

BIKES, SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS

POLICY

Rationale:

- 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.
- Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are also often involved in serious accidents.
- It is well recognised that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgement.

Aim:

- To provide a school environment which is
 - safe for students,
 - provides an environment that is practical for riders and for storage of bikes, scooters and skateboards
 - displays a balance between the rights of individuals and the schools duty of care for all staff and students.

Implementation:

- Our school will provide safe storage for bicycles ridden to school by students under the following conditions:
 - Students wear helmets
 - Bicycles are in road worthy condition
 - Children under the age of 10 years are encouraged to ride to school in the company of an adult.
- All parents will be made aware of these school rules and the safety reasons supporting them through information newsletters and posters around the school and school grounds
- Students who contravene these requirements, but ride bicycles to school will have them stored at school and the parents will be contacted to come to school to pick them up.
- Bicycle education, road rules and safety will form part of the school curriculum, with an intensive Bike Ed program in the senior grades taught by the class teachers. Teachers will undergo training to run the Bike Ed program.
- Bikes ridden to school will be stored, by the riders, into the bike shed with monitors to oversee the storage of the bikes.
- Scooters may be ridden to school by students wearing helmets, but must be folded and stored inside classrooms/storerooms. Scooters which are ridden without helmets, can't be folded, or are powered by motors of any kind are not to be brought into or stored at school
- Skateboards may be ridden to school by students wearing helmets, but must also be stored in classrooms/storerooms.
- Bicycles, scooters or skateboards cannot be ridden inside the school grounds at any time. Clear and unambiguous signs will be prominently erected informing all visitors of this requirement.
- Students who break school rules will be managed in a manner consistent with the student discipline policy.
- The Staff and Student Leaders will provide awards to students who demonstrate safe practices with bicycles, scooters and skateboards.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed annually as part of the school's three-year review cycle
- A survey will be sent home to parents to monitor any issues that may arise out of students riding to school.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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