

Safe speeds around schools

Ngā tere haumaruru tata ki ngā kura

60km/h variable speed limit



Why is the variable speed limit for this school set at 60km/h?

Category two schools are more likely to be in areas where pupils are generally driven or bus to school, as distances make walking, cycling and scootering less practical, and where a pick-up/drop-off space is provided off road. This means that there is less danger of tamariki being directly struck by a vehicle, which would require a lower speed limit to minimise their risk of death or serious injury.

Why didn't you permanently reduce the speed outside the school?

We need to balance safety around schools with the efficiency of traffic movements on the state highway. A variable speed limit makes the area outside the school safer for vehicle movements at school drop-off/pick-up times.

The Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 (the rule) sets out how we manage speed limits. The rule requires variable speed limits to be applied to the road outside the school gates of all schools.

How did you decide where to put the variable speed limit signs?

Generally, we have installed a variable speed limit sign approximately 300m either side of a school entrance on the state highway. However, the signs are further away when this is more practical or more effective.

Will a variable speed limit operate out of normal school drop-off and pick-up times?

Yes, if required by the school to accommodate the movement of a high number of tamariki during school related events.

Are variable speed limits enforceable?

Yes, variable speed limits are enforceable speed limits.

Did you consult with the public on these changes?

While we have previously consulted with the public on proposed variable speed limits outside schools, most recently in November/December 2022, the rule specifically exempts schools from consultation and requires that variable speed limits are implemented on roads outside the school gate before 1 July 2026.