

GLEN IRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL BICYCLE POLICY

Rationale

Students travelling to and from school, as well as those at school need to feel and be safe. Bicycles are a popular means of transport for students, but their safe use requires regulation and management.

Objective

To encourage students and families to use safe practices for cycling when riding to and from school.

Implementation

In addition to Road Safety Rules, the following applies to use of bicycles for Glen Iris students

- Parents/carers are responsible for their children's safety when riding bicycles.
- Bicycle equipment is the responsibility of parents/carers and must be roadworthy.
- GIPS will provide appropriate storage for bicycles and scooters ridden to school by students.
- Students must provide their own lock for securing their bicycle in the storage area.
- Students must wear a properly fitted helmet and are encouraged to wear a safety vest when riding a bicycle.
- students in Prep to Year 4 ride to school in the company of an adult. VicRoads' note that *up until age 12 most children do not have the skills and experience to be safe in complex traffic without supervision*, consequently parents/carers are also encouraged to accompany students in grade 5 and 6.
- Children under the age of twelve may ride on footpaths as may a supervising adult. They are required to give way to pedestrians and to wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and children's crossings. Children aged twelve years or older are required by law to ride on the road.
- Students must dismount from their bicycles at the school entrance. Riding is not permitted inside the school grounds at any time, unless under direct supervision of an appropriately trained teacher.
- Students who break school rules will be managed in accordance with the school's Student Code of Conduct. Consequences of breaking these rules may include students not being allowed to bring their bike onto the school grounds for a period of time determined by the Principal or their delegate.

Management

The School Principal, with support from School Council's Buildings and Environment Sub Committee, will manage the implementation of this policy.

Evaluation

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

