

Tirohanga anō ki ngā terenga rawa ā-waka mō Te Taitokerau me Te Raki o Tāmaki Makaurau

Northland and north Auckland speed reviews

Teacher resources



Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is proposing to lower speed limits at schools and through townships on state highways in Northland and north Auckland.

At schools, we're proposing to install new or lower existing variable speed limits, because we know that tamariki are vulnerable during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.

Consultation is on until 14 June - learn more at nzta.govt.nz/speedreviews

What is a variable speed limit?

This is a legally enforceable road sign that tells drivers they must slow down when they are driving near a school during the busy period of the day when students are arriving and going home.

A variable speed limit sign is usually turned on some time before school starts and then turned on again for a period at the end of the school day.

The speed limit drivers must slow down to is displayed on the sign when it is turned on.

When a variable speed limit sign is active, the speed limit is 30km/h at schools where people tend to walk along the road, or 60km/h where the main risk to safety is turning vehicles.

Class discussion questions

How do you get to and from school?

Do you feel safe when you travel? Why / why not?

What are some of the things you can do to keep safe when you're near the road outside school?

How might we measure speed?

What do you think about having a speed limit outside school?

Road Map: Road safety resources for schools

The Road Map describes road safety education in schools and outlines available resources.

Visit education.nzta.govt.nz/teacher-resources/school-policy-and-practices/road-map/

There is an edition for primary and intermediate school students, and another for secondary school students.

It includes case studies, a guide to each stage of a young person's development, and a directory of road safety education resources for teachers, young people and their families.

Road safety education helps young people contribute to everyone's safety over the long term. Students who participate in a safe system act responsibly, articulate high expectations and ask questions about how the system meets everyone's needs.

Education is one part of Road to Zero, the New Zealand Government's road safety strategy for 2020-30. This strategy envisions a New Zealand where no one is killed or seriously injured in road crashes.