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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 Castle Hill, Ray Williams 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 Williams said.

"I'm pleased to announce that Castle Hill has shared in this funding and work has now been completed in school zones at Castle Hill Public School and Ironbark Ridge Public School."

"This funding will see many improvements at these schools including upgrades and installation of new fencing on the road."

"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 Williams 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.

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