



BIKE & SCOOTER

Policy



Rationale:

- Students travelling to and from school, as well as those at school need to feel and be safe. Bicycles and scooters are a popular means of transport for students, but their safe use requires regulation and management.

Aims:

- To encourage students and families to adopt safe practices for cycling and scooting when riding to and from school.

Implementation:

- Parents/guardians are responsible for their children's safety when their children ride bicycles /scooters to and from school.
- All students who wish to ride bicycles and scooters to school are required to sign a Footscray West Primary School bike and scooter agreement which is to be authorised by their parents/guardians.
- The agreement form is to be approved by the principal or nominee.
- Bicycles/scooters remain the responsibility of parents/guardians and must be roadworthy.
- While our school will provide a lock up area for bicycles and scooters ridden to school by students, we do not take responsibility for any loss or damage to personal property.
- Students must provide their own lock for securing their bicycle or scooter in the storage area.
- Students must wear a properly fitted helmet and are encouraged to wear a safety vest when riding a bicycle or scooter.
- Helmets are to be either locked onto bikes and scooters or stored in their personal locker space.
- **In line with department guidelines and Vic Roads' advice, it is school policy that:**
 - Students in Prep to Year 4 ride to school in the company of an adult as it is well recognized that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgment. Students in Years 5 and 6 students may ride to school without adult supervision.
- Students must dismount from their bicycles and scooters at the school boundary.
- Riding is not permitted inside the school grounds at any time.
- Students who do not follow these rules will be temporarily banned from bringing their bicycles/scooters to school.
- For safety reasons School Council has not approved the use of skateboards, roller blades or roller skates as an appropriate form of transport to school.

Evaluation:

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