

Bikes and Scooters Policy

Purpose

Students travelling to and from Wantirna Primary school, as well as at school, need to be safe. The purpose of this policy is to minimise the risk to all children and school community members under the care of Wantirna Primary School around the use of bicycles and scooters.

Aims

- To minimise the risk for students travelling to and from school
- To ensure a clear protocol is developed for entering and leaving school grounds ensuring the safety of all community members
- To ensure all students abide by the law with regards to wearing a helmet
- To ensure that students, staff, parents and carers are aware of the expect and acceptable use of bicycles and scooters when riding to and from school

Implementation

Parents and Carers Responsibilities

Parents and carers are responsible for their children riding bicycles and scooters to and from school. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure:

- That their children's bicycles/scooters ridden to school are in good and safe working order and that all protective and safety equipment as required by law is provided
- That their children correctly wear a Standards Australia approved bicycle helmet (Australia Standards Mark TM AS/NZS 2063) as required by law, at all times when in control of a bicycle/scooter
- That their children know and understand how to ride to and from school safely following all road rules
- That their children know and understand how to enter and leave Wantirna Primary School grounds correctly and in a safe manner, what the requirements and school rules are for student acceptable use of bicycles and scooters to and from school and to provide a suitable lock for their child's bicycle or scooter when at school
- That parents and children understand that bicycles, scooters and helmets are brought and stored on school grounds at the owner's risk, the school will not be responsible for damage, loss or theft
- That their children who do not comply with this policy will have consequences implemented by the school and these could include loss of bike riding/scootering to and from school

Student Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of all students riding their bicycles or scooters to school to:

- Dismount immediately before entering school grounds (at the school gates) and walk their bicycles and scooters at all times whilst on school grounds
- Store I or scooters on the school grounds until after 5 pm unless participating in a school supervised lesson or activity
- Do not touch/ride or otherwise interfere with their own or another child's bicycle before or after school, recess or lunchtimes

School responsibilities

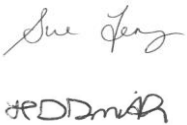
It is the responsibility of the school to minimise the risk to all students and the school community members at Wantirna Primary School, this includes travelling to and from school. Therefore in line with this policy, the responsibilities of the school are to

- In the case that the bicycle or scooter is deemed unsafe to ride, contact and inform the parent that the child will not be permitted to bring the bicycle or scooter to school until deemed safe
- In the case that the student does not wear a helmet, contact and inform the parent that the child will not be permitted to ride/scoot to and from school until abiding by the laws in wearing an appropriate helmet
- Provide a bike rack for bicycles and scooters to be stored when at school
- In the case that the bicycle or scooter is ridden on school grounds before 5 pm, contact and inform the parent that the child may have consequences for not following school rules to ensure a safe environment
- In the case that a bicycle/scooter riding is an organised school lesson or activity on site, ensure that students have appropriate equipment for safe participation. In the case equipment is deemed inappropriate by staff, students will not be able to participate
- In the case that cycling is to occur as a school planned adventure activity, contact School Council for approval

Related policies: DET School Advisory Guide [www.education.vic.gov.au/school/...Pages/riding and walking.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/...Pages/riding_and_walking.aspx)

Evaluation

Evaluation of this policy will be carried out by the Education Committee as part of the cyclic review process in three years' time or beforehand if a significant need arises.

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