

1. CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH INTERMEDIATE – SCHOOL PATROL ON SELWYN STREET

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to submit to the Council the Board's recommendation that a school patrol on Selwyn Street at Christchurch South Intermediate School be approved, and that the Council legalise the operation of this school patrol. The **attached** plan refers.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Christchurch South Intermediate School's Board of Trustees and the Police Education Officer have approached the Council to assist with improving road safety for children crossing Selwyn Street when travelling to and from the school.
3. The outcome of meetings with the School's Board of Trustees and Police including site meetings, is the agreement to seek the installation of a school patrol crossing on Selwyn Street, south east of the Cheviot Street intersection. The agreed site of the school patrol crossing will optimise safety by avoiding vehicle conflict between left and right turners at the adjacent Cheviot Street intersection; vehicle conflict at an adjoining vehicle entrance; maximise approach visibility and provide an adequate queuing area off road-opposite the school for children using the school patrol, similar to the school side.
4. School officials agree that once this traffic control device is operational, students will be required to cross Selwyn Street only at the school patrol crossing point. This requirement will further reduce the safety concern as children currently cross at a number of crossing points along and adjacent to the school frontage.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The installation of the school patrol which includes all signage, road marking, associated kerb and landscaping, can be completed using allocated school crossing equipment and maintenance budgets allocated for the 2007/08 Council financial year. The approximate cost is \$3,000, including kerb cut down modifications, berm sealing and crossing installation.

BACKGROUND (THE ISSUES)

6. School officials and the Police Education Officer are concerned about the safety of children who need to cross Selwyn Street as part of their journey to and from the school. While a crossing facility exists just south east of the Cheviot Street intersection (in the form of a kerb extension on the school side) students cross Selwyn Street at a number of locations and from various school gates.
7. The outcome of a meeting between the School Board of Trustees, senior school staff, Police and Council officers was agreement that the operation of a school patrol at the existing crossing facility was appropriate.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that pursuant to the Local Government Act 1974 and 2002 and in accordance with the Land Transport Rule 54002, Traffic Control Devices Rule 2004, the Council approve the authorisation of the head teacher of Christchurch South Intermediate School to appoint appropriately trained persons to act as school patrols at the school crossing point as specified in Selwyn Street, located at a point more or less 12 metres south east generally of Cheviot Street.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

Clause 12 (Part C) of this report records other related delegated decisions made by the Board regarding an affected street tree and also the provision of associated parking restrictions.