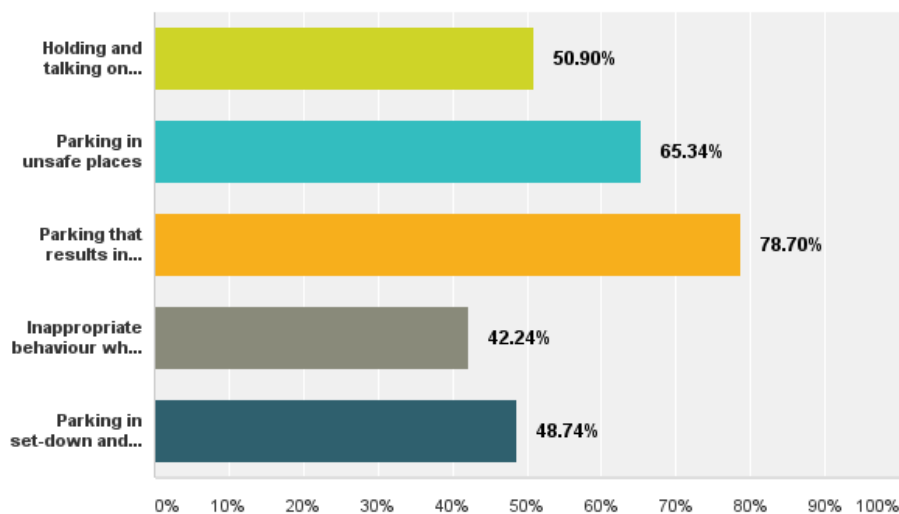
The responses can be reviewed in the following two ways.

- A. They identify issues that are common across all the participating schools
- B. They identify issues at an individual school level and detail the actions required to improve safety.

A.

### Q15 Have you witnessed any of the following behaviors in or around your school car parks?

Answered: 277 Skipped: 117

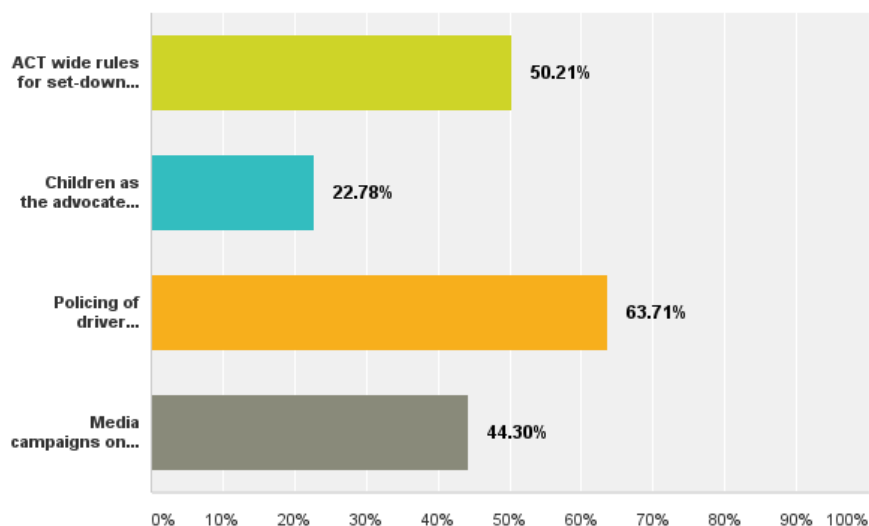


It is clear from this data that unsafe parking is the highest concern.

A.

**Q16 Are there any measures which you think would improve driver behaviour around schools?**

Answered: 237 Skipped: 157



- A consistency of publicised ACT wide rules for set-down/ pick up rules would alleviate confusion and establish a clear understanding of correct protocol
- Policing could include a high-profile campaign targeting school traffic that included policing of dangerous parking.
- Media campaigns have the potential to bring attention to the importance of good role modelling from parents on driver etiquette and the message that by complying with the rules the system works better.

**B. Schools whose traffic safety needs require urgent attention.**

**Canberra Grammar School (109 respondent's)**

- Urgent action is required for appropriate installation of children's pedestrian crossings that include pedestrian crossing ramps
- The installation of these crossings should not be at the expense of Canberra Grammar School as it is critical infrastructure that should already be in place for children's safety.
- Ride or Walk to School programs cannot be considered at this point due to the absence of safe crossings for the children.
- Canberra Grammar School has recently commissioned a report which should be considered as part of a School Traffic Safety Plan. As the traffic safety issues at CGS have been unresolved for such a long period of time we request an urgent solution to these concerns.

### **Daramalan College (128 respondent's)**

- Requests for increased visibility & a revision of the locations of the school crossings.
- Installation of traffic slowing measures such as speed humps
- the widening of the footpaths around the school and the footpath along the bridge at Cowper St would ease pedestrian congestion
- A School Traffic Safety Plan would allow for a review in to current traffic flow onto Morphett and Cowper St and possible solutions.

### **Marist College Canberra (60 respondent's)**

- A School Traffic Safety Plan is required for the Senior campus to seek congestion issues.
- The visibility of the crossings is inadequate
- A review of no parking & no standing zones has been requested
- An additional bus service to Marist would ease traffic congestion in this area
- Supervision of one way traffic rules at pick up / drop off times would result in greater compliance

### **St Francis Xavier College (29 respondent's)**

- A School Traffic Safety Plan is required for this site as it has particular complexities due to the proximity of St John the Apostle Primary School
- Solutions are required to the congestion issues with traffic turning onto Barnard Cct. This causes a domino effect onto Krett St. There are many requests for a set of traffic lights to be placed on Kingsford Smith Drive.