

Envision the fear in a parent's heart watching their child navigate through speeding traffic every morning just to cross the road to school, or the anxiety felt by students as they gather courage to dash across between cars. Why should we expose our cherished children to dangers, when the solution is simple enough? What do we gain knowing that students are risking their necks to the bustling street? We cannot remain oblivious to the possible perils children face on a daily basis. As head teacher with 15 years of experience monitoring this road, I declare we add a pedestrian crossing with flashing lights outside our school. The reasons are simple – it enhances safety, manages traffic flow and ensures designated safe crossing point.

How many more deaths shall we let slip away before it's too late? Would you risk your child's safety for a few seconds of convenience? Studies show flashing crossings reduce accidents by 40%. Every day, our children face danger when crossing Hillview Road to reach school. Just last month, Year 8 student Courtney had a near miss that has left her never the same again. Installing a pedestrian crossing with flashing lights isn't just a good idea - it's as essential as providing textbooks for learning. The time to act is now, the time to act is today, the time to act is before tragedy strikes once again.

A pedestrian crossing with flashing lights remains essential for student safety, as demonstrated by accident statistics, visibility improvements, and traffic-calming effects. By adding these features to Hillview Road, we ensure that traffic is controlled, speed limits are appreciated, and our students' lives are saved. Vehicles will have more flow through the road, and the once staked lives will now be protected. Do we wait for tragedy to strike again before installing a safe crossing? Only last week, Year 7 student Emma narrowly avoided being hit when a car failed to stop. Is this the destiny awaiting our students?

When you cross a road, what is the first thing you should always rely on? That's right – the zebra crossing. Here's a fun fact -The first zebra crossing appeared in the UK in 1951! The distinctive black and white stripes were designed specifically to stand out in all weather conditions and increase pedestrian safety. What's the point in knowing about it when it is barely used? In order to make sure all students know where to cross, we must create a safe and designated crossing. To all parents, carers and guardians, please encourage students to follow zebra crossings and teach them the importance of traffic safety. Your child's safety is the matter at hand for their future, their safety and their life.

Some say the road is safe enough already, the statistics showing 25,000 child injuries annually near schools prove otherwise. We understand budget constraints, but we believe student safety should be prioritised. A crossing would demonstrate your commitment to our community. Why should we expose our cherished children to dangers, when the solution is simple enough? What do we gain knowing that students are

risking their necks to the bustling street? We cannot remain oblivious to the possible perils children face on a daily basis. How many more accidents will it take before we react? Act now before another child gets hurt!