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‘Do it right, go left’ at school drop off: RACQ

The State’s peak motoring body has urged parents to teach their children to ‘do it right, go left’ when thousands of pupils returned for the first day of the school year.

RACQ spokesperson Lucinda Ross said the simple lesson could save a child’s life.

“To make sure little ones aren’t getting out of the car into the way of oncoming traffic, they should learn to exit on the left-hand side of the car,” Ms Ross said.

“Teach them the saying - ‘do it right, go left’, to help it stick in their minds.”

Ms Hunter said parents and caregivers should be hyper-vigilant in school zones, as children generally did not think about road safety when they arrived at the gate.

“Children might be excited or preoccupied about the start the new school year, and to see their friends after the Summer break and this means road safety won’t be top of mind,” she said.

Ms Ross said the warning came as new RACQ research revealed 89 percent of motorists were frustrated by other drivers who ignored restricted speed limits in school zones.

“We understand why Queenslanders are frustrated because there’s no reason for speeding – and to do it in school zones and risk children’s lives, is inexcusable,” she said.

“School zones become a hive of activity, especially around start and finish times with children crossing the road or riding their bikes, and parents dropping off or picking up their kids, so all drivers need to exercise patience and pay extra attention to their surroundings.”

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