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Dear Principal

SCHOOL PARKING

With the commencement of the school year I am taking the opportunity to communicate in relation to parking issues in the vicinity of schools, particularly during drop off and pick up times.

School parking restrictions are in place primarily for the safety of students, who place themselves at risk due to lack of awareness around traffic and in response to complaints made by members of the community, who report poor or discourteous driver behaviour. As a result, the City Rangers and Security conduct school parking patrols every morning and afternoon to encourage compliance with local parking laws. Cautions are issued in some circumstances, however infringement notices are the most likely outcome to change driver behaviour and highlight safety risks created by non-compliance.

The frequency and location of patrols is selected upon several factors and include pedestrian safety, complaints from community members or schools and levels of non-compliance at the particular location.

Unfortunately, whilst attending to this function, City officers are frequently subjected to verbal abuse and physical threats and as a result take evidentiary photographs of offending vehicles to send infringements in the post, without approaching the driver, if they feel they may not be able to do so safely. This is the reason you may receive queries about photographs being taken. I can assure you officers are taking evidentiary photographs only and are not photographing students, as is sometimes alleged.

Threatening behaviour towards City officers going about their duties is inappropriate and unacceptable and will be reported to Western Australia Police for attention, on all occasions.

The City is committed to providing a safe parking environment and I am keen to work co-operatively with any school in the City to improve parking and reduce offending.

Please find attached a School Parking brochure which we encourage you to provide to parents, to assist with parking around schools.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss any of the matters raised in more detail and can be contacted via telephone on 9272 0972 or email at simon.hubbard@bayswater.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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