



## BICYCLES AT SCHOOL POLICY

Parents and carers are responsible for how their child travels to and from school. Under duty of care, schools are responsible for the student once they have entered the school premises.

However, schools have the right to ban a student from bringing a bike, foot scooter, skateboard or rollerblades onto school premises if the school deems that the student is displaying unsafe behaviours when travelling to and from school.

Unsafe riding behaviours are those that break the law and could include:

- threatening pedestrians and other road users
- not keeping to the left and giving way to other pedestrians on footpaths, unless sign posted otherwise
- riding on a road with a dividing line or medium strip, or a speed limit greater than 50km/h, or on a one way road with more than one marked line
- not abiding by the school guidelines for use of foot scooters, skateboards or rollerblades e.g riding within the school grounds.

The *NSW Centre for Road Safety, Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA)* recommends parents and carers need to actively guide and supervise children riding bicycles up to ten years of age. Parents are urged to ensure that their child has proper bike control and knowledge of road rules.

Since July 1 1991, cyclists of all ages have been required by law to wear a helmet. By law, all riders and passengers must wear an Australian and New Zealand Standards (AS/NZ2063) approved helmet. Helmets need to be securely fitted and fastened on the rider's head. Advice on how to correctly fit a helmet can be found in the RTA publication *Information for parents and carers about safety on wheels*.