

Old Bar Public School

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BIKES & SCOOTER POLICY

Rationale:

Students travelling to and from school, as well as at school, need to be safe. Bikes and scooters are a popular means of transport for students but their use involves a degree of risk. Parents/Carers have a duty of care to ensure the safety of children to and from school. Schools take over the responsibility and duty of care for the student once they enter the school premises.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/road-safety-education/safe-travel/riding>

Aims:

- To provide a school environment that is safe for all riders and school community members
- To have students abide by the law regarding the wearing of an approved safety helmet

Responsibilities:

Parents/Carers & Children:

- The responsibility for children riding to and from school lies with the parents/carers. Road safety authorities recommend that before the age of 9 or 10 children should not ride a bicycle in traffic without adult supervision.
- Children under 12 may ride on footpaths as may a supervising adult. They are required to give way to pedestrians and to wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and school crossings. Children 12 years and over may ride on the road but all children under 16 can now ride on the footpath unless there are signs prohibiting cycling. Wheeled devices such as scooters must also follow these road rules but it is recommended that students do not ride scooters on the road.
- The law requires all cyclists must wear an approved bicycle helmet. Approved helmets have an Australian Standards Mark (AS/NZ 2063) and will be marked for cycling.
- All bikes must be in good safe working order fitted with working brakes, reflectors and a bell; a bell and brake are required by law when riding in public.

School:

- To develop protocols for entering and leaving school grounds with a bike or scooter
- Provide an enclosure or racks in which the bikes/scooters may be stored through the school day. The bike rack/s should allow the students to use a chain lock or similar device to individually secure the bicycle/scooter
- If a student does not meet safety requirements or meet behaviour expectations, the school will advise parents/carers and will implement appropriate actions

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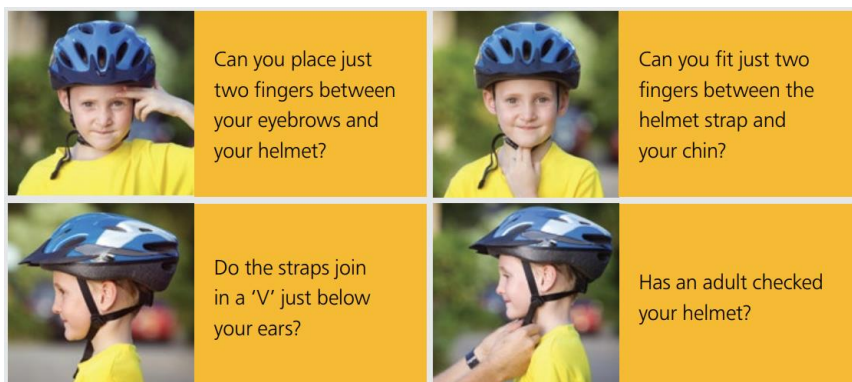
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Protocols:

If riding a bicycle or scooter to school, the following protocols apply:

- Bicycles/scooters ridden to school must be in good, safe working order. Only non-motorised bikes and scooters will be permitted on school grounds
- Students must correctly wear a Standards Australia approved bicycle helmet at all times when in control of the bicycle/scooter
- All RTA road rules concerning bicycles and wheeled devices are to be followed; this includes the pedestrian's right of way on a footpath
- The only entry and exit point at the school is the pedestrian gate on Smith St. Students MUST NOT use the front gate on David Street or either of the car park entry gates on David Street and Smith Street
- Students must dismount before entering the school grounds and walk their bike/scooter whilst in the school grounds
- Students must store their bike/scooter during school hours in the bike rack; they should be able to independently store and retrieve it from the rack
- Bicycles/Scooters in the rack will ideally be locked with a chain lock or similar through the school day (to be supplied by the bike/scooter owner).
- Students MUST NOT leave the school grounds without a staff escort. They will wait with other riders at the Smith Street exit gate until directed to leave by the accompanying staff member. All bikes and scooters will be walked by the rider until they cross at either David Street or Smith Street or proceed along David Street, (past the staff car park entry point) without crossing. A student under direct supervision of a parent/carer may leave with the accompanying adult
- Bikes/scooters are not to be touched or ridden through the day. Students may not touch another student's bike/scooter
- Students who do not adhere to the OBPS Bike & Scooter policy will be managed in accordance with the school Behaviour Policy; this will generally be a temporary ban on bringing a bike/scooter on to school grounds
- A letter will be sent home to parent/carers advising them of the infringement of protocols. Students will be temporarily banned from bringing their bike/scooter on to school premises. The duration of the ban will be dependent on the incident and any previous incidents.



Can you place just two fingers between your eyebrows and your helmet?

Can you fit just two fingers between the helmet strap and your chin?

Do the straps join in a 'V' just below your ears?

Has an adult checked your helmet?

- Parents/carers must read and return the permission to Ride to School form, agreeing to comply with the Protocols and any possible consequences for the student for non-compliance.

Mrs Fran Dupen
Principal (relieving)

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RIDE TO SCHOOL BICYCLE/SCOOTER PERMISSION

Old Bar Public School recognises that the riding of bike and scooters to and from school provides students with a great form of exercise and encourages a growth in independence and personal responsibility. The responsibility for children riding bikes and/or scooters to and from school lies with parents/carers.

If parents/carers choose for their child/children to ride to and from school then they must:

- Sign and return the Ride to School permission note and comply with the policy guidelines and protocols
- Develop, model and encourage appropriate attitudes for students to understand their responsibilities on the road, pathways and public spaces, including the school grounds
- Supply a roadworthy non-motorised bicycle or scooter, a bicycle helmet which meets Australian Standards (AS/NZS 2063) and a suitable lock for the bike/scooter

Students may ride their bikes/scooters to and from school if they comply with the school policy and protocols:

- Students must wear an Australian Standards approved helmet at all times
- Students must have a bike/scooter in roadworthy condition
- Students will abide by the road rules
- Students must walk their bike/scooter within school grounds to and from designated locations
- Bikes/Scooters must be stored in the bike racks provided during school hours
- Students are not to touch another student's bike/scooter



OBPS RIDE TO SCHOOL PERMISSION

to be returned to school before riding a bike/scooter

I/We have read the policy guidelines and school regulations, discussed them with my/our child and agree to comply with them.

I/We grant my/our child permission to ride their bike/scooter to and from school.

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

Parent's/Carer's signature _____ date: _____

Student's signature _____ date: _____