

Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards Policy

PURPOSE

This policy aims to minimise risk for students at Eltham East Primary School travelling to and from school and during school activities such as the Bike Ed program, in respect to using bicycles, scooters and skateboards.

SCOPE

To provide guidelines for the use of bicycles, scooters and skateboards both when travelling to and from school and in the school environment, which are safe and in line with Eltham East Primary School's duty of care toward all.

POLICY

Cycling to and from school

- Parents/carers are responsible for children riding bicycles, skateboards or scooters to and from school.
- Children under the age of 12 may ride on footpaths, as can a supervising adult. They are required to give way to pedestrians and to wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and children's crossings.
- Children aged 12 years or older are required by law to ride safely on the road.
- Road safety authorities recommend that children under the age of 9 are supervised by an adult when riding on the road. Depending on their cycling skills and experience, some children over this age may still require supervision.
- It is compulsory for bicycles/scooters/skateboards to be stored in the designated areas provided at Eltham East Primary School. Bicycle, skateboard and scooter security is the child's and parent/carers responsibility.
Storage will be provide under the following conditions:
 - Students wear Australian standard approved helmets
 - Students abide by the school and road rules
 - All equipment is in a safe and working order
- Students riding unsafely on their journey to and from school will not be permitted to store their bike/scooter/skateboard at school. Parents will be notified and the school will recommend that the child not ride to school without adult supervision.
- Road rules and safety will form part of the school curriculum. Bicycle education, will be an extracurricular activity in Year 4. Eltham East Primary School ensures staff leading the Bike Ed Program have completed the Bicycle Safety Education Instructor Training course. Staff who have held the certificate for more than 5 years must complete a refresher course.
- Bicycles/ scooters/ skateboards cannot be ridden inside the school grounds at any time. Students doing so will have their bike/scooter/skateboard confiscated*

**confiscated means the teacher will direct the child to take the bike/scooter/skateboard to the office for 24 hours. Parents will be notified to collect the bicycle, scooter or skateboard from the office.*

Excursions

Principals and teachers in charge of excursions are responsible for student travel between school and other venues (during excursions, including local excursions) during school hours.

If student travel between venues is by bike then the Principal/ teacher in charge should take into account the student's:

- age
- cycling experience
- ability to perceive hazards
- traffic conditions
- distances involved

When cycling is an organised activity or excursion then the teacher in charge must follow the guidance on Cycling, in the Department of Education's Excursion Guidelines and in conjunction with the Eltham East Primary School excursion policy.

DET: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/excursions/guidance>

Helmets

Parents and students should be reminded that the law requires that all cyclists wear an approved bicycle helmet.

Approved helmets have the Australian Standards Mark TM (AS/NZS 2063) and will be marked as suitable for cycling.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- [Duty of Care](#)
- [Camps and Excursions](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	October 2023
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	2026 as part of review cycle