

Media statement

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Get back in the habit

Tasmania's drivers were urged today to get back into the habit of slowing to 40km/h in school zones that include school buses.

Road Safety Advisory Council Chair Garry Bailey said the school zone limit of 40km/h helped keep children safe.

“We're extending the Love 40 campaign this year to school crossing patrol officers who will have the logo on their uniforms. The new uniforms will be progressively rolled out over the coming weeks.

“We're urging drivers to do as the Road Safety Advisory Council campaign says: love 40.

“School resumes this week after a six-week break so we aren't in the habit of slowing to 40 or less.

“About 90,000 Tasmanian school children will be going to school this week – some for the first time. Those five-year-olds will be excited, apprehensive and unpredictable which is why it's so important to slow down.

“School children have been injured in school zones – 18 were hit by vehicles in school zones in the past five years.

“And two school children were killed before 2014. We are all responsible for keeping our school children safe – especially this week – so let's get back into the habit of slowing to 40km/h or less in school zones that include school buses.”

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