

# BIKES, SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS

## BEPS POLICY

### Rationale:

- Students travelling to and from school, as well as at school need to be safe. Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are popular means of transport for students, but require regulation and management.
- Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are very popular means of transport for students, but are also often involved in serious accidents.
- It is well recognised that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgement.

### Aims:

- To provide a school environment that is safe and practical for students; and balances the rights of individuals with the schools duty of care toward all staff and students.

### Implementation:

- Our school will provide designated spaces for storage of bicycles, scooters and skateboards ridden to school by students under the following conditions:
  - Students wear helmets
  - Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are in road worthy condition
  - Children under the age of 10 years ride to school in the company of an adult.
- All parents will be made aware of these school rules, and the safety reasons supporting them.
- Students who contravene these requirements and ride bicycles, scooters and skateboards to school, will have them confiscated and stored in the office area and parents notified by phone.
- Road rules and safety will form part of the school curriculum.
- Bicycles, scooters or skateboards cannot be ridden inside the school grounds at any time unless approved by the principal.
- Students who do not observe safety guidelines will be managed in a manner consistent with the student discipline policy.

### Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed annually as part of the school's three-year review cycle.