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# Hawthorn West Primary School

## Bike, Scooter and Skateboard Policy

### Rationale

Students travelling to and from school, as well as those at school need to be safe. Bicycles and scooters are a popular means of transport for students.

### Program Objectives

- To ensure cycling/scootering is promoted as a healthy activity for students and is an eco-friendly mode of travel to and from school.
- To ensure the school community is aware of the school rules and the safety implications of bringing a bike/scooter/skateboard onto school property.

### Implementation:

- Students are required to wear helmets when riding.
- In line with the DEECD guidelines and Vic Roads' advice, students in Foundation to Grade Four may ride to school in the company of an adult. Students in Grades Five and Six can ride bikes or scooters (but not skateboards) to school without an adult.
- Skateboards are only to be ridden to school under the supervision of an adult.
- All students require parent permission to ride, a parent/guardian must sign a form provided by the school giving their child permission to ride.
- The school provides a designated area for bicycles/scooters to be stored. Students are to provide their own lock for securing their bicycle/scooter. Skateboards may be stored in the classroom.
- The designated areas for bicycles/scooters are out of bounds during school hours.
- Students are not to touch bicycles/scooters during school hours.
- Bicycles/scooters/skateboards remain the responsibility of parents/carers.
- Riding is not permitted inside the school grounds at any time.

### Definitions:

**Riding** refers to the riding of bikes, scooters and skateboards.

### Evaluation

This policy was endorsed by the Hawthorn West Primary School Council at a committee meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 and is subject to review every 3 years.