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Road Safety Act 1986
ROAD SAFETY (ROAD RULES) REGULATIONS 1999
Declaration of School Days Periods

1. Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to declare school days periods during which traffic control devices that are limited to 'school days' will have effect.

2. Authorising provision

This declaration is made in accordance with regulation 203(3) of the Road Safety (Road Rules) Regulations 1999.

3. Declaration of school days period

By this notice, the Roads Corporation declares each of the periods that –

a. begin on the dates specified in column two of table 1, and

b. end on the dates specified in column three of table 1 –

to be a 'school days period' (start and end dates both included) for the purposes of regulation 203 of the Road Safety (Road Rules) Regulations 1999.

Table 1

Column 1	Column Two Date on which 'School Days Period' starts	Column Three Date on which 'School Days Period' ends
School Days Period 1	28 January 2009	3 April 2009
School Days Period 2	20 April 2009	26 June 2009
School Days Period 3	13 July 2009	18 September 2009
School Days Period 4	5 October 2009	18 December 2009

Dated 20 November 2008

The Official Seal of the Roads Corporation)
was hereunto affixed in the presence of:)

GARY LIDDLE

Chief Executive

TIMOTHY LUNN

Manager Legislation

Explanatory notes:

- For the purposes of the Road Rules, if a traffic control device, such as a speed-limit sign, has information on or with the sign or device indicating that it applies on 'school days', then that device applies on any declared school day.
- A day is a 'declared school day' for these purposes if it falls within one of the periods listed in Table 1 to this notice – unless it is:
 - a Saturday or a Sunday; or
 - a day appointed under the **Public Holidays Act 1993** as a public holiday in the place in which the traffic control device is controlled.

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3. A speed limit sign or other traffic control device that is limited to 'school days' will also apply on other days if information on or with the sign or device indicates that it is a school day at that place. For example, a 'school day' sign applies if the sign also says 'school day today' even though that day is a public holiday or weekend. That particular school may be open for a special reason even though most schools are closed on that day.
 4. All 'school day' signs operate during declared 'school day periods', even though some schools may be closed on some days during those periods. The terms of Government and independent schools in the State vary widely. For this reason, declared 'School Days Periods' cover not only the terms of Government schools but also times when a number of other schools are open. Drivers are expected to observe all school days signs during these periods, even though one or more of the nearby schools might be closed on a particular day.
 5. A sign or traffic control device that is not expressly limited to 'school days' applies all the time. The fact that a sign is near a school, or states that it is in or near a 'school zone', does not limit that sign's operation to school days unless the sign also states that it applies only on 'school days'.
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