



# Moe (South Street) Primary School

*'Be SAFE Be RESPECTFUL Be a LEARNER'*



## Riding Bikes and Scooter to School Policy

### 1. Rationale or Purpose

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The safety of students travelling to and from school is just as important as their safety while they are at school. Children who ride bikes or scooters to school are at greater risk than children who walk or are driven and this policy aims to address these concerns. We encourage students to ride bikes and scooters to school to help the environment, improve fitness, health and motor skills, and to improve their road/traffic awareness skills.

### 2. Policy Statement

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Research has shown that children act differently in traffic to adults and that below the ages of 10 they do not have the same reaction times as older children. Primary school children do not have the same road sense as adults. For this reason certain rules apply for the riding of bikes and scooters to this school.

### 3. Implementation

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- Students in Grades Foundation to 2 must be supervised/accompanied by a parent/guardian when riding a bike or scooter to school.
- All students who ride a bike or scooter to school must wear a helmet.
- Students with bikes and scooters need to enter the school grounds via Bealiba Road gate (at the bus stop).
- Students are to walk their scooters and bikes into and out of the school. Bikes and scooters are not to be ridden around the school grounds.
- Students who do not ride safely (wear helmets, walk bike/scooters in school grounds, enter and exit from Bealiba Road) will not be allowed to ride their bike/scooter to school for a short period as determined by the Principal/Assistant Principal/ or Staff member on duty. Parents will be notified in this instance.
- Students who ride a bike/scooter to school after they have been banned will not be able to store it on school property. (see appendix)
- Students (and parents) are responsible for all bikes/scooters brought onto the grounds. We are not responsible for the loss/damage of any bikes or scooters.
- Encourage children to participate in the National Ride to School Day each year.

### 4. Evaluation and review

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This policy will be reviewed according to the School Council Calendar Policy Review

### 5. References

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Further information can be obtained on the following website:

<http://www.helmets.org/stats.htm>

### 6. School Council Ratification

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This policy was ratified by School Council on 17/8/2021



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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are pleased that your child has taken the opportunity ride their bike or scooter to school, as we support these modes of transport for their many benefits to health and independence. However, as part of South Street school policy students are required to act safely when riding their bike or scooter. Part of this policy is that they wear their helmet when riding their bike or scooter and to walk it into the school via the Bealiba Road exit.

.....did not chose to do this and after a verbal reminder continued to behave unsafely. As a result .....will not be able to ride to school from .....to.....

Children who ride a bike or scooter to school after they are banned will not be able to store this on school property.

It would be very supportive if you could reinforce the expectations of the school with your child to ensure they meet the safety expectations.

Thanks for taking the time to read this letter

Kind Regards,  
Moe South Street Primary School

Please return to school

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read and agree to the above ban in relation to my child riding his/her bike or scooter to school.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_