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NEXT 5 SCHOOLS SELECTED FOR FLASHING LIGHTS

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School zone lights campaigner Peter Olsen today announced the next 5 school zones to be fitted with flashing lights as part of the private school zone lights installation program.

Mr Olsen said the roll out of the flashing light technology is part of the joint commitment with Brydens Law Group to improving safety in 10 school zones over the next two months.

“Nothing’s more important than the safety of our kids and our focus is on making their travel to and from school as safe as possible.

“That’s why we’re getting on with the job of delivering on our promise to roll out flashing light technology in the western suburbs to slow people down in 40kmh school zones.

“I have now installed flashing lights in 6 school zones and I’m pleased to announce the next five locations for the installation of flashing lights.

“Installation will start this week in school zones in the Liverpool and Fairfield areas,” he said.

Mr Olsen said the remaining 5 zones targeted for funding by Brydens will be announced later in the month.

“The selection of new school zone sites for flashing lights is based on various criteria including requests submitted by schools, the availability of suitable installation locations, crash risk, traffic and pedestrian volumes, speed limits, road environment and visibility.

“This is to ensure we install flashing lights at those schools that need or want them most.

“The majority of motorists try to do the right thing but because of the lack of flashing lights at 97% of school zones, responsible drivers regularly speed through them without meaning to, thereby placing the lives of children at risk.

“Children are among our most vulnerable road users and travelling at even 5kmh over the speed limit can double your risk of having a crash,” he said.

Mr Olsen said the flashing lights program was implemented in January to get people to slow down around schools and is supported by revenue from private sponsors.

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School Zone Alert Systems – 5 Sites for March Installation

	School Name(s)	Road Name	Suburb
1	Bossley Park High School	Prairie Vale Road	Bossley Park
2	Canley Heights Public School	Cumberland Highway	Canley Heights
3	Cartwright Public School	Cartwright Avenue	Cartwright
4	Fairfield West Public School	Cumberland Highway / Hamilton Rd	Fairfield West
5	Green Valley Public School	Green Valley Rd	Green Valley