



BEAUMARIS PRIMARY SCHOOL BIKE RIDING & SCOOTER POLICY

RATIONALE:

Students travelling to and from school need to be safe. Bicycles, scooters and other wheeled items are popular means of transport for students, but require regulation and management by parents and the school. We encourage students to choose means of transport to and from school other 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.

AIMS:

To provide a school environment that is safe for students and balances the rights of individuals with the school's duty of care towards all staff and students.

To encourage our students to travel safely to and from school

IMPLEMENTATION:

School recommendations

We encourage students and parents to comply with the following recommendations, when travelling to and from school:

- Students in Foundation to Year 4 ride bikes to school only if accompanied by a responsible adult
- Students in Foundation to Year 4 ride scooters to school only if accompanied by a responsible adult
- Students in Years 5 and 6 ride bikes to school only after passing the Bike Education 'on road' test with their parent/guardian's permission
- Only students in Year 5 and 6 ride scooters to school unaccompanied by an adult
- Students wear a helmet if riding a bike or scooter to school
- All bicycles and scooters are kept in a road worthy condition – see websites below for more information. (Roadworthiness is a precondition of participation in the Years 5 and 6 Bike Education program).
- Skateboards, roller blades and roller skates are not recommended means of transport to and from school; in any event, the wearing of helmets is encouraged.

School requirements

We require students, parents and visitors to comply with the following:

- No person is to ride a bike or scooter in the school grounds
- All bikes and scooters are to be stored in the bike enclosure

In the interest of safety, students who do not comply with the school's requirements may be banned from bringing bikes, scooters or other wheeled items to school for a period of time determined by the principal.

School Program Features:

- Bike riding development skills and road safety in school Year 4
- On road test Year 5 and for new Year 6 students
- Road Safety Education throughout year levels
- End of the Year 5 and Year 6 bike rides
- Walk to School and Ride to School Days

EVALUATION:

This policy will be reviewed with whole staff, student, parent and community input as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Ratified by School Council: May 2015

To be reviewed: May 2018

MORE INFORMATION

Bicycle Victoria- <http://www.bv.com.au/>

Vicroads- <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/searchresultpage?q=bike%20safety>

<http://vicroads.vic.gov.au/Home/SafetyAndRules/SaferRiders/BikeRiders/>

DET Guidelines- <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/safety/Pages/ridingandwalking.aspx>