

# RIDING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

## Bicycles and Scooters



### Help for non-English speakers

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### PURPOSE

This policy clarifies the roles and responsibilities of parents, carers and schools in relation to students travelling to and from school, particularly when riding bicycles and scooters.

### POLICY

Parents and carers are responsible for their children travelling to and from school. This includes all forms of travel to get to school.

Principals are responsible for student travel at events where bicycles and scooters are used at school. This will only occur for special lunchtime obstacle course days, fundraising events or during Bike Education classes. On these special event days at school, this may include the use of skateboards, roller skates and rollerblades.

### Riding to and from school

- Children under the age of 12 may ride on footpaths, as can a supervising adult. Riders are required to give way to pedestrians and to wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and children's crossings.
- Children aged 12 years or older are required by law to ride on the road.
- Road safety authorities recommend that children under the age of 9 are supervised by an adult when riding on the road. Depending on their cycling skills and experience, some children over this age may still require supervision.
- All students who wish to ride bicycles and scooters to school are required to sign an Albion Primary School Bike and Scooter Agreement that has been authorised by their parents/carers.
- Bicycles and scooters remain the responsibility of parents and carers and must be roadworthy.
- The school will provide an area for students to store their bikes and scooters but does not take responsibility for any loss or damage to personal property.

- Students must dismount from their bicycles and scooters at the school boundary. Riding is not permitted inside the school ground, except for special event days and Bike Education classes.
- For safety reasons, the use of skateboards, rollerblades, roller skates, is not an approved form of transport to school.

### **Helmets**

Parents and students should be reminded that the law requires that all bike and scooter riders wear an approved bicycle helmet.

Approved helmets have the Australian Standards Mark TM (AS/NZS 2063) and will be marked as suitable for riding.

### **E-bikes and E-Scooters**

Due to safety concerns, e-bikes and e-scooters are not an acceptable form of transport for children.

Victoria Police has issued the following:

- riders of e-bikes and e-scooters cannot carry passengers
- children under 16 cannot ride e-scooters
- helmets must always be worn when riding
- e-bikes and e-scooters cannot be ridden on footpaths.

## **COMMUNICATION**

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- e-News
- on the school website
- on request from the school office

## **RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES**

The following policies and documents are available on the school's website:

- Duty of Care
- Child Safety Policy
- Student Engagement and Wellbeing

Department policies:

Duty of Care <http://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/duty-of-care/policy>

School Crossings <http://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/school-crossings/policy>

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	16 June 2025
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	June 2029

## RIDING/SCOOTING TO SCHOOL

### Permission for the duration of my child's time at Albion Primary School

Albion Primary School encourages active travel to and from school. The school has bike and scooter racks for students to house their bikes/scooters during the school day.

*The school also has special lunchtime activities to support Walk or Wheel and Ride2School days. On these days, students can ride or scoot around an obstacle course set up on the oval at lunchtime.*

Any child riding or scooting to school MUST wear an approved helmet. No helmet means confiscation of bike/scooter until a parent can collect it.

This Agreement must be signed by parent/carer if the student is to ride/scoot to and/or from school and/or participate in the special lunch time activity days as mentioned above.

Liability for a student riding to and from school ultimately lies with their parents/carers.

Parents/carers, in consultation with their child, should ensure their child takes the safest route possible, utilising the combination of bike paths, bike lanes and footpaths (where appropriate).

Under the Victorian Road Rules, children aged 12 years and under are permitted to ride on the footpath, as can an adult supervising that child.

Whilst all reasonable care will be taken to ensure the security of bikes at school, the school does not take responsibility for any loss or damage to personal property. It is recommended that a bike/scooter lock is used to secure your child's bike/scooter to the racks.

Students in years Prep – Year 3 are only permitted to ride to and from school if accompanied by an adult. Students in years 4 – 6 may ride without adult supervision.

The student agrees:

1. To obey the road rules including wearing an approved helmet (for bikes and scooters).
2. To ride/scoot on the quietest possible route to and from school.
3. To ride/scoot on the footpath if appropriate.
4. To walk their bike/scooter when crossing the road.
5. To dismount at the perimeter of the school.
6. To walk the bike/scooter in the school grounds.
7. To keep bike/scooter in a well maintained and roadworthy condition.
8. No helmet means my bike/scooter will be confiscated until my parent comes to collect it or until I bring a helmet to school.

I give permission for my child to ride/scoot to school and that my child understands they must follow the above rules.

I give permission for my child to ride/scoot at lunchtime through the obstacle course on the oval on the special Walk and Wheel or Ride2School days, should they wish to do so.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_