



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION POLICY

CREEKSIDE K-9 COLLEGE

Last Ratified by School Council	Review Date	Responsible for Review
May 2021	May 2024	School Council

Rationale

This policy clarifies roles and responsibilities of parents and schools in relation to students travelling to and from school, particularly in relation to cycling.

Summary

Parents or carers are responsible for their children travelling to and from school.

Principals are responsible for student travel during excursions (including local excursions) that is, between school and other venues during school hours.

Implementation

Parents or carers are responsible for their children travelling to and from school. This includes all forms of travel to get to school.

Principals and teachers in charge of excursions are responsible for student travel between school and other venues (during excursions, including local excursions) during school hours.

If student travel between venues is by bike then the principal should take into account the student's:

- age
- cycling experience
- ability to perceive hazards
- traffic conditions
- distances involved

If a student arrives at Creekside K-9 College on an approved mode of transportation without having a helmet in their possession:

- Parents will be contacted
- The mode of transportation will remain in the school bike until:

- The student has a helmet in their possession or
- The parent/guardian of the student comes to school to pick up the mode of transportation

Approved mode of transportation

- Bicycle
- Scooter

Any motorised modes of transportation will not be allowed on school property.

Cycling to and from school

Children under the age of 12 may ride on footpaths, as can a supervising adult. They are required to give way to pedestrians and to wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and children's crossings.

Children aged 12 years or older are required by law to ride on the road.

Road safety authorities recommend that children under the age of 9 are supervised by an adult when riding on the road. Depending on their cycling skills and experience, some children over this age may still require supervision.

Schools may wish to provide secure storage for bicycles and helmets. If bicycle theft is a problem, school councils are encouraged to provide a roofed and locked bicycle enclosure within the sight of staff. Fixed rails within the enclosure should be installed to enable bicycles and helmets to be individually secured.

If the cycling is an organised activity or excursion then schools must follow the guidance on Cycling, in the Guidance tab of the Excursions Policy (refer to the chapter on Adventure Activities).

Helmets

Parents and students should be reminded that the law requires that all cyclists wear an approved bicycle helmet.

Approved helmets have the Australian Standards Mark TM (AS/NZS 2063) and will be marked as suitable for cycling.

Regular review

This policy was last updated in February 2021 and is scheduled for review in February 2024.

Related Policies

- [Duty of Care](#)
- [Excursions](#)

- School Crossings