BEAUMARIS PRIMARY SCHOOL
BIKE RIDING AND SCOOTER POLICY

PURPOSE
Students travelling to and from school need to be safe. Bicycles and scooters are popular means of transport for students, but require regulation and management by parents and the school. Through our Walking School Bus and the local council’s Walk Safely to School programs we encourage students to choose other means of transport to and from school than cars and buses. This will encourage fitness in our students and alleviate traffic congestion and parking problems around our school perimeter and surrounding streets.

STATEMENT OF AREA
To provide a school environment which is safe for students, which is practical and balances the rights of individuals with the school’s duty of care towards all staff and students.

ORGANISATION WITHIN THE SCHOOL
Students will be encouraged to ride bikes and scooters to school with the following recommendations:

- Students in Years 5 and 6 are able to ride bikes to school after passing the Bike Education ‘on road’ test
- Students in Prep to Year 4 may ride bikes to school only if accompanied by a parent
- Students in Year 5 and 6 may ride scooters to school unaccompanied
- Students in Prep to Year 4 may ride scooters to school only if accompanied by a parent
- All students must wear a helmet if riding a bike or scooter to school
- No student is to ride a bike or scooter in the playground.
- All bikes and scooters are to be stored in the bike enclosure
- Scooters powered by motors cannot be ridden to school
- Skateboards, roller blades and roller skates are not considered a safe means of transport to school
- All bicycles and scooters must be in a road worthy condition – see website for more information
- Students who do not follow rules will not be allowed to bring bikes and scooters to school for a period of time determined by the principal

SPECIAL FEATURES
-Bike riding development skills and road safety in school Year 4
-On road test Year 5 and 6
-Road Safety Education throughout year levels

MORE INFORMATION

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