BIKES, SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS
POLICY

Rationale:

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

Aims:

- To provide a school environment, which is safe for students, which 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 storage for bicycles.
- Students are required to:
  - Wear helmets
  - Keep 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.
- 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 folded and stored in the bike racks.
- Skateboards may be ridden to school by students wearing helmets, but must also be stored in the bike racks or classroom.
- Bicycles, scooters or skateboards cannot be ridden inside the school grounds at any time. Clear and unambiguous signs will be prominently erected informing all visitors of this requirement.
- Students who break school rules will be managed in a manner consistent with the student discipline policy.

Evaluation:

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

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This policy was last ratified by School Council on May 2012

References