

SOUTH YARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

BIKE RIDING & SCOOTER POLICY



Rationale:

- Students travelling to and from school, as well as at school need to be safe. Bicycles and scooters 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.
- To encourage our students to travel safely to and from school.

Implementation:

School Recommendations

Bicycles and scooters 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.

- Bicycle racks are provided by the City of Melbourne for bicycles ridden to school by students under the following conditions:
 - Students wear helmets
 - 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, through the SYPS website and in student enrolment packs.
- Students who contravene these requirements cannot ride their bicycles to 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 in the enclosure provided.
- Bicycles or scooters 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.
- There is no provision for the storage of skateboards at our school.
- Transportation devices powered by motors of any kind can't be brought into, or stored in the school.

Evaluation:

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

THIS POLICY WAS RATIFIED BY SCHOOL COUNCIL ON AUGUST 16, 2016.

References: Bicycle Network - <http://www.bv.com.au/>,

Vicroads- <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/searchresultpage?q=bike%20safety>

DET Guidelines- <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/safety/Pages/ridingandwalking.aspx>