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SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE OUTSIDE RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL

The City of Ryde will make improvements to pedestrian and vehicle safety outside Ryde Public School after concerns were raised by local residents.

As part of the improvements, additional pedestrian fencing will be installed on Pope Street and line marking will be revised to delineate the pedestrian activated signals on Tucker Street, Ryde.

In addition, an investigation will be undertaken into extending the pedestrian crossing durations at the t-section between Pope Street and Smith Street during school drop off and pick-up times.

The improvements were endorsed by Council at its meeting on Tuesday 27 February.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said the improvements would go a long way to addressing the safety concerns outside of Ryde Public School.

“When Ryde Public School and local residents first raised these safety concerns, myself and some of my fellow councillors went to the school during pick-up times and saw the real danger to pedestrians – particularly children – first hand,” Clr Laxale said.

“The safety improvements that will be made will provide greater safety for pedestrians in the area, including school children at Ryde Public School, as well provide added guidance to motorists driving in the area during peak periods.

“I would like to thank Ryde Public School and the local residents who brought this issue to Council’s attention.”

Joanne Gartside from the Ryde Public School P & C said the decision by Council was a huge relief for both parents and children.

“These improvements would reduce the risk of someone being hurt and the fencing will keep people on the footpaths instead of spilling out onto the road. At the end of the day everyone just wants our children to make it home safely,” Ms Gartside said.

The improvements at Ryde Public School will take place alongside a round of consultation by City of Ryde on traffic and parking around local schools can be improved.

As part of this consultation, Clr Laxale and City of Ryde staff will be hosting information sessions at schools throughout March and April.

[Click here for more information on the traffic and parking around schools consultation.](#)