BRIGHTON BEACH PRIMARY SCHOOL



BBPS Bike and Scooter Policy

PURPOSE

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.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students at Brighton Beach Primary School (BBPS) who travel to and from school by bicycle or scooter. Bicycles and scooters (Wheeled Recreational Devices) are popular means of transport for students and require regulation and management by parents/guardians and the school.

BBPS promotes sustainable environmental practices, and as such encourages all students to choose a form of transport to and from school that reduces emissions, supports a commitment to a healthy lifestyle, and reduces traffic congestion around the school's perimeter and surrounding streets.

POLICY

School Guidelines

For the safety of students and based on Victorian Road Safety Rules, the school strongly recommends:

- Students in Prep to Year 3 ride bikes and scooters to and from school only if accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Students in Years 4-6 ride bikes and scooters to and from school (see **Road Safety Education** section below for more information)
- Students, in accordance with Road Safety Rules, must wear a helmet if riding a bike or scooter to and from 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 4 and 5 Bike Education program).
- Roller blades and roller skates are not recommended means of transport to and from school. If used, helmets must be worn. Skateboards can be used, if the rider is confident to do so.
- E-Scooters are not to be used for students under 16 years of age.
- Increase students' level of safety by making themselves visible, wearing brightly coloured clothing and using safe travel routes and road crossings, where appropriate.

School requirements

We require students to comply with the following:

- No student is to ride a bike or scooter in the school grounds at any time, except for school approved activities.
- All bikes and scooters are to be stored in the bike enclosure over by the cricket nets on Windermere Playground.
- Helmets may be stored in the classroom / bag lockers. Helmets can be left with bikes at the owner's discretion.

- Students are not to go near the bikes and scooters during recess and lunch time, unless permitted.
- All bikes and scooters should be taken home over the weekend.

Students who repeatedly do not comply with the school's requirements will be asked to not bring bikes and scooters to school for a period of time, as determined by the principal.

Road Safety Education

The school promotes the practising of road safety when riding a bike or scooter in the following ways:

- Students in Year 4 and 5 complete the Bike Education Program, focused on developing bike riding skills and road safety when riding a bike
- Students complete an on-road test at the end of the Bike Education Program
- Road Safety Education is revisited each year, throughout year levels
- Walk Safely and Ride to School Days
- Community reminders through the Student Representative Council.

Safety tips for riders

At BBPS, we recommend the following safe practices for all riders to and from school:

- For students Prep to Year 3, stay on the footpath and stay close to a supervising adult
- For students Year 4-6 who choose to ride on the road, stay to the left (and use the bicycle path if provided). Students riding on the road should use hand signals and check blind spots when turning, as taught as part of the Bike Education Program
- Travel at a steady and safe pace
- Keep a constant lookout for cars, especially when approaching driveways
- Cross main roads at provided pedestrian crossings. Riders are required to dismount and walk their vehicles across the road
- Give way to pedestrians - pedestrians have right of way.
- When entering the school grounds at the front gates, be mindful of cars entering and exiting the two-minute zone.

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- VicRoads Bike Road Rules
- VicRoads Bike Education
- Bicycle Network

REVIEW CYCLE

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