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School’s In – Keep a Look Out for Our Kids

School starts again on Wednesday and motorists are being asked to take extra caution and watch out for children on roads around schools.

Acting Education Minister Delia Lawrie said motorists should expect more traffic around schools than usual on Wednesday and Thursday as families send thousands of new students to their first day of their schooling life.

“The first day of school is an exciting day for students and there will be a record number of young Territorians starting their education this year,” Ms Lawrie said.

“This year there will be students from 186 schools heading back to class starting on Wednesday.

“The Territory Government is running advertisements in newspapers and on radio to promote road safety around schools.

“I urge motorists to take extra caution directly around their local schools and their suburban streets, particularly around the start and end of the school day when there will be lots of kids out and about.

“From Wednesday 40 km/h school zone speed limits will be back in place from 7am until 5pm on school days.

“This is also a good time for parents and carers to talk to their children about road safety and using school crossings.

“It is also important that children riding bikes wear helmets, and remember that they should get off their bike and walk it across school crossings,” Ms Lawrie said.
The Territory Government will continue delivering road safety education with children this year using Hector the Road Safety Cat. Last year the Road Safety Branch visited around 27,000 students.

For further information on school road safety, visit www.roadsafety.nt.gov.au

For details on returning to school, visit www.det.nt.gov.au or contact your school.

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