

REDUCING SPEED LIMITS AROUND SCHOOLS

Please also consider providing feedback to the school at office@dunedinsteiner.nz

In 2019 the New Zealand Government adopted the Road to Zero Strategy - 2020 to 2029. The vision is *"a New Zealand where no one is killed or seriously injured in road crashes. This means that no death or serious injury while travelling on our roads is acceptable."*

As part of the Road to Zero Strategy, a new approach to the setting of speed limits has been adopted. This is now law, with the adoption of the Speed Setting Rule 2022.

Speed limits past all schools will reduce to 30kmph by 31st December 2027 , with an interim target of 40% of schools by 30th June 2024.

Dunedin City Council will consult on our Interim Speed Management Plan (ISMP) in November 2022 and will aim to adopt the ISMP in early 2023. School Speed Zones are part of this plan.

There are two possible ways to implement 30kmph School Speed Zones (we are currently proposing both approaches in School Speed Zones within Dunedin City):

1. 30kmph variable speed zones before and after school hours and at other times when children are present
2. Permanent 30kmph across wider areas (including the street where the school is located and neighbouring streets)

For the Dunedin Steiner School it is proposed that a permanent speed restriction is imposed

When you are considering the zone proposals, the questions to provide feedback on might be:

Are the proposed zones too large or not large enough?

- If we have proposed a variable 30kmph zone - should we instead propose a permanent 30kmph zone?
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- How supportive do you think the community will be as it relates to your school?
- Do the proposed school zones cover all school entrances?
- Do they cover the most likely walking/cycling routes?
- What else can we do to make walking/cycling to school a safer option?

We also intend to support these school zones with physical measures (e.g. raised pedestrian crossings, kerb build outs, variable signs) – this can include temporary infrastructure. What measures would you support near your school? Please use your school newsletters to write to parents and caregivers and let them know about the proposals for your school. Myself or one of the team would be happy to attend and talk to your Board to discuss the proposals.

We have already been working with some schools and we will continue that work. Improving road safety around schools will require parents, care givers, drivers, the school, the community and Council to work together. Reducing casualties around our schools and in our neighbourhoods is a great place to start as we progress the Road to Zero vision.

If you have any questions about these proposals, please email transport.safety@dcc.govt.nz or call 477 4000.

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Useful links:

[Road-to-Zero-strategy_final.pdf \(transport.govt.nz\)](#)

[Speed Management Guide | Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency \(nzta.govt.nz\)](#)