

Letter from Mr. Frankie Byrne, Principal, Belgrove Senior Boys' School.

Cars in Vernon Court

The school gates are a very busy place every morning from 8.30am and every afternoon at 2.20 pm. Over 300 hundred excited schoolchildren arrive at and exit from the school at those times.

Many walk to school, some cycle and some are delivered by parents. The road outside the school is small and narrow and is thronged with adults and children. **A serious issue of health and safety has been ongoing, occasioned by a small number of parents driving down Vernon Court to deliver/collect their children before/after school.**

This poses a most serious threat to the children's safety.

We have had a few near misses, where boys have come close to going under the wheels of a car. Thankfully... and miraculously, we feel...there have been no injuries to date but the present situation is, literally, an accident waiting to happen. The situation cannot be allowed to continue; the school would be in serious breach of its duty of care to the children if we did not address the issue as a matter of urgency.

We appeal to these parents/guardians who drive down Vernon Court to change their pick-up point for delivering/collecting their son. The safety of the children is paramount and must take priority over any considerations of convenience for parents. We look forward to the fullest co-operation in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Frankie Byrne
Principal