



McAuley Catholic Central School

Bicycle / Scooter Policy 2015

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DEFINITIONS

BICYCLE

A 'bicycle' is a vehicle with 2 or more wheels which includes foot scooters and does not include 'wheeled recreational devices' or wheeled toys such as rollerblades, skateboards.

PURPOSE

This policy supports McAuley Catholic Central School's commitment to ensuring a safe and supportive environment. It contributes to our obligation to ensure the safety of students.

RESPONSIBILITY

Parents and carers are responsible for how their child travels to and from school.

Under the duty of care, schools are responsible for the student once they have entered the school premises. As part of overall care for students, school communities will often work together to provide agreed school policies about travel to and from school.

McAuley supports that parents and carers need to actively guide and supervise children riding bicycles to ten years of age.

The school is obliged to notify parents and carers when a student is seen not wearing or incorrectly wearing a bicycle helmet when riding to or from school. A notification letter will be sent home. (Appendix 1)

HELMETS

Cyclists of all ages have been required by law to wear a helmet. 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.

The Principal must remind students, teachers and parents of the law and help students to address the safety issues associated with helmet use.

FOOTPATH

Children under 12 years, by law, are allowed to ride bicycles on the footpath unless there are signs that specifically prohibit cycling.

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.

*The NSW Centre for Road Safety, RTA, recommends that until children are at least 10 years old, they should cycle in a **safe place off the road and away from vehicles and driveways.***

Children aged between 10 and 12 years old should avoid cycling on busy roads.

Reference: Definitions – NSW Dept of Education & Training Curriculum Support (*as outlined in NSW Road Rules 1 July 2008*)

SAMPLE LETTER TO PARENTS:

Date

Dear Parent/Carer

NOTIFICATION LETTER

Please be advised that _____ has not been wearing/incorrectly wearing a bicycle helmet when riding to or from school.

By way of definitions, a 'bicycle' is a vehicle with 2 or more wheels which includes foot scooters.

As part of our Duty of Care, it is the schools responsibility to inform you of this. Please ensure that your child will conform to this ruling.

Yours faithfully

Class/Pastoral Care Teacher

Approved by:	McAuley Executive
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