

POLICY NO. OHS010 (Previously #2) BICYCLE / SCOOTER SAFETY

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Rationale:

Students travelling to and from school as well as those at school need to be safe. Bicycles and scooters are a popular form of transport, but require regulation and management.

Aims:

- To ensure the safety of all students
- To develop an awareness of road safety measures in all students

Implementation:

- Parents/carers are responsible for children riding bicycles and scooters to and from school.

PLEASE NOTE: In line with DEECD guidelines and Vic Roads advice it is school policy that:

1. Children under the age of 9 can only ride to school when accompanied by a responsible adult. The Victorian Road Safety and Traffic Authority has indicated that children under the age of 9 do not have the necessary road sense or skills required to ride bicycles safely on roads without responsible adult supervision.
 2. Under the road rules, people aged less than 12 years of age are permitted to ride their bicycles on the footpath, unless specifically prohibited. People aged over 18 years of age may ride on the footpath if they are accompanying a child who is under 12 years of age and the child is under the rider's supervision.
- Students riding a bike or scooter must wear a named approved helmet. Approved helmets have the Australian Standards Mark TM (AS/NZS 2063) and will be marked as suitable for cycling.
 - A Bike Ed program will be offered as part of the Level 4 curriculum. The Principal, in conjunction with the Bike Ed. Coordinator/s, will be responsible for ensuring that the program is taught effectively.
 - Children who ride to school shall park their bicycles in a designated storage area. This area is out of bounds to all children except for bicycle owners on arrival and departure and bike shed monitors. While at school, reasonable supervision of bicycles and helmets will take place. However, if loss or damage does occur, the school will not be held responsible.
 - Bicycles may not be ridden in the school grounds except when being used for instructional purposes. They shall be pushed to and from the designated storage area to an outside gate.
 - Should any student break school rules regarding the riding of bicycles or scooters they will be managed in accordance with the school's Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy. Consequences may include not being allowed to ride their bike/scooter for a period of time determined by Principal or delegate.
 - Skateboard, Rip Sticks or similar items are not permitted on school property.



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Evaluation: This policy will be reviewed as part of the CHPS three year review cycle.