

PARKHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

POLICY: Bicycles and Scooters Policy

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RATIONALE

Students using Bicycles, scooters, roller blades, skateboards and the like to travel to and from school, as well as at school, need to be safe. These are popular means of transport for students but require regulation and management. Research shows that young children (especially under 10 years) have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgement.

AIMS

1. To provide parameters on the use of bicycles, scooters and similar forms of transport at school.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Students may ride bicycles or scooters to school under the following conditions:
 - They wear helmets
 - Bicycles and scooters are in a road-worthy, safe condition
 - Students under the age of 10 years should ride in the company of an adult (an exemption may be applied if written consent is obtained from the student's parent/s).
- Skateboards, roller blades, rip-sticks and other similar items should not be ridden or brought to school, excepting under the supervision of school-approved staff
- Adequate storage areas are provided for bicycles and scooters ridden to school. (However, they are brought to school and kept at their own risk)
- Parents will be made aware of these school rules, and the safety reasons supporting them
- safety will form part of the school curriculum
- Bicycles and scooters should not be ridden inside the school grounds between 7am and 6pm on school days. The school may impound any transport equipment where students contravene the school's usage guidelines
- Students who break school rules will be managed in a manner consistent with the student Code of Conduct.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four year review cycle.

APPENDICES

- Nil

REFERENCES

- DEECD - School Policy and Advisory Guide:
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/Pages/azindex.aspx>