

# **Overport Primary School**

## **TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL**

### **POLICY**

#### **Rationale:**

- Students travelling to and from school need to be safe. Many students travel by car, where drivers must adhere to traffic rules. Bicycles and scooters are popular means of transport for students, but require regulation and management.

#### **Aims:**

- To provide a safe and healthy school environment which is practical, and also balances the rights of individuals with the schools duty of care toward all staff and students.

#### **Implementation:**

- Alternate means of travel to and from school, other than by motor vehicle, will be encouraged through newsletter information, participation in events such as Walktober, and classroom curriculum programs.
- Bicycles and scooters only will be allowed to be ridden to and from school.
- Skateboards are not permitted to be ridden to school.
- It is well recognised that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgement, and as such students from year 4 only will be allowed to ride bicycles or scooters to school unaccompanied.
- Students from Prep to Year 3 may ride bicycles or scooters to school if accompanied by an adult.
- Our school will provide safe storage for bicycles and scooters ridden to school by students.
- Students who bring bicycles or scooters to school do so at their own risk, and are strongly encouraged to provide locking devices for these.
- Students who elect to ride bicycles or scooters to school must ensure that they are in safe, working order.
- Students riding bicycles and scooters, to and from school, must wear helmets as per Australian standards.
- Bicycles or scooters cannot be ridden inside the school grounds at any time during school hours (8.15-4.00pm on school days).
- Students who do not follow in relation to riding to and from school will be managed in a manner consistent with the Wellbeing and Engagement policy.
- All parents will be made aware of these school rules, and the safety reasons supporting them via the school newsletter and website.
- Road rules and traffic safety may form part of the school curriculum.

#### **Evaluation:**

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

**May 2016**