



BIKE AND SCOOTER POLICY

DUE FOR REVIEW

June 2025

PURPOSE

Students travelling to and from school, as well as at school need to be safe. Bikes and scooters are popular means of transport for students, but when entering school grounds, a clear protocol must be developed to ensure the safety of riders and school community members.

SCOPE

This policy applies to school staff, and all parents and carers in our community.

POLICY

Parents and Carers Responsibilities Parents and carers are responsible for their children riding bicycles and scooters to and from school.

It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure:

- That their children's bicycles/scooters ridden to school are in good and safe working order and that all protective and safety equipment as required by law is provided (including a working bell)
- That their children correctly wear a Standards Australia approved bicycle helmet (Australia Standards Mark TM AS/NZS 2063) as required by law, at all times when in control of a bicycle/scooter
- That their children know and understand how to ride to and from school safely following all road rules
- That their children know and understand how to enter Banyan Fields Primary School grounds correctly and in a safe manner, what the requirements and school rules are for student acceptable use of bicycles and scooters to and from school, it is recommended that parents supply a suitable lock for their child's bicycle or scooter when at school.
- That their children know and understand that skateboards/rollerblades or other means of transport are not permitted on school grounds
- That parents and children understand that bicycles, scooters and helmets are brought and stored on school grounds at the owner's risk, the school will not be responsible for damage, loss or theft
- To understand that their children who do not comply with this policy will have consequences implemented by the school, and these could include loss of bike riding/scootering to and from school.

Student Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of all students riding bicycles or scooters to school to:

- Dismount immediately before entering the school grounds (at the school gates) and walk their bicycles and scooters at all times whilst on school grounds
- Use the bike/scooter in a safe and appropriate manner at all times, as they are moving it through the school.

- Store all bicycles and scooters in the bike shed provided. Bicycles and scooters can be locked with a suitable lock supplied by the bicycle owner.
- Store helmets in the bike shed or in student bags.
- Not to ride bicycles or scooters on the school grounds until after 4pm to ensure safety of all students, families and staff who may be on school grounds until this time.

School Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the school to minimise the risk to all students and school community members at Banyan Fields Primary School, this includes travelling to and from school. Therefore, in line with this policy, the responsibilities of the school are to:

- In the case that a bike or scooter is deemed unsafe to ride, contact and inform the parent that the child will not be permitted to bring the bike or scooter to school until deemed safe
- In the case that a student does not wear a helmet, contact and inform the parent that the child will not be permitted to ride/scoot to and from school until abiding by the law in wearing an appropriate helmet
- Provide a bike enclosure for bicycles and scooters to be stored when at school
- In the case that a bicycle or scooter is ridden on school grounds before 4pm, contact and inform the parent that the child may have consequences for not following school rules to ensure a safe school environment
- Any student who repeatedly fails to follow the requirements set out within this policy will not be permitted to ride to school until they have signed a Bike/Scooter Riders contract and complete the bike re-education lesson – this will be decided on a case by case basis.
- In the case that bike/scooter riding is an organised school lesson or activity on site, ensure that the bike meets legal requirements and students have appropriate equipment for safe participation. In the case equipment is deemed inappropriate or unsafe by staff, students will not be able to participate
- In the case that cycling is to occur as a school planned adventure activity, contact school council for approval.

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated on June 2021 and is scheduled for review in June 2025.