Bikes, scooters & skateboards policy

Rationale:

- Students travelling to and from school, as well as at school need to be safe. Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are popular means of transport for students, but require regulation and management.

Aims:

- To provide a school environment which is safe for students, is practical, and balances the rights of individuals with the schools duty of care toward all staff and students.

Implementation:

- Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are very popular means of transport for students, but are also often involved in serious accidents.
- It is well recognised that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgement.
- Our school will provide safe storage for bicycles and scooters ridden to school by students under the following conditions:
  - Students wear helmets that are securely fitted and strap is correctly fastened.
  - Bicycles are in road worthy condition.
  - Children under the age of 10 years ride to school in the company of an adult.
- All parents will be made aware of these school rules, and the safety reasons supporting them.
- Students who contravene these requirements but ride bicycles to school, cannot bring their bicycles onto school property or store their bicycles at school.
- Bicycle education, road rules and safety will form part of the school curriculum.
- Scooters may be ridden to school by students wearing helmets, but must be stored inside school bike enclosure. Scooters which are ridden by students without helmets, or are powered by motors of any kind can’t be brought into, or stored in the school.
- Skateboards may be ridden to school by students wearing helmets, but must be stored in lockers or classrooms. Skateboards which are ridden by students without helmets, can’t be brought into, or stored in the school.
- Bicycles, scooters or skateboards cannot be ridden inside the school grounds during school hours. Clear and unambiguous signs will be prominently erected informing all visitors of this requirement.
- Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are not to be ridden while using school crossings.
- Students who break school rules will be managed in a manner consistent with the student discipline policy. Parents may be notified and students may also incur restrictions determined by the Principal.
- The Student Representative Council will provide awards to students who demonstrate safe practices with bicycles, scooters and skateboards.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed annually as part of the school’s review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in ….. May 2013