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SAFETY AROUND LOCAL SCHOOLS BOOSTED BY NEW INFRASTRUCTURE

Some of the region's most vulnerable road users - school children - are now benefiting from the installation of new safety infrastructure around local schools as part of a state-wide program.

Member for Wagga Wagga, Daryl Maguire MP said the improvements to pedestrian infrastructure around schools in the region would make it safer for children walking in the area.

"The \$5 million program is being rolled out across 132 schools around the state and is part of the Government's \$10 million boost to school zone safety," Mr Maguire said.

"I'm pleased to announce that Wagga Wagga has shared in this funding and work has now been completed in school zones at Mater Dei Primary School and Mater Dei Catholic College."

"This funding will see the installation of a pedestrian refuge at the schools."

"Every school in the region already has at least one set of school zone flashing lights installed and these upgrades will only further enhance the safety of our local children."

"Since 2013, there have been no child pedestrian deaths in an operational NSW school zone and these upgrades will further protect our children, especially during the busy school drop off and pick up times."

"It's also still vitally important to remember that we all need to play our part in keeping pedestrians safe – always obey 40km/h school zone speed limits and keep an eye out for children who might run onto the road unexpectedly," Mr Maguire said.

The number of pedestrian deaths in NSW so far this year stands at 41, which is 12 less than the same time last year.