

Mallacoota P-12 College

Bikes, Scooters and Skateboards/Longboards policy

Rationale:

- Students travelling to and from school, as well as at school need to be safe. Bicycles, scooters and skateboards/longboards are popular means of transport for students, but are also often involved in serious accidents and so, require regulation and management.
- It is well recognised that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgement.

Aims:

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

Implementation:

- Our school will provide storage for bicycles ridden to school by students with the understanding that all students will wear a helmet whenever moving and that they maintain their bicycle in a road worthy condition
- Bicycle education, road rules and safety will form part of the school curriculum.
- Scooters and longboards or skateboards may be ridden to school by students wearing helmets
- They must be stored in student lockers or out of the way of thoroughfares and corridors in the school.
- Bicycles, scooters, longboards or skateboards cannot be ridden inside the school grounds at any time. Clear and unambiguous signs will be prominently erected informing all visitors of this requirement.
- On leaving the school grounds, all bicycles, scooters, longboards and skateboards will be walked out and only mounted once the student is out of the school grounds.
- Students who break school rules will be managed in a manner consistent with the student discipline policy.

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 on 20th August 2014



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