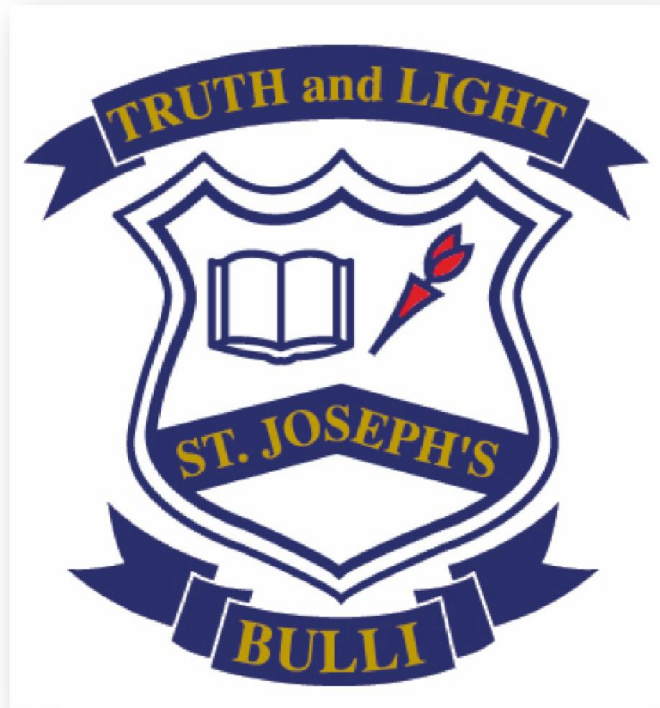


# Bicycle Policy



St Joseph's Catholic Parish Primary School Bulli

## Purpose

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, the riding of bicycles to and from school is encouraged and is the responsibility of parents and carers outside of the school. St Joseph's aims to support parents and carers by providing a shared understanding of road safety education, school procedures and the safe riding of bicycles to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our students. We do this by developing practical school management procedures and ensuring that curriculum that pertains to all road safety issues is taught to our students.

## Curriculum Statement

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School our teachers will develop and implement road safety education programs aligned to the PDHPE outcomes of the NES A K-6 PDHPE syllabus.

## School Procedures

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, the staff will maximise the safety of students by ensuring bicycle riders:

- know their responsibilities whilst riding to and from school on a bicycle
- adhere to the policy
- enter and depart the school grounds in a safe and respectful manner
- wear a helmet that must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fitted and fastened on the student's head, on departure from school
- do not carrying a passenger
- walk their bicycle to and from the bike rack on the school grounds
- follow the instructions of supervising staff

## Riding safely to and from school

Parents and carers are responsible for their child/ren's travel to and from school.

Students must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. The helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they aren't ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. It is recommended that students under 10 years of age, DO NOT ride bicycles to or from school unless accompanied by an adult accepting responsibility for the student and identifying the safest route to and from school.

Students should ride on the footpath, off-road away from vehicles, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling. Riders need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK! Procedure.

Bicycles ridden to school must be in good, safe working order and bicycles must be fitted with a bell. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that the bicycle is in good and safe working order and that all protective equipment as required by law is provided.

The riding of bicycles, scooters, rollerblades and skateboards, is not permitted on the school grounds during and out of school hours.

The school is not responsible for students personal effects ie: theft or accidental damage whilst on school premises, this is responsibility of parents/carers.

Parents will be notified if students do not adhere to the St Joseph's Bicycle Policy.

## **Entering and departing the school safely**

In the morning, Bicycle riders are to dismount their bike before entering the school premises through the Park Road Hall gate, then carefully walk their bicycle through the school, to the designated bicycle storage area within the school grounds.

Any student riding a bicycle is not permitted to ride the bicycle inside the fenced school yard or across the pedestrian crossing.

At dismissal, bicycle riders are to meet staff at the basketball ball court gate or outside the canteen area. They must be wearing and have their helmet safely secured.

## **Parental Permission**

Before riding a bicycle to school students must have a signed Bicycle Riders Parental Permission Form. By signing the form, parents also acknowledge: responsibility for their child riding to and from school, that they have spoken to their child about bicycle safety, and that they have explained the St Joseph's Bicycle Policy to the child.

## **Discretionary Basis**

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.

**Supporting Documents** [RMS - A handbook for Bicycle Riders](#)

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