



Thomas More College

KLOOF, KWAZULU-NATAL

The School for all Seasons

Long Walk - Conduct within the Summerveld area

Horses have a highly developed sense of hearing and extremely mobile ears that allow sound from all directions to be detected. Horses can also hear sounds that are inaudible to humans, and can detect faint noises up to 4 km away. And this is where the problem comes in and is why they are unpredictable, and will spook and panic for no apparent reason.

A couple of pointers:

- Please maintain a maximum speed limit of 40km per hour. The roads are not in a good condition and the added noise of the cars can cause a problem.
- Any bikes being used for marshals or monitoring are to maintain the same limit.
- When passing animals, drive slowly. Give them plenty of room and be ready to stop. If a horse looks unsettled (i.e prancing around) please stop until the rider has the horse under control.
- Most motorists / bikers may not be aware that although horses on the road may not be afraid of traffic, they are born flight animals and if something frightens them they will not stop, not even for a car. This does not mean that drivers should go past as quickly as possible, but should slow right down or even stop if they have to.
- Do not scare animals by hooting, revving your engine or accelerating rapidly once you have passed them.
- Bicycles are particularly scary to horses, please be aware of this and ask cyclist to make the rider aware if they are approaching or plan to ride past.
- Be particularly careful of horse riders especially when overtaking. Always pass wide and slowly.
- Horse riders are often children, so take extra care and remember riders may ride in double file when escorting a young or inexperienced horse or rider. The horse is also very sensitive to any insecurity or lack of confidence in the rider, and will respond accordingly.
- Please no vuvuzela's, horns, whistles and noise making devices.
- Please no flags
- Children to please keep their distance from any horses that are out, as well as no screaming nor sudden movements while in the vicinity of a horse - **Please note this applies to horses out on the road being ridden as well as those in the surrounding paddocks.**
- In the past there have been reports of kids throwing stones at dogs, please note that this is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
- Children are not to walk in the middle of the road.
- Parents to please pull off to the side of the road to allow traffic through.