

## Bicycle Riding Policy:

In the safety interest of all children, only children from Years 3 to 6 are allowed to ride a bicycle/scooter to and from the school, leaving the bicycle/scooter, during the school day, within the school bicycle shelter.

This decision is based on the information available from VicRoads; Bicycle Victoria; as well, as the recommendations of the Australian Safety Council and Victorian Police.

The welfare and wellbeing of a child riding a bicycle, to and from school, is the responsibility of the parent. Road safety authorities recommend that before the age of ten years, children should not ride a bicycle in traffic without adult supervision. Up until the age of twelve years, most children do not have the skills or experience to be safe in traffic without supervision. Every year approximately 70% of all injuries or deaths involving children between five and fourteen years, are related to using the road – mostly as a passenger, pedestrian or while riding a bicycle ((VicRoads, 2006).

Parents of children in Years Prep/1/2 may supervise their child whilst riding to school, but the bicycle will not be housed in the school bicycle shelter as it is impossible for the staff to determine, for all children in their care, if parental supervision is in place, or not.

Sharing a bicycle/scooter or 'dink' on the way home is extremely dangerous and will be discouraged at every opportunity.

Approved helmets must be worn at all times, for both bicycles and scooters, and must comply with the Australian Standards Mark AS/ANZ 2063.

It is acknowledged that not every family is a "two-car family". Accordingly, parents are encouraged to explore the possibility of establishing a car-pooling or group walking arrangement with other parents to ensure safe transportation to and from school. The large majority of children enrolled are within walking distance to the school and, in light of the current statistics concerning child obesity, walking is a very healthy activity.

All bicycles and scooters are the responsibility of the owner.

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