

BICYCLES & SCOOTERS

POLICY

Rationale:

Students travelling to and from school, as well as at school need to be safe. Bicycles and non-motorised scooters are a popular means of transport for students but require regulation and management. The riding of bicycles and scooters will be encouraged as a means to promote active lifestyles.

Aims:

- To promote responsible and safe use of bicycles and scooters as a means of active transport.
- To encourage the use of helmets at all times.
- To develop an awareness of safety aspects and competent bike and scooter riding skills.

Implementation:

- Parents/carers are responsible for their children's safety when riding bicycles and scooters.
- Students must wear a properly fitted and secured helmet and encouraged are to wear a safety vest when riding a bicycle or scooter. Approved helmets have the Australian Standards Mark TM (AS/NZS 2063) and will be marked as suitable for cycling.
- Students will be encouraged to use the safest route to school.
- In line with The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines and Vic Roads' advice, it is strongly recommended that students in Prep to Year 4 ride to school in the company of an adult. Bicycles and scooters are very popular methods of transport for students however it is well recognised that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgement. Students in Year 5 and 6 can ride to school without an adult.
- Students will only ride their bikes outside the school grounds, with the exception of teacher supervised activities. Once entering the school grounds students are required to walk their bike or scooter.
- All bikes and scooters will be kept in the bike shed during school hours. The enclosure will be locked during this time. Students should bring their own bike or scooter lock for added safety.
- **The school accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage of bicycles or scooters, locks or helmets which are brought to school.**
- Skateboards, skates and other forms of wheeled transport are not considered a safe and appropriate means of travel and are therefore not permitted at school.
- The school community will work together to promote safe cycling for all students.
- Bike/scooter-Ed may be incorporated into classroom programs, physical education or sport education.
- Families are encouraged to utilise resources such as the Vic Roads publication "A Family Guide to Bike Ed" which is available from Vic Roads or via the following link:

http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres/OBF25C2D-7F22-4D09-8395-C35B84E6DF7B/O/Bike_Ed_FAMILY_GUIDE.pdf

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.

Prepared by: Education Committee

Approval Date:

Review Date:

Signed: _____ (Principal)

_____ (School Council President)