



JRA SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME

JRA's core business includes management, provision and maintenance of road infrastructure to ensure safety, accessibility and mobility for all road users including pedestrians and public transport.

JRA would like to encourage schools to take strict measures to ensure that their learners are safe on the roads, and recommend primary schools to deploy scholar patrols or trained officers like the Outsurance points people, retired officers or JMPD at the midblock crossings to ensure the children cross safely.

As a principle JRA Traffic Engineering Department is hesitant to recommend signalised midblock pedestrian crossings at primary schools, as young children have special characteristics that require specific design in consideration. Children do not have the perceptual or cognitive capacity to make sound judgments about traffic safety until about 12 years of age. Often a false sense of confidence and security means they are at a higher risk in the pedestrian environment. Children are especially impatient, and waiting for the signal to change when it looks safe to cross is a difficult thing to do. When they do wait for the signal to change to green, they cross the street immediately. Children trust that because the pedestrian is green and the traffic signal is red, the traffic will stop. When the child's trust of the signal is combined with the inattentive driver, there exists a recipe for disaster, thus we recommend scholar patrol.

Why do we need scholar patrol?

- Each year, children travel to and from school almost 200 times.
- Dangerous traffic congestion occurs around schools with so many parents dropping their children off in the morning and picking them up after school.
- Traffic Authorities, school teachers and principals recognise that this congestion creates the most dangerous location on a child's journey to and from school.
- Scholar Patrol performs a very important and responsible public service by controlling traffic and by safeguarding scholar pedestrians. Scholar patrollers guide fellow learners and prevent them from entering traffic when it is unsafe.

What are the benefits of Scholar Patrols

- The Scholar Patrol program benefits the school, the community and the student safety patrollers.
- The program provides quality training and recognition for student safety patroller's efforts.
- Apart from providing safer access to schools at nearby crossings, this program inspires patrollers to develop positive relationships with peers and authority figures and develop leadership skills, teamwork, maturity and a sense of responsibility.
- The Scholar Patrol helps foster closer ties with the community and increases the school's visibility in the community.
- Student patrollers are visible ambassadors for their school and assist both parents and their children at school crossings.
- Characteristics of members of Scholar Patrol / School Patrol
- Scholar Patrol is a call for unselfish service to fellow pupils and the community. It requires the efforts of individuals with the following characteristics:
 - Responsibility – a focus on the safety of pedestrians is of paramount importance.
 - Punctuality - the team and our fellow pedestrian scholars depend on the team to be on duty, on time.
 - Dedication - demands are made on the free time of scholars and their ability to come out in any weather conditions, their enthusiasm and need for ongoing training.
 - Commitment to teamwork with character traits like dependability, attention to detail, honesty, seriousness etc

ROAD SAFETY BEGINS WITH ME!!!



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