

Bicycles and Scooters Policy

Rationale:

- Ormond Primary School encourages students to lead active lifestyles
- 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 and provide a healthy recreational activity but require regulation and management.
- It is well recognised that children under 10 years of age have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision, auditory acuity and judgement in order to ride safely without supervision.
- Victorian Road Law defines a scooter as a 'wheeled toy' when ridden by a child 11 years and under.
- Victorian Road Law defines a scooter as a 'wheeled recreational device when ridden by a person 12 years and over.

Vision:

- To provide a school environment that is practical, safe for students and balances the rights of individuals with the school's general duty of care.

Action:

- Our school will provide a storage space for bicycles and scooters ridden to school by students.
- In accordance with Vicroads regulations children under 12 years of age are permitted to ride bicycles and scooters on footpaths.
- Bicycles and scooters cannot be ridden inside the school grounds at any time except during Bike Education Sessions. Clear and unambiguous signs will be prominently erected informing all visitors of this requirement.
- Bicycle and scooter helmets must be stored in the class bag areas.
- Students who break school rules will be managed in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- The Junior School Council will provide awards to students who demonstrate safe practices with bicycles, scooters.

Bicycles

- Cyclists must wear helmets when riding.
- Children under the age of 10 years may only ride to school in the company of an adult.
- Children who are 10 years and over are permitted to ride bicycles to and from school without direct adult supervision.
- Bicycles must be fitted with an operational warning bell.
- Bicycle education, road rules and safety will form part of the school curriculum.

Scooters

- Scooters must be stored in the designated area.
- Children under the age of ten must be directly supervised by an adult or responsible older sibling when riding a scooter.
- Children 11 years and under are encouraged to wear helmets when riding scooters.
- Children 12 years and over are required by law to wear helmets and fit a warning bell to their scooters.

Renewal and Approval:

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