



Engadine Public School

Bike and Scooter Policy

Rationale :

- 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, but require regulation and management.

Aims:

- To provide a school environment which is safe for students, which is practical, and balances the rights of individuals with the schools' duty of care towards all staff and students.

Implementation

- Bicycles and scooters are a very popular means of transport for students, but are also often involved in serious accidents.
- It is well recognised that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgement.
- Our school will provide storage for bicycles ridden to school by students under the following conditions:
 1. Students wear helmets
 2. Bicycles and scooters are in road worthy condition
 3. Students not in Stage 3 (Year 5 or 6) may only ride to school in the company of an adult
- All parents will be made aware of these school rules, and the safety reasons supporting them.
- Students must obtain a bike licence before they are allowed to ride their bikes or scooters to school. Students must abide by the above conditions before they are issued with a bike licence.
- Scooters may be ridden to school by students wearing helmets, but must be folded and stored inside classrooms.
- Students who contravene these requirements and ride bicycles or scooters to school, cannot bring their bicycles or scooters onto school property or store their bicycles at school.
- Bicycle education, road rules and safety will form part of the school curriculum.
- Skateboards may not be ridden or bought to school due to associated dangers.
- Bicycles and scooters cannot be ridden inside the school grounds at any time.
- Students who break school rules will be managed in a manner consistent with the student discipline policy.

Evaluation

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