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NEW SCHOOL SPEED ZONE FOR BAUMAN WAY

The Central Highlands Regional Council has completed the design, purchase and installation of signs for a school speed zone in Bauman Way between Yeates Avenue and Napper Street, Blackwater. Numerous complaints about safety of school children and a request from the Blackwater Police led Council to adopting a resolution in August this year to introduce this new school speed zone.

Cr Bell said “on the 6 August Council received a letter from the Officer in Charge of the Blackwater Police Station seeking the reduction of the speed limit in Bauman Way, particularly around the marked pedestrian crossing between Park and Bernard Streets. On 17 August Council resolved to install the new school safety speed zone. The CHRC has responded promptly to this issue of pedestrian safety. Students accessing Blackwater High and Blackwater North Schools via the pedestrian crossing had been at risk because of speed. Unfortunately Councils, along with our Police Service, have to take action to ensure safe pedestrian travel to and from school. But I also urge all residents to slow down during school hours no matter where you are travelling within the town to ensure all our children leave and return safe from school.”

Mr Brad Duke, CHRC Area Executive Manager Blackwater said “This week we have had advice from Council staff that the signs have been installed, and that the section of Bauman Way between Yeates Avenue and Napper Street and extending to Park and Bernard Streets is now under the school zone speed of 40kph as indicated by the signs”.

Mr Duke said “Police have been advised of the completion of the new signage and we are seeking their support in ensuring that all of the community responds to this important road safety initiative initiative that protects our children and all other users”.

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