



Mount Colah Public School Bicycle rider safety guidelines



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Our school encourages safe travelling for the whole community on their way to and from school. This guide lists our expectations for students as bicycle riders and their parents/carers.

Transport for NSW says:

- children under 10 years of age should be actively supervised by an adult when riding a bicycle
- all children under 12 years of age should cycle in a safe place off the road, such as a footpath or bicycle path, and away from vehicles
- any person under 16 years of age can cycle on footpaths, as well as people over 16 if they are supervising bike riders under 12 years of age.
- it is recommended children cycle away from busy roads
- all bicycle riders must obey the bicycle road rules.

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/bicycle-riders/laws.html>

Students who ride bicycles to school are responsible for:

- dismounting before entering the school grounds
- using the school bicycle entry and exit points via Telopea Street and Pierre Close pedestrian entrances. No child is to enter school grounds via either carpark gate at any time.
- walking bicycles on school grounds
- storing the bicycle in the bicycle rack. Bicycles must be locked with a chain and padlock supplied by the bicycle owner. Bicycles and helmets are brought and stored at school at the owner's risk.

A number of unsafe practices have been witnessed and reported to the school recently. Please ensure you discuss with your children how important road safety is.

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Principal (Relieving)

More information is available from:

1. Department of Education

- Riding to and from school <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/road-safety-education/safe-travel/riding>
- Vulnerabilities of children as road users <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/road-safety-education/safe-travel#Vulnerabilities1>

2. Transport for NSW

- Information for parents and carers about safety on wheels – The law and safety advice for bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades (pdf) <http://bit.ly/3Wl64UA>
- Helmets and safety gear <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/bicycle-riders/helmets-gear.html>
- NSW road rules, bicycle laws and penalties in NSW <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/bicycle-riders/laws.html>

Safe riding <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/bicycle-riders/safe-riding.html>

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