ORAN PARK

School gets its own speed safety zone

STUDENTS starting school for the first time at Oran Park Anglican College will have a safer trip to and from the classroom with a new 40km/h school zone installed. The zone will be installed on Central Ave, from 10m south of Peter Brock Drive to 30m south of Shannon Way and on Shannon Way from Central Ave to 25m northwest of Redman Grange.

The zone was expected to be installed in time for the start of school this week. Camden state Liberal MP Chris Patterson said the school zone had been installed after a review by Roads and Maritime Services. “The new school zone is expected to create a safer environment for students of the new Oran Park Anglican College,” Mr Patterson said. The 40km/h speed limit will be in operation from 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm on gazetted school days. “RMS urges motorists to follow the 40km/h school zone speed limit to help ensure the safety of all road users,” Mr Patterson said. Details: rms.nsw.gov.au.

MT ANNAN

Reserve upgrade continues

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