

# Bikes, Scooters and Skateboards

## 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 as they are 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, which is practical, and balances the rights of individuals with the schools duty of care toward all staff and students.

## Implementation:

- Our school provides storage for bicycles ridden to school by students and recommends the following:
  - Students wear helmets
  - Bicycles are in road worthy condition
  - Children under the age of 10 years ride to school in the company of an adult.
- Parents will be made aware of this policy, and the safety reasons supporting them.
- Students who contravene these requirements but ride bicycles to school, cannot bring their bicycles onto school property or store their bicycles at school.
- Bicycle education, road rules and safety will form part of the school curriculum.
- Scooters may be ridden to school by students wearing helmets. Scooters which are ridden by students without helmets, can't be folded, or are powered by motors of any kind can't be brought into, or stored in the school.
- Skateboards may be ridden to school by students wearing helmets, but must also be stored in lockers or classrooms.
- Bicycles, scooters or skateboards cannot be ridden inside the school grounds at any time.
- Students are not permitted to bring motorised wheel devices to school.

## Resources:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/Pages/trafficsafety.aspx>

## **Review**

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