

BICYCLE AND SCOOTER POLICY

RATIONALE:

The riding of bikes and scooters to school is an option that children should enjoy in an environment that is safe and considerate of others.

PURPOSES:

- To provide a development program for road rules and safety issues
- To support the independence of children in their means of coming to school
- To encourage an active and healthy lifestyle pursuit
- To continue an understanding with children of actions/consequence when rules are broken.

GUIDELINES:

1. Bikes and scooter should only be ridden by children in Grades 2 – 6, unless accompanied (younger students may ask for an exemption on a case-by-case basis).
2. Children will leave their bikes/scooters in the bike cage which is locked during the school day. The school will not take responsibility for bikes and scooters. They are brought to school at their own risk. Students are encouraged to bring their own security lock.
3. Motorised scooters and skateboards are not to be ridden to school.
4. Children require permission from the parent/guardian before they can apply for a SPS bike/scooter licence.
5. The Principal, or senior staff member, issuing the licence will have a discussion about road rules and safety, reiterating the wearing of a helmet.
6. Children who are observed breaking road/school rules may lose their licence and as such will not be permitted to ride their bike/scooter to school until reinstatement.
7. Riders are to walk their bikes/scooters to and from entrance gates to the school's purpose built bike cage area. They are not to ride inside school grounds.

POINT TO NOTE:

Occasionally special days are held for bikes. On these special days advertised variations to normal rules about bikes apply.

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