



## Bicycles, Scooters or Skateboards policy

Dear parents/guardians,

### ***Bicycles, skateboards & Scooters***

Eltham East Primary School requests that parents who allow their children to ride their bicycle, skateboard or scooter to school notify the school in writing that the children have permission to ride. It is school policy that:

- Children from prep to year 3 should not ride bicycles, skateboards or scooters to school.
- A note is required from parents giving a child permission to ride a bicycle, skateboard or scooter to and from school.
- Parents are to ensure their children are aware of the importance of bicycle, skateboard and scooter safety.
- Bicycle, skateboard and scooter security is the child's responsibility. Children who do ride to school should be aware of road rules and all aspects of bicycle, skateboard and scooter safety. As required by law, helmets are compulsory.
- Scooters are to be folded and carried in the school grounds.
- Skateboards are carried in the school grounds.
- Bicycles are to be walked in the school grounds.

This policy has been established to tie in with the school's Bike Ed Program, which is conducted in year 4. It is at this time that the children's visual perception skills are generally developed to the desired level to enable them to be safe bike riders and independent road users.

We ask for parent support of this policy, which has been established in the interests of the safety of children when travelling to and from school and we urge you to discuss with your child the points listed in this document.

**Cheryl Macnee**  
Principal



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## **Rationale:**

To provide a safe school environment in respect to bicycles, scooters and skateboards recognising that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgement.

## **Aims:**

To provide guidelines for the use of bicycles, scooters and skateboards in the school environment, which are safe and in line with the schools' duty of care toward all.

## **Implementation:**

- Our school will provide compulsory storage for bicycles/scooters/skateboards ridden to school by students under the following conditions:
  - Students wear helmets and abide by the school/road rules
  - All equipment is in a safe condition
  - Children under the age of 10 years ride to school in the company of an adult.
- Road rules and safety will form part of the school curriculum
- Bicycle education, will be an extra curricular activity in year 4
- Bicycles/ scooters/ skateboards cannot be ridden inside the school grounds at any time, students doing so will have their bike/scooter/skateboard confiscated\*

\*confiscated means the teacher will direct the child to take the bike/scooter/skateboard to the office for 24 hours. Parents will be notified to collect the skateboard from the office.

- Students taking risks on their journey to and from school will not be permitted to ride to school or store their bike/scooter/skateboard at school. Parents will be notified.

## **Evaluation**

- This policy will be reviewed in line with best practice.