

Bikes and Scooters



Policy

Ratified & Approved School Council Sept 2017



PURPOSE

Students travelling to and from Skye Primary School, as well as at school, need to be safe. Many of our students choose to ride a bike or scooter. The primary purpose of this policy is to minimise the risk to all children and school community members under the care of Skye Primary School.

AIM

- To minimise risk for students travelling to and from school
- To ensure a clear protocol is developed for entering school grounds ensuring the safety of all school community members
- To ensure all students abide by the law in regards to wearing a helmet
- To ensure that students, staff, parents and carers are aware of the expected 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 (including a working bell)
- 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 Skye 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 supply a suitable lock for their child's bicycle or scooter when at school
- That their children know and understand that skateboards or other means of transport are not permitted on school grounds
- 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
- To understand 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 bicycles or scooters to school to:

- Dismount immediately before entering the school grounds (at the school gates) and walk their bicycles and scooters at all times whilst on school grounds
- Store all bicycles and scooters in the bike shed provided. Bicycles and scooters should be locked with a suitable lock supplied by the bicycle owner.
- Store helmets in the bike shed or in student bags and lockers
- Not ride bicycles or scooters on the school grounds until after 5pm, unless participating in a school supervised lesson or activity

School Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the school to minimise the risk to all students and school community members at Skye 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 a bike or scooter is deemed unsafe to ride, contact and inform the parent that the child will not be permitted to bring the bike or scooter to school until deemed safe
- In the case that a student does not wear a helmet, contact and inform the parent that the child will not be permitted to ride/scooter to and from school until abiding by the law in wearing an appropriate helmet
- Provide a bike enclosure for bicycles and scooters to be stored when at school
- In the case that a bicycle or scooter is ridden on school grounds before 5pm, contact and inform the parent that the child may have consequences for not following school rules to ensure a safe school environment
- In the case that bike/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 Policy Advisory Guide - www.education.vic.gov.au/school/.../Pages/ridingandwalking.aspx

RATIFIED BY SCHOOL COUNCIL ON	Sept 2017
PRINCIPAL	Jane Briffa
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EVALUATION	This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle, or as required due to changes in relevant Acts, Laws, DET mandates, or should situations arise that require earlier consideration.