



Glenroy Central
Primary School

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Bicycles, Scooters and Skateboards Policy



If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the school office on 93064144.

Rationale:

Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are popular means of transport for students but require regulation and management. It is also well recognised that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgement. Students travelling to and from school riding a bicycle, scooter or skateboard need to be safe.

Aim:

To provide a school environment, that ensures the safety for students, teachers and other members of the community.

Implementation:

Bicycle riding to and from school

- Parents/Caregivers are responsible for children riding bicycles to and from school.
(**Note:** Generally speaking, children under the age of twelve do not have the neuro-physiological and psychological development to cope with complex traffic situations on their own.)
- Road safety authorities recommend that before the age of nine- or ten-years children should not ride a bicycle in traffic without adult supervision. Depending on their cycling skills and experience, some children over this age may still require supervision.
- Children under the age of twelve may ride on footpaths as may a supervising adult. They are required to give way to pedestrians and to wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and children's crossings.
- Children aged twelve years or older are required by law to ride on the road.

Helmets

- Students must wear helmets when riding a bicycle, scooter or skateboard to and from school.
- Parents and students should be reminded that the law requires that all cyclists wear an approved bicycle helmet. Approved helmets have the Australian Standards Mark TM (AS/NZS 2063) and will be marked as suitable for cycling.

Implementation

- Students who ride a bicycle or a scooter to school must bring a lock to ensure their property is secure and safe during school hours.
- All skateboards will be secured in the Learning Communities and returned to students at the conclusion of the school day.

- Students, who contravene these requirements, will have their parent notified to establish arrangements for getting home.
- All parents will be made aware of these school rules and the safety reasons supporting them.
- Bicycle education, road rules and safety will form part of the school curriculum.
- Bicycles, scooters or skateboards cannot be ridden inside the school grounds at any time.
- Students who break school rules will be managed in a manner consistent with the student discipline policy.
- The Junior School Council Representative will provide awards to students who demonstrate safe practices with bicycles, scooters and skateboards.

Evaluation:

This policy has been reviewed by students (Student Voice Ambassadors), parents (Education Sub-Committee and School Council) and staff and will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.