

Waitara Public School

Bicycle & Scooter Policy



This policy covers bicycles and scooters which children might use in travelling to /from school.

1. Waitara PS does NOT permit children under the age of 10 to ride their bicycles or scooters to school unless accompanied by an adult. This is in line with the NSW Department of Education and Communities and the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority recommendation that children under 10 years of age do not ride bicycles and scooters to and from school unless accompanied by an adult.
2. Children must correctly wear a Standards Australia approved bicycle helmet at all times when in control of a bicycle/ scooter.
3. The RTA recommends that children under the age of 12 years of age ride their bicycle/ scooters to and from school on the footpath. Parents are permitted to accompany them in a supervisory role. All RTA road rules concerning bicycles/ scooters are to be followed. This includes pedestrians' right of way on footpaths. The bicycle bell must be used as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
4. Bicycles/ scooters ridden to school must be in good, safe working order and bicycles must be fitted with a bell. A guide is provided at Appendix A3.
5. **Students riding to school must hold a current school licence (Appendix A1) and have obtained the appropriate permission (Appendix A2). They must also sign a Bicycle/ Scooter User's Contract (Appendix A1).**
6. Children are to dismount before entering the school grounds and walk their bikes / scooters whilst on site. No riding of bicycles/ scooters permitted in school grounds.
7. Bicycles/ scooters are to be stored in the bike rack provided. They must be locked with a chain and padlock supplied by the owner. Helmets may be stored in the classroom after consultation with the class teacher.
8. Bicycles/ scooters and helmets are brought and stored on sight at the owner's risk.
9. Parents will be notified if children do not adhere to the *School's Bicycle & Scooter Policy*. Students may be refused entry with their bicycles/ scooters to the school grounds.
10. Students must fill out and return all notes allowing them to ride their bicycles/ scooters to school.

Waitara PS Licence to Ride

This licence entitles the holder to ride a bicycle/ scooter to Waitara PS providing that the rider:

.....(Name)

1. Is accompanied by an adult (parent/ guardian over the age of 18 years), if under 10 years of age.
2. Wears a helmet.
3. Uses a safe route to school.
4. Gives way to pedestrians on footpaths.
5. Walks his/ her bike within the school grounds.
6. Does not ride in the school grounds during school hours.
7. Takes responsibility for the storage of his/ her bicycle/ scooter in the designated bike racks.

Signed (School Representative)

Waitara PS Bicycle/ Scooter User's Contract

- I have read and understand the information provided (Waitara PS Bicycle/ Scooter Policy and Road Safety Information).
- I understand that it is a joint responsibility between my parents and I to keep my bicycle/ scooter well maintained with all component parts working correctly.
- I will wear my Standards Australia approved helmet correctly when riding a bicycle/ scooter to and from school.
- I understand that I bring my bicycle/ scooter and helmet to school at my own risk and will secure it with a lock and chain in the bike rack.

Signed (child):

Signed (parent):

Date:

Please keep at home for ready reference

