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BICYCLE POLICY

Rationale

Students travelling to and from school, as well as those at school need to feel and be safe. Bicycles are a popular means of transport for students, but their safe use requires regulation and management.

Objective

To encourage students and families to use safe practices for cycling when riding to and from school.

Implementation

In addition to Road Safety Rules, the following applies to use of bicycles for Mount Colah Public School students

- Parents/carers are responsible for their children's safety when riding bicycles.
- Bicycle equipment is the responsibility of parents/carers and must be roadworthy.
- Students must place their bike only in the racks located in the school grounds.
- Bicycles and helmets are brought and stored at school at the owner's risk.

- Students must provide their own lock for securing their bicycle.
- Students must wear a properly fitted, Standards Australia approved helmet and are encouraged to wear a safety vest when riding a bicycle.
- Students under the age of 10 must ride to school in the company of an adult.
- A student over the age of 10 cannot supervise younger students even if they are a sibling
- Children under the age of twelve may ride on footpaths as may a supervising adult. They are required to give way to pedestrians and to wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and children's crossings. Children aged twelve years or older are required by law to ride on the road.
- Students must dismount from their bicycles at the school entrance. Riding is not permitted inside the school grounds at any time, unless under direct supervision of an appropriately trained teacher.

- Students who break school rules will be managed in accordance with the school’s Discipline Policy. Consequences of breaking these rules may include students not being allowed to bring their bike onto the school grounds for a period of time determined by the Principal or their delegate.

Parents will be notified if children do not adhere to Mount Colah Public School Bicycle Policy.

Parents and students must sign the agreement below to abide by all the points of this policy or have their rights to riding a bike to school withdrawn for a period specified by the principal or his delegate.

If any of the rules listed above are broken the right to ride a bike to school will be withdrawn for a period by the principal.

Bicycle Riding Agreement Mount Colah Public School

I agree to ride in a responsible manner and follow all the rules relating to bike riding at Mount Colah Public School. I understand that if I break the rules I may not be allowed to ride my bike to school.

Name..... Class.....

I undertake to supervise my child/children while riding their bicycles to and from school and follow all the guidelines set out in the schools bicycle policy

Parent Name..... Signature.....

Date.....