



RIVERBEND

Primary School

WYNDHAM VALE

Bicycles, Scooters and 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 the students and are encouraged at Riverbend Primary School, but require regulations and to be managed in a safe manner in order to avoid accidents and ensure safety for all concerned.

Aims:

To provide a school environment that is safe and practical for students and balances the rights of individuals with respect to the school's duty of care towards all students, staff parents within and around the school grounds.

Implementation:

- Riverbend Primary School will provide a safe storage for bicycles, scooters and skateboards ridden to school.

Parents and students are expected to sign an agreement that indicates their understanding and support of the following conditions:

- a) Students are expected to wear a correctly fitted helmet at all times when riding on a bicycle, scooter or skateboard.
- b) Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are to be in roadworthy condition.
- c) Students are expected to demonstrate safe road rule etiquette at all times when travelling to and from school.
- d) Students are not permitted to ride electronically powered or motorised vehicles to school.
- e) Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are to be stored in the bike shed and locked where possible.
- f) Parents and students understand that the school is not responsible for any damaged to bicycles, scooters or skateboards at school.
- g) Students under the age of 10 years are encouraged to travel to school in the company of an adult.

Students who do not uphold the expectations regarding safe and responsible bicycle, scooter and skateboard use as outlined above will be placed on a staged management plan in consultation with their parents. (E.g. warning, bicycle/scooter/skateboard use withheld for a period of time, meeting with parents)

- All parents will be made aware of expectations associated with the bicycle, scooter and skateboard policy via the Compass portal, Principal Newsletter's and Facebook.
- Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are not to be ridden inside the school grounds at any time. Students are expected to dismount from their bicycle, scooter or skateboard and walk their vehicle to the bike shed.

- Students demonstrating safe, responsible and respectful practices with bicycles, scooters and skateboards will be positively acknowledged.

Evaluation and Review:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three year cycle of review.

Principal: Lisa Conibeer



The following agreement is to be completed by the student who will be travelling to school using a bicycle, scooter or skateboard.

This agreement is to be co-signed by the parent/carer of the student travelling to school using a bicycle, scooter or skateboard.

I agree to observe the following conditions and expectations related to safe and responsible use of a bicycle, scooter or skateboard when travelling to and from school:

- Students are expected to wear a correctly fitted helmet at all times when riding on a bicycle, scooter or skateboard.
- Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are to be in roadworthy condition.
- Students are expected to demonstrate safe road rule etiquette at all times when travelling to and from school.
- Students are not permitted to ride electronically powered or motorised vehicles to school.
- Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are to be stored in the bike shed and locked where possible.
- Parents and students understand that the school is not responsible for any damaged to bicycles, scooters or skateboards at school.
- Students under the age of 10 years are encouraged to travel to school in the company of an adult.

Consequences for irresponsible and unsafe management of bicycles, scooters and/or skateboards will include:

- A warning given to the student to adopt appropriate safety and management strategies with relevant communication to parents.
- The use of a bicycle, scooter or skateboard may be banned for an agreed period of time.
- If a student’s helmet is forgotten the student will not be able to ride their vehicle home. The students bicycle, scooter or skateboard will be stored until parents/carers can collect the vehicle or the student returns with their helmet.

We agree to the conditions and expectations stated above:

Student:..... Grade.....

Signed:..... Date:.....

Parent/Carer:..... Date:.....

Signed:.....