BICYCLE AND SCOOTER POLICY

1. Rationale:

Bicycles and scooters are a popular means of transport for students, but their safe use requires regulation and management.

2. Aims:

2.1 To encourage Ashburton Primary School students and families to adopt safe practices for cycling and scooting when commuting to and from school.
2.2 Create a school culture that supports active travel to and from school.
2.3 Enable students to gain the skills and confidence to travel to and from school safely.
2.4 Students may ride bicycles and scooters to and from school independently, following the completion of the Bike Experience Program in Year 4.

3. Roles and Responsibilities:

School
- Our school will provide appropriate storage for bicycles and scooters.
- Students who do not adhere to school rules will be managed in accordance with the school’s actions and consequences.
- Bike Experience program will be provided to Year 4 students in Term 4.
- Ashburton primary school will not accept responsibility for damage to bicycles or scooters on school property

Parents / Carers
- Parents / Carers are responsible for their children’s safety when riding bicycles and scooters.
- Any student riding or scooting to school prior to completing the Bike Experience Program must be accompanied by an adult.

Students
- All road and safety rules are to be observed.
- Students must enter and exit the school via the designated gate.
- Students must dismount from their bicycles and scooters at the school entrance.
- Riding is not permitted inside the school grounds at any time, unless under direct supervision of an appropriately trained teacher.
- Bicycles and scooters must be stored in the designated area.

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Road safety and regulations

- Road safety authorities recommend that before the age of nine or ten years children should not ride a bicycle in traffic without adult supervision.
- Depending on their cycling skills and experience, some children over this age may still require supervision.
- Children under the age of twelve may ride on footpaths as may a supervising adult. They are required to give way to pedestrians and wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and children’s crossings.
- Children over the age of twelve years are required by law to ride on the road.

Helmets

- The law requires that all cyclists wear an approved bicycle helmet. Approved helmets have the Australian Standards Mark TM (AS/NZS 2063) and be marked as suitable for cycling.
- Vic Roads state: Children should always wear a helmet when using tricycles, bicycles, scooters, when travelling as a passenger on an adult’s bike, in a bike trailer, or when using any other wheeled item.

Note: Generally speaking, children under the age of twelve do not have the neuro-physiological and psychological development to cope with complex traffic situations on their own.

4. Implementation

4.1 Students riding or scooting to school independently after completing the Bike Experience program, are to sign this policy, witnessed by their parents, agreeing to their responsibilities. A copy will be kept by the school.

4.2 Parents wishing their child to ride or scoot to school accompanied by an adult, prior to completing the Bike Experience Program, are to sign this policy, agreeing to their responsibilities. A copy will be kept by the school.

4.3 Please note that this policy excludes Skateboards.

Evaluation:
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three year review cycle.

This policy was ratified by School Council on the 14th October 2014

I have read and understood the Bicycle and Scooter Policy and agree to keep the rules regarding road safety and bicycle education.

Student Name: ................................. Class: .................................

Signed: ........................................... Student

Signed: ........................................... Parent/Carer


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