



OVERPORT PRIMARY SCHOOL -

TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community the Department's and Overport Primary School's policy requirements and expectations relating to students travelling to and from school.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

1. All students at Overport Primary School and,
2. Is based on recommendations from the Road Traffic Authority.

DEFINITIONS

Alternate means of travel to and from school refers to those means of travel other than car.

School Hours are defined as being between the hours between 8:45am and 3:45pm Monday to Friday

For the purpose of this policy, **School Premise** are defined as the legal property boundaries of Overport Primary school.

POLICY

To provide a safe and healthy school environment which is practical, and also balances the rights of individuals with the school's duty of care toward all staff and students. At Overport Primary School:

- Alternate means of travel to and from school, other than by motor vehicle, will be encouraged through communications to families, for events such as Walktober.
- Bicycles and scooters only will be allowed to be ridden to and from school.
- Skateboards, electric scooters or bikes are **not** permitted to be ridden to school.
- Students riding bicycles and scooters, to and from school, must wear helmets as per Australian standards.
- 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 as per Australian standards outlined by the Road Traffic Authority.
- 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. Bicycles and scooters are brought to school under the responsibility of the owner. It is recommended that students use a bicycle/scooter lock when leaving their bicycles or scooters in either of the two storage areas.
- 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.
- 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.

Enforcement

At Overport Primary School, students are expected to follow these requirements and make appropriate use bicycles or scooters. If these expectations are not adhered to, following a discussion with parents, the student's capacity to continue to be permitted to travel to school using these items, may be significantly impacted.

Exclusions

This policy does not apply to

- Out-of-School-Hours Care (OSHC)
- Out-of-school-hours events

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- [Personal Goods – Department policy](#)

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated in May 2025 and is scheduled for review in May 2027.