

# BIKES, SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS

## MARAMBA PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Rationale:

- Students travelling to and from school, as well as at school need to be safe. Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are popular means of transport for students, but require regulation and management.

### Aims:

- To provide a school environment, which is safe for students, which is practical, and balances the rights of individuals with the schools duty of care toward all staff and students and visitors.

### Implementation:

- Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are very popular means of transport for students, but are also often involved in serious accidents.
- It is well recognised that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgement.
- Our school will provide safe storage for bicycles ridden to school by students under the following conditions:
  - Students wear helmets
  - Bicycles are in road worthy condition
  - Children up to Grade 4 or who have not completed the 'Bike Education Course' at school must ride to school in the company of an adult.
- All parents will be made aware of these school rules and the safety reasons supporting them through the annual signing of a code of conduct contract by the children and parents.
- Students who contravene these requirements but ride bicycles to school, cannot bring their bicycles onto school property or store their bicycles at school. Parents will be contacted regarding appropriate consequences.
- Bicycle education, road rules and safety will form part of the school curriculum.
- Scooters may be ridden to school by students wearing helmets and stored inside school. Scooters which are ridden by students without helmets can't be brought into, or stored at the school.
- Skateboards may be ridden to school by students wearing helmets, but must also be stored in classrooms.
- Bicycles, scooters or skateboards cannot be ridden inside the school grounds between the hours of 8.30am and 3.45pm.
- Students who break school rules will be managed in a manner consistent with the student discipline policy. Parents will be notified regarding appropriate consequences.

### Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed annually as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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