



BICYCLE POLICY

Students travelling to and from school, as well as those at school need to feel and be safe.

The Department of Education and Training and NSW Roads and Maritime Services recommend that children under 10 years of age **DO NOT ride bicycles/scooters to and from school unless accompanied by an adult.**

Students in Years 5 and 6 are the only students permitted to ride to school unaccompanied by an adult. A School Bike Licence application will be sent home to be filled out and returned at the beginning of the school year.

- Children must correctly wear a Standards Australia approved bicycle helmet at all times when in control of a bicycle.
- All RMS road rules concerning bicycles are to be followed. This includes the pedestrian's right of way on footpaths. The bell should be used as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
- Bicycles must be in good, safe working order and must be fitted with a bell.
- Riders must dismount before entering the school grounds and walk their bicycles whilst inside the school fence.
- Bicycles are to be stored in the bicycle rack / area near the sports shed. Bicycles may be locked with a chain and padlocked (supplied by the bicycle owner). Bicycles and helmets are brought and stored on site at the owner's risk.
- Parents will support our road safety education program by instructing their children in the rules of road safety and maintaining their child's bicycle.
- Students who do not adhere to Engadine Public School Bicycle Policy will be managed accordance with our Student Code of Conduct. Consequences may include students not being allowed to bring their bike onto the school grounds for a period of time.

Safety Checklist

| Feature | What are You Checking For | How Does Your Bicycle Rate? |
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| Tyres | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> firm tyres tread not worn and no canvas showing no bulges or cuts | |
| Bell/ Horn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clear, loud sound | |
| Pedals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rotate freely when spun rubber not showing signs of wear | |
| Lights and Reflectors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> secure, clean and shine brightly | |
| Brakes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> blocks not worn down when brakes applied bike wheel does not rotate when brakes are applied | |
| Chain / Gears | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> does not move more than 2.5 cm when lifted is well oiled | |
| Helmet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> helmet shell and lining are not damaged helmet straps, buckles are not damaged helmet sits on top of the head (two fingers width between eyebrows and helmet edge) and can be firmly buckled under the chin | |
| Size of Bike | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> correct size for rider (see information below) | |

What is the right size of bicycle?

The right size of bicycle:

- has controls within reach
- is comfortable for the rider
- has a level seat
- the rider's feet should just touch the ground when the rider is sitting on the seat
- handlebars should allow for the arms to be slightly bent as the body leans forward
- is the right size if the rider can straddle the crossbar with both feet flat on the ground, otherwise the bicycle is too big and therefore, unsafe. There should be about 3cm between the bicycle and the rider's crotch for a medium or lightweight bicycle. For a BMX or mountain bike there should be a 10cm gap.
If there is no crossbar, make the test from where the crossbar would be.



Home Copy- For your ready reference to keep.

Child and Guardian Bicycle User's Permission Note

- I have read and understood the bicycle information provided – Engadine Public School Bicycle Policy.
- My parent/carer has read the bicycle information provided to me.
- I understand that it is a joint responsibility between my parents and I to keep the bike well maintained with all parts working correctly.
- I will wear my Standards Australia approved helmet correctly when riding to and from school.
- I will always walk my bike to and from the school gate whilst on the school grounds.
- I understand that I bring my bicycle to school at my own risk.
- I will not lend my bike to another student when travelling to and from school.
- I will not carry any passengers on my bike. I will ride my bike directly to & from school.

Signed _____ (student)

Signed _____ (parent/carer) Date: _____

Bike Pass Application. Please return this section to school

I give permission for _____ (student's name) to ride his/her bicycle to and from school in 2023 via the following route _____

I have read and understood the bicycle information provided.

I have read and explained the information to my child.

I have reviewed the Safety Checklist and understand that it is my responsibility to keep the bike well maintained.

My child will correctly wear a Standards Australia approved helmet when riding.

I understand that bicycles are brought to school at the owner's and user's risk.

Signed _____

Relationship to student: _____ Date: _____