



TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THE COLLEGE POLICY

Rationale:

The responsibility for students walking or riding bicycles/skateboards/scooters/roller blades/skates/motor powered vehicles to and from the College lies with parents/guardians. The College has developed this policy to provide guidelines for the safety of our students whilst travelling to and from the College and also to ensure the appropriate use of transport in the College grounds.

Objectives:

- To encourage safe practices of our students in travelling to and from College.
- To develop student understanding of traffic laws and safe behaviour when travelling to and from the College.
- To encourage teachers and parents/guardians to work in partnership in educating our students about safe travel to and from the College.

Guidelines:

- All students travelling to and from the College must use supervised crossings where provided.
- Within College grounds students must remove their roller blades/skates and walk their scooter, or bike and carry their skateboard, unless they are participating in a learning activity under direct supervision of a teacher.
- Victorian Road Traffic Laws state that failure to wear a securely fitted bicycle helmet when riding a bicycle or scooter may incur a penalty (Regulation 256(1)). School Council expects that all students wear an approved bicycle helmet when using a bicycle or scooter. It is also strongly recommended students wear an approved helmet when riding skateboards or roller blades/skates to or from school. Approved helmets have the Australian Standards Mark TM (AS 2063).
- Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children's bicycles, scooters, skateboards, roller blades or roller skates are in good working order.
- Traffic safe behaviour will be promoted in the newsletter and related education will feature in the curriculum.
- A locked bicycle enclosure has been provided by the College for secure storage of bicycles and scooters etc. Students are required to provide their own locks to secure their bicycles etc., in the enclosure.
- Students are to ensure their bicycle/skateboard/scooter is clearly identified with their name.
- Teaching staff will be on yard duty at the bike shed between 8:45am and 9:00am and at the end of the day between 3:20pm and 3:35pm.
- Placement of bicycles into the bicycle enclosure needs to be made prior to 9.00 a.m. The bike shed is locked at 9:15am. Collection of items in the bike shed will occur at the completion of the school day.
- Student motorised vehicles will not be permitted on the College site at any time unless for appropriate use by a person with a physical disability (i.e., motorised wheel chair).
- Students will be permitted to store their helmets in their locker for secure storage.
- Although every endeavour will be made by the College to ensure safety of bicycles/scooters/skateboards, students bring these items to school at their own risk.
- The expectation is that bikes are collected within 10-15 minutes at end of the day. Students and parents should understand that the bike shed is not locked at the end of the day. The college will not take responsibility for items that are not collected within the above time frame.
- The college doesn't take responsibility for persons using the college grounds as a thoroughfare.
- Students are not permitted to enter or exit the college via the car parks, use roller blades or roller skates, ride skate boards, scooters or bicycles within the college grounds for safety reasons.

Supervision of students travelling to and from the College:

In the interest of the general public and the reputation of the College, unruly and antisocial behaviour will be discouraged.

Ministerial Order No. 2 authorises Principal's to suspend or expel students for certain behaviour while travelling to and from the College.

Behaviour that threatens the reputation and/or the good order of the College:

- assaults;
- assaults with weapons;
- sexual assaults;
- possession of a weapon;
- use, possession or distribution of drugs;
- theft or criminal damage;

could lead to suspension or expulsion of a student and/or the Principal could refer all alleged criminal offences to the police contact person (Station Commander or Sub Officer Nominee).

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the College's 4 year review program.