

BICYCLE AND SCOOTER POLICY

RATIONALE

- To provide the school community with clear guidelines for the riding of bicycles and scooters to and from school.
- To ensure parental support reinforces all elements of safe cycling including the wearing of bicycle helmets.
- To develop responsible behaviours, attitudes and decision making skills for the safe use of bicycles both on and off the road.

AIMS

- Children from Grades 3-6 are permitted to ride bicycles to school.
- We recommend that children from Prep to Grade 2 to ride to school with parental supervision or must have written permission.
- Parents should ensure that children who ride to school have the necessary skills to ride with safety, including the wearing of a correctly fitted helmet.
- A bike enclosure will be provided for the housing of bicycles and scooters.
- Although care will be taken, the school cannot accept responsibility for bicycles ridden and housed at the school.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Bike helmets must be worn correctly. Parents will be contacted and the bicycle will be retained at school if no helmet is worn.
 - Bicycles must be walked within the school ground. Bicycles are not to be ridden, straddled or scooted in the school grounds during school hours.
 - Riders must enter and leave by pedestrian gates only.
 - Skateboards, roller blades or wheeled objects are not to be ridden to school.
 - Scooters powered by motors cannot be ridden to school
 - Skateboards, roller blades and roller skates are not considered a safe means of transport to school
 - Bicycles and scooters will be housed in the bike enclosure during school hours.
 - The bike enclosure will be locked at approximately 9.10am and opened at approximately 3.25pm daily.
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- Bikes, scooters and helmets must be in a roadworthy condition.
- Students who do not follow rules will not be permitted to bring their bike or scooter to school for a period of time determined by the principal.

Evaluation	<i>To be reviewed as part of the Education Sub Committee 2 year minor policy review cycle</i>
Next review date	April 2020
Related Policies	None
Related Documents	
Resources	<p>Bicycle Victoria- https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/general/resources-and-advice/ VicRoads-Primary School Safety https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-safety-education/primary-schools/primary-school-road-safety-education-resources Helmet Safety-Bikes and Scooters- https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/cyclist-safety/wearing-a-bicycle-helmet</p>