

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 school's 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 The school will provide storage for bikes, scooters and skateboards ridden to school by students.
- 3.3 Students are encouraged to provide a lock for their bikes, scooters and skateboards to guard against theft. Skateboards must be stored safely in classrooms.
- 3.4 Students who bring bikes, scooters or skateboards to school do so at their own risk. The school is not liable for any damage or theft.
- 3.5 Bicycles must be in safe working condition and must have at least one effective brake and a working bell (or similar warning device). For more information on safety see: A Family Guide to Bike Ed. <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-safety-education/primary-schools/bike-ed>
- 3.6 Students riding bikes, scooters or skateboards to school must wear a correctly fitted Australian Standard (AS/NZS2063) helmet in good condition.
- 3.7 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 forms part of the school curriculum.
- 3.9 Bicycles, scooters or skateboards cannot be ridden inside the school grounds at any time before 4.30pm on school days.
- 3.10 Students who do not follow this policy, will be asked not to ride to school for a period of time and parents will be contacted.

4. Evaluation:

- 4.1 This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle. Ratified by School Council on 17th July 2017.