

### BIKES, SCOOTERS AND SKATEBOARDS POLICY

#### **1. Rationale:**

- 1.1 Students travelling to and from school, as well as at school need to be safe. Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are popular means of transport for students, but require regulation and management.

#### **2. Aims:**

- 2.1 To provide a school environment which is safe for students, that is practical, and balances the rights of individuals with the schools duty of care toward all staff and students.

#### **3. Implementation:**

- 3.1 Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are very popular means of transport for students, but are also often involved in serious accidents.
- 3.2 It is well recognised that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgement.
- 3.3 The school will provide storage for bicycles ridden to school by students
- 3.4 Students are encouraged to provide a lock for their bike or scooter to guard against theft. Skateboards must be stored safely in classrooms.
- 3.5 Students who bring bikes, scooters or skateboards do so at their own risk. The school is not liable for any damage or theft.
- 3.6 Bicycles must be in road worthy condition.
- 3.7 Students must wear an Australian Standards approved bicycle helmet if riding a bike, scooter or skateboard to school.
- 3.8 Students from Prep to Year 4 who ride to school must do so under the supervision of an adult. Students in Years 5 and 6 may ride to school independently and must ensure that they abide by all road rules.
- 3.8 Bicycle education, road rules and safety will form part of the school curriculum.
- 3.9 Bicycles, scooters or skateboards cannot be ridden inside the school grounds at any time before 4.30pm.
- 3.10 Students who break school rules will be managed in a manner consistent with the student discipline policy.

#### **4. Evaluation:**

- 4.1 This policy will be reviewed annually as part of the school's three-year review cycle. Ratified 26<sup>th</sup> May 2014.