



Northmead

Creative and Performing Arts High School

Bicycle Policy

Students wishing to ride their bicycle to school need to read the following and return the second page of this document with their parent's signature to the Front office.

Parents and carers are responsible for how their child travels to and from school. However, under duty of care, schools are responsible for the student once they have entered the school premises.

Since July 1 1991, cyclists of all ages have been required by law to wear a helmet. By law, all riders and passengers must wear an Australian and New Zealand Standards (AS/NZ2063) approved helmet. Helmets need to be securely fitted and fastened on the rider's head. Advice on how to correctly fit a helmet can be found in the RTA publication *Information for parents and carers about safety on wheels*.

Students wishing to cycle home from sport during school time must have the Principal's written permission and must **WALK** their bike to the venue and in the company of the teacher on duty. Once dismissed from the activity they must wear an Australian and New Zealand Standards (AS/NZ2063) approved helmet. Students without these helmets may not take part in cycling, on or off school grounds.

Children under 12 years, by law, are allowed to ride bicycles on the footpath unless there are signs that specifically prohibit cycling. Children aged between 10 and 12 years old should avoid cycling on busy roads (for example Windsor Rd). The Department of Education and Communities supports the RTA in this recommendation.

Cyclists over 12 years must not ride on the footpath unless it is signposted as a shared footpath. Cyclists, just as other road users, must comply with all road rules.

By law, bicycles must be fitted with a working brake and bell. This is a parent and carer responsibility.

Schools are obliged to notify parents and carers when a student is seen to be not wearing or incorrectly wearing a bicycle helmet when riding to or from school.

Once a student arrives at the school gates/boundary they must dismount from their bicycle and **WALK** the bicycle to the caged area adjacent to the Front office. They must provide their own lock to secure their property.

Although the school can provide an area for storage it cannot accept responsibility for theft or damage.

At the end of the school day, students put on their helmet and **WALK** their bicycle to the front gate or school boundary at which point they can then mount the bicycle for their journey home.

Mrs N. Vazquez

Principal



Detach and return to the Front office

Bicycle Permission note

I have read and discussed the policies outlined earlier with my child/ward and they will adhere to these policies.

Name of child/ward

Signature Parent

Signature

Date

My email address is: