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Alert system aids safety

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The safety of school students on the Gregory Developmental Road has been enhanced thanks to a new device being used by IES Resources.

The early vehicle alert system has been installed in the Greenvale school buses and the entire IES Resources truck fleet.

A spokesman for the company said successful trials in Charters Towers, Townsville and Mt Garnet fleet, driving from Kagara's mining operations in the north, have proved a great value for drivers.

The early vehicle system provides drivers with an audible and dashboard light alert when an oncoming vehicle or defined road hazard is within 500m to 750m vicinity.

Drivers are alerted of the potentially hazardous situation ahead of the risk of an incident is dramatically reduced.

The spokesman said the installation of the alert systems into the school buses added to safety precautions already introduced by the company.

He said the alert systems were installed at a cost of \$21,000 demonstrating the company's work at the forefront of safety in the community.