



## Bike/Scooter/Skateboard Policy

### Rationale

Students travelling to and from school, as well as those at school, need to feel and be safe. Bicycles, skateboards and scooters (including any other version of a scooter/skateboard) are a popular means of transport for students, but their safe use requires regulation and management.

### Policy Statement

Rosebery Primary School will take appropriate and reasonable steps to ensure the safety of students, staff and visitors travelling to and from school, as well as those at school.

### Aims

- To encourage Rosebery Primary students and families to adopt safe practices for cycling/scooting/skating when riding to and from school.
- To promote an awareness among the school community of cycling/scooting/skating as healthy activities for students and as an alternative mode of travel to and from school.

### Implementation

- Parents/carers are responsible for their children's safety when riding bicycles/scooters/skateboards.
- Bicycles/scooters/skateboards remain the responsibility of parents/carers and must be roadworthy.
- Our school will provide appropriate storage for bicycles and scooters ridden to school by students.
- Students are required to wear a properly fitted helmet when riding a bicycle/scooter/skateboard, as per current NT legislation.
- In line with the *Kids Safe NT* advice, it is recommended that students in Transition to Year 4 ride to school in the company of an adult. Bicycles/scooters/skateboards are very popular methods of transport for students, however, it is well recognised that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgement.
- Students must dismount from their bicycles/scooters/skateboards at the school entrance. Riding is not permitted inside the school grounds at any time.
- Consequences of breaking this rule may include the confiscation of the bicycle/scooter/skateboard for a period of 24 hours (in which case, they will be stored securely in the front office) and/or students not being allowed to bring their bicycle/scooter/skateboard onto the school ground for a period of time determined by the Principal or their delegate.

### Resources

- Kids Safe NT <http://www.kidsafent.com.au/bicycle-safety/>

### Evaluation

Our Bike/Scooter/Skateboard Policy's effectiveness will be measured through implementation over a period of time.

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**Developed by** Leadership Team

