

# SAMPLE BICYCLE POLICY

Students travelling to and from school, as well as those at school need to feel and be safe. The Department of Education and Training and NSW Roads and Traffic Authority recommend that children under 10 years of age do not ride bicycles to and from school unless accompanied by an adult.

- Children must correctly wear a Standards Australia approved bicycle helmet at all times when in control of a bicycle.
- All RTA road rules concerning bicycles are to be followed. This includes the pedestrian's right of way on footpaths. The bell should be used as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
- Bicycles ridden to school must be in good, safe working order and bicycles must be fitted with a bell.
- Entry and exit points to XXXXX School for bicycles are via XXXXX entrance, XXXXX Road entrance. (NB Limit access to a few for safe management through the school grounds)
- Everyone must dismount before entering the school grounds and walk their bicycles whilst inside the school fence.
- Bicycles are to be stored in the bicycle rack / area XXXXXX. Bicycles may be locked with a chain and padlocked (supplied by the bicycle owner). Bicycles and helmets are brought and stored on site at the owner's risk.
- XXXXXXXX provides bicycle safety education for all students through our school's road safety education program which included services provided by Rideability Cycle Education.
- Parents will support our road safety education program by instructing their children in the rules of road safety and maintaining their child's bicycle as a matter of routine. (See attached Bicycle and Helmet Safety Checklist and "The Law and Safety Advice for Bicycles, Rollerblades, Scooters and Skateboards.")
- Students who do not adhere to XXXXXXXXXI Bicycle Policy will be managed in accordance with our Student Code of Conduct. Consequences may include XXXXXXXX and students not being allowed to bring their bike onto the school grounds for a period of time.

The Principal has the right of discretion to make provision for departure from the policy or the application of the policy in the event of unforeseen and exceptional circumstances.

FEATURE	WHAT ARE YOU CHECKING FOR	HOW DOES YOUR BICYCLE RATE?
Tyres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firm tyres</li> <li>• Tread not worn and no canvas showing</li> <li>• No bulges or cuts</li> </ul>	
Bell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sounds clearly and loudly</li> </ul>	
Pedals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rotate freely when spun</li> <li>• Rubber not showing signs of wear</li> </ul>	
Lights and Reflectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure, clean and shine brightly</li> </ul>	
Brakes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blocks not worn down when brakes applied</li> <li>• Does not move more than 2.5 Cm when lifted</li> </ul>	
Chain / Gears	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is well oiled</li> <li>• Bike wheel does not rotate when brakes are applied</li> </ul>	
Helmet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helmet shell and lining are not damaged</li> <li>• Helmet straps, buckles are not damaged</li> <li>• Helmet sits on top of the head (two fingers width between eyebrows and helmet edge) and can be firmly buckled under the chin</li> </ul>	
Size of Bike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correct size for rider ( see information below)</li> </ul>	

