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BIKE AND SCOOTER POLICY

Rationale

Students travelling to and from school, as well as those at school need to feel and be safe. Bicycles and scooters are a popular means of transport for students, but their safe use requires appropriate regulation and management.

Aim

To encourage students and families to adopt safe practices for cycling and scooting when riding to and from school.

Implementation

- Parents/guardians are responsible for their children's safety when their children ride bicycles /scooters to and from school.
- All students who wish to ride bicycles and scooters to school are required to sign a Elsternwick Primary School bike and scooter agreement which is to be authorised by their parents/guardians.
- The agreement form is to be approved by the principal or nominee.
- Bicycles/scooters remain the responsibility of parents/guardians and must be roadworthy.
- While our school will provide a lock up area for bicycles and scooters ridden to school by students, we do not take responsibility for any loss or damage to personal property.
- Students must provide their own lock for securing their bicycle or scooter in the storage area.
- Students must wear a properly fitted helmet and are encouraged to wear a safety vest when riding a bicycle or scooter.
- Helmets are to be either locked onto bikes and scooters or stored in their personal locker space.
- In line with department guidelines and Vic Roads' advice, it is school policy that: Students in Prep to Year 4 ride to school in the company of an adult as it is well recognised that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgment. Students in Years 5 and 6 students may ride to school without adult supervision.
- Children must dismount from their bicycles and scooters at the school boundary. This applies to toddlers too.
- Riding is not permitted inside the school grounds at any time.
- Students who do not follow these rules will be temporarily banned from bringing their bicycles/scooters to school. The duration of the ban will be determined by the Principal or Principal nominee.
- For safety reasons School Council has not approved the use of skateboards, roller blades or roller skates as an appropriate form of transport to school.

Evaluation

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