

Bike and Scooter Riding Policy

Rationale

Bike riding and scooter riding are seen as an integral part of the curriculum as they enable students to explore, extend and enrich their learning and their social skills development, in a safe setting. Bike riding and scooter riding are an important aspect of mental health programs offered at Echuca Primary School.

Aim

- To provide experiences that promote lifelong engagement with both active leisure and learning pursuits.
- To provide a set of experiences that promote our school values of resilience, respect, responsibility and enable young people to demonstrate independence, leadership, cooperation, tolerance and empathy towards others.

Approvals

Students who are involved in bike and scooter riding at recess and lunchtime will need to have a signed permission form.

Student Preparation and Skills

Students must be able to control their bike or scooter, mount and dismount safely and operate the brakes and gears effectively.

Equipment

All equipment used must be in sound condition.

Bicycles

Bicycles must be roadworthy, and parents/carers must check the following items daily:

- brakes
- tyre pressure
- tyre condition
- gear system operation
- steering mechanism
- pedals
- wheel hubs and seat posts clamps.

Helmets

Parents/carers must check helmets daily. Helmets complying with AS/NZS 2063 must be worn during all cycling and scooter activities. They must be fitted and positioned correctly, with the chinstrap adjusted correctly and secured firmly. Students must be briefed on the correct fit and adjustment and how to check the condition of the inner and outer shell of their helmet. Hats should not be worn under helmets unless they are cycling hats designed to be worn in conjunction with a helmet. Echuca Primary School will adhere to a strict no helmet, no riding policy.

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Further guidelines

- Students are not permitted to share bikes or scooters.
- If school owned bikes are used, staff will perform the appropriate safety checks as indicated above.
- Echuca Primary School will not be responsible for stolen or damaged bicycles. Extra security such as locks are encouraged for expensive bicycles.

Locations

Students are allowed to ride on our cycle path which runs around our school oval and across the levy bank. They can also ride on our dirt skill training track which includes bumps and tight corners.

Supervision

A minimum of one staff member dedicated to supervising bike and scooter riding will be provided at lunchtime and recess. If a dedicated staff member is not available to supervise, students will not be permitted to participate in bike and scooter riding.

Review Cycle

This policy will be reviewed as part of our 4-year review cycle. It was last reviewed in 2022.

PLEASE KEEP THE ABOVE SECTION OF THIS FORM AND RETURN THE BELOW CONSENT INFORMATION.

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Parent/carer consent to ride a bike and scooter at lunchtime and recess

I have read the Echuca Primary School Bike and Scooter Riding Policy.

I understand and agree that:

- my child's bike or scooter must be in a roadworthy condition;
- it is my responsibility as parent/carer to complete daily checks of bicycles and helmets as outlined in the above policy;
- my child must be able to control their bike or scooter, mount and dismount safely and operate the brakes and gears effectively in order to participate;
- this consent form will remain in place for the entire time my child is at school. I may withdraw my consent at any time by contacting the office with a written letter.

I give permission for my child _____ (full name) to ride their bike and scooter at lunchtime and recess.

Parent/carer: _____ (full name)

_____ (signature) _____ (date)