



Riding to and from School Policy

Purpose of this policy

To minimise risk for students travelling to and from school by bicycle.

Policy

This table lists a range of measures to manage risk and support safe travel by students.

Activity	Requirements
Bicycle riding to and from school	<p>Parents/carers are responsible for children riding bicycles to and from school.</p> <p>Note: Generally speaking, children under the age of twelve do not have the neuro-physiological and psychological development to cope with complex traffic situations on their own.</p> <p>Road safety authorities recommend that before the age of nine or ten years children should not ride a bicycle in traffic without adult supervision. Depending on their cycling skills and experience, some children over this age may still require supervision.</p> <p>Children under the age of twelve 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 children's crossings. Children aged twelve years or older are required by law to ride on the road.</p>
Bicycle riding to and from venues during school hours	<p>The principal determines whether to allow students to bicycle to and from a venue during school hours. The principal should take into account the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • student's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - age - cycling experience - ability to perceive hazards • traffic conditions • distances involved. <p>Note: If cycling or cycle touring is to occur as an adventure activity, school council approval is required.</p>
Helmets	<p>Parents and students should be reminded that the law requires that all cyclists wear an approved bicycle helmet. Approved helmets have the Australian Standards Mark TM (AS/NZS 2063) and will be marked as suitable for cycling.</p>
School crossings	<p>The local municipal council is responsible for school crossings, including the establishment of the crossing, training and employment of school crossing supervisors and the supply of flags, uniforms and equipment.</p>

Implementation

At Beaufort Primary School, we encourage all students under the age of 9 to cycle to school under the supervision of an adult. All students in primary school are permitted to respectfully ride on the local footpaths (as are supervising parents). We promote that all students (and parents) riding or scooting to school must wear an approved helmet, as outlined above, and required by law.



Beaufort Primary School will implement a comprehensive Bike Education program for all students in Years 3 to 6. Riding skills, road safety and building cycling stamina will be the key focuses for this program, concluding with a Year 5/6 Raglan Ride experience.

Students in Years 3 to 6 are invited to bring their own personal bicycle and approved helmet to take part in the program. The school will provide a bicycle to those students who do not have access to their own bicycle.

Road safety will be taught as part of the Prep to 2 curriculum during integrated studies.

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy will be reviewed prior to the annual Bike Ed program and updated as required.