

## Bicycle Use

### Rationale

The aim of this policy is to minimise the risk for students travelling to and from school on a bike.

### Policy Statement

Croydon Hills Primary School recognizes that the riding of bicycles to and from school provides students an opportunity to develop independence as well as providing exercise.

**The responsibility for children riding bicycles to and from school lies with the parents/carers.**

Parents proposing that their children be permitted to ride their bikes to and from school will:

- develop appropriate attitudes for students to understand their responsibilities on the road, pathways and public spaces
- provide a series of practical activities to teach basic road law and a greater degree of skill in cycle riding.
- supply sufficient knowledge to assess road worthiness of a cycle

### Implementation

Students riding to and from school must have a bicycle permission signed by their parent or guardian and comply with the regulations set out in that form. See attachment.

The parent/s must attach a map marking the safest route their child can ride utilising the best combination of bike paths, bike lanes and footpaths. See attachment.

Students in Years Prep to Year 3 are only permitted to ride to and from school if accompanied by an adult

Under the Victorian Road Rules children aged 12 years and under are permitted to ride on the footpath, as can an adult supervising the child

Students MUST

- wear an approved bicycle helmet at all times. Approved helmets have the Australian Standards Mark TM (AS/NZS 2063) and will be marked as suitable for cycling.
- have a bike in a road worthy condition

Croydon Hills will provide an enclosed bicycle shelter for storage of bicycles during school hours

Bicycle security (ie. locks) during the program is the responsibility of the child and their family

Crossings are legally operational only if flags are displayed.

### References

School Reference Guide

4.4.7.1.1 Helmets

4.4.7.1.2 Cycling as a means of travel

### Review

As part of the school's cyclic process.



## BICYCLE PERMISSION & LICENCE

Croydon Hills recognizes that the riding of bicycles to school provides students the opportunity to develop independence as well as providing exercise for students. It is good for the individual and the environment. Just like a car driving licence, if the licence holder cannot follow the rules, then permission to ride will be suspended or withdrawn

**\* Students may ride their bicycles to and from school if they comply with school regulations:**

- Students wear an approved bicycle helmet at all times. Approved helmets have the Australian Standards Mark TM (AS/NZS 2063) and will be marked as suitable for cycling.
- Students have a bike in a road worthy condition
- Students will abide by the road rules
- Pedestrians always have right of way
- Students will not allow anyone else to ride their bike
- Students must walk their bicycles within the grounds of the school to designated locations
- Bicycles must be stored in the enclosed bicycle shelter during school hours.
- Students are not to touch another student's bicycle
- Students in Years Prep to Year 3 are only permitted to ride to and from school if accompanied by an adult

**\* The parent/s must use attached map marking the safest route their child can ride utilising the best combination of bike paths, bike lanes and footpaths**

Distance Riding, Route to be taken, any other comments, (see attached map)

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We have read the policy guidelines and school regulations, discussed them and agree to comply with them.

I grant my child permission to ride their bicycle to school.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Students signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Permission to Ride Approval

Principal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Original retained on file at school (Yes/No)

Copy sent home to parents (Yes/No)

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