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### **ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS INTRODUCED AT MEADOWBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL**

The City of Ryde has installed 25 'No Stopping' signs and will increase enforcement of parking breaches to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety outside Meadowbank Public School.

The 'No Stopping' signs have been installed at intersections around Meadowbank Public School to make it clear to motorists where they can park near the school and not impact on the vision of motorists travelling through the area. Meanwhile, the increased enforcement is due to begin this week as a way to encourage motorists to obey parking rules in and around the school by Council rangers.

The safety measures were introduced following information sessions conducted by City of Ryde staff with members of the community at Meadowbank Public School and Denistone East Public School in late March.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, who attended both information sessions, said the improvements at Meadowbank Public School were just the beginning, with more improvements at other schools to be rolled out over time.

"Based on the initial information sessions it is clear the City of Ryde has to do more to address concerns about pedestrian safety around our schools, including greater communication from Council on what traffic and parking improvements are planned around schools, and increasing education for motorists and schoolchildren on how to stay safe in high traffic areas around schools," Cllr Laxale said.

"Pedestrian safety around schools is a priority for the City of Ryde and these information sessions proved to be an invaluable tool in hearing from concerned parents and residents and identifying ways in how Council can make improvements to safety.

"The City of Ryde is determined to get out more and engage in meaningful face-to-face consultation on important topics for the community, and these information sessions are another example of how we want to achieve that."

Following the information sessions in March, an additional was held at Truscott Street Public School on 4 April, while a session at West Ryde Public School is scheduled between 7pm and 8pm on Tuesday, 10 April.

Those that cannot attend any of the information sessions can submit their views online or add comments to an interactive online map via the City of Ryde's 'Have Your Say' page at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay)

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