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Mr Wesley Chia - Principal
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Dear Mr Chia,

Transport and Urban Planning has been appointed by Blacktown City Council to undertake a School Pedestrian Road Safety Audit (Road Environment Risk Reviews) of the frontage access roads serving your school.

The objective of the audit is to provide a report detailing current and potential safety problems faced by pedestrians (in particularly school students) on the roads surrounding the school, with a view to making improvements if/as required.

In this regard, our before and after school audits will focus on both pedestrian and driver behaviour together with the adjoining road environment, i.e. vehicle speeds, pedestrian crossing facilities, school zones, No Stopping zones, parking/unparking and the like.

To this end, Transport and Urban Planning staff may be present on street taking photographs and/or recording pedestrian and vehicle data over the coming weeks.

To assist Transport and Urban Planning in the audit, it would be appreciated if you or a senior staff member could complete the attached questionnaire and return the same by **fax to 9545 1556 or email to mick@transurbanplan.com.au** within the next seven (7) days so that we may develop (in part) a profile of existing and potential road safety issues related to your school for future attention by Blacktown City Council.

Should you have any further questions regarding this safety audit or the questionnaire, please contact Mick Bridgman of this office on 9545 1411 during normal business hours.

Alternatively you may wish to contact Blacktown City Council's Road Safety Officer, David Tynan on 9839 6363 for further information.

Your help and co-operation in this regard is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Mick Bridgman
Transport, Traffic and Road Safety Consultant

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Name of School: _____

Eastern Creek PS

1. What is the school start and finish times?

8.55am- 3.00pm

2. What age children attend this school and (approx) how many children attend this school? 4yrs to 13 yrs- approx. 300 children

3. What road safety education is already going on? Do you include road safety in any portions of your curriculum? Yes- Road safety and bus education

4. What are the best days in the coming weeks for observing before and after school? Which streets should be observed and when? Do you have any pupil-free days prior to Easter school holidays this year? Any school day- Rooty Hill Rd South, 8.30am to 9.30 and 2.30pm to 3.30pm- no pupil free days

5. In which streets are the school gates located?

Rooty hill Rd South

6. Do you have a school education policy? Does it include any rules or restrictions on cycling (helmet use), bus, parking, gate use, and activity during school finish times?

Yes- no parent parking in school grounds- wearing bike helmets if using a bike or skate board, parking to be used up at the Cawarra St car park.

7. What road crossing facilities does your school already have and where are they located? Nil- this is dangerous as children get off opposite the school and have to cross Rooty hill Rd south

8. Do you have any crossing supervisors, staff helpers, or parents that assist with road crossing, parking, bus duty, etc? no

9. Do you have a high non-English speaking student or parent population? If so, what is the estimated percentage?

Approx. 47 % from NESB

10. Are you aware of any pedestrian accidents near the school? If yes, can you please describe what happened?

No

11. What is the main mode of transport to / from school for children?

Walk Some children walk to school

Bus

Car most picked up by car

12. Mark on the attached map and identify / comment on the following issues (if relevant):

- Speeding Cars very important issue especially outside school times
- Cars that cut the corner no
- Too many trucks yes- many many trucks and lorries use Rooty hill Rd South
- Vehicles don't give way- no
- Poor visibility- no

- Bad footpaths – no- but the road is very close to the footpath and speeding trucks could suck children into the road lane

- Bus problems- the bus stop does not line up with the gate to the school

- Unsafe crossing- there is no crossing

- Road too narrow / too wide -no

- Too much traffic Lots of traffic

- Too many parked cars- parking is restricted to the Cwarra St car park but parents continually try to get into the school car park

- Dangerous, slippery road no

- Chaotic traffic no

- Any other matter School needs an additional entrance- even for safety as there is no other way into the school