

# Bicycle Riding Guidelines

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## What does the Department of Education and Training and the RMS say?

The Department of Education and Training and NSW Centre for Road Safety (RMS) recommend that children under 10 years of age should cycle in a **safe place off the road** and **away from vehicles and driveways**. Children aged between 10 and 12 years of age should avoid cycling on or near busy roads. Only students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are permitted to ride their bicycle or scooter to school.

## Parents and carers are responsible for:

- How your child travels to and from school.
- The maintenance of their child's bicycle and are to ensure their child always correctly wears an Australian Standards approved helmet when riding. Bicycles must be in a good, safe working order and must be fitted with a working brake and a bell.
- Ensuring their child is aware of and follows the road rules relating to bicycles. This includes the pedestrian's right of way on footpaths and using a bell as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
- Reinforcing rules and safety advice for riding bicycles to and from school, as outlined in these guidelines and RMS advice brochures.
- Completing the Parent Agreement issued by our school

## Bicycle and scooter riders, who bring their bicycle onto school grounds, are responsible for:

- Completing a *Bicycle rider's agreement* and the *Bicycle rider's permission note*, issued by the school.
- Dismounting before entering the school grounds and walking their bicycle whilst on the school grounds.
- Entry to and exit from Brighton Le Sands Public School is via the main Administration Block gate only.
- Storing their bicycle in the bicycle rack next to the North Hall. Bicycles must be locked with a chain and padlock supplied by the owner. Bicycles and helmets are brought and stored at school at the owners risk.
- Children who do not adhere to our school's Bicycle Policy will have their permission to ride to school removed.

## Safe riding behaviours

- Students are to always correctly wear an Australian Standards approved helmet when riding.
- Students must always ride in a safe manner following these guidelines and the NSW road rules relating to bicycles. This includes the fact that on the footpath, pedestrians have right of way. The bell should be used as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
- Bicycles are not to be ridden in school grounds after school hours.
- Parents and carers will be notified if their child does not adhere to the school's bicycle safety guidelines. Students may not be allowed to bring their bicycles onto the school grounds if they do not follow the rules.

**Note:** Electric Scooters, Electric Bicycles and skateboards are not permitted at Brighton Le Sands Public school under any circumstances.



## Brighton-Le-Sands Public School Bicycle rider's agreement

- ☐ I have read the school's *Bicycle safety guidelines* and understand the information provided.
- ☐ I have discussed this with my parents or carers.
- ☐ I will wear my helmet correctly when riding to and from school.
- ☐ When using the footpath, I will give way to all pedestrians.
- ☐ I need to keep my bicycle well maintained.
- ☐ I will bring my bicycle to school at my own risk.
- ☐ I will secure my bicycle with a lock and chain to the bicycle rack.
- ☐ I understand that I will not be allowed to ride to school if I do not follow the rules.

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed (student rider): \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (parent/carers): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*A copy of this agreement will be sent home for ready reference.*

## Brighton-Le-Sands Public School Bicycle rider's permission note

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) to ride his/her bicycle or scooter to and from school.

- ☐ I have read and understand the bicycle information provided by the school.
- ☐ My child will correctly wear an Australian Standards approved helmet when riding to and from school.
- ☐ I have read and explained the bicycle information provided to my child.
- ☐ I understand that it is my responsibility to keep the bicycle well maintained.
- ☐ I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure my child wears a correctly fitting helmet.
- ☐ I understand that bicycles are brought to school at the owner's risk.
- ☐ I understand that my child will not be allowed to ride to school if the rules are broken.

Signed (Parent/Carer): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_