



# Engadine West Public School

## Bikes, Skateboards and Scooters Guidelines

Students travelling to and from school, as well as at school need to be safe. Bicycles, skateboards and scooters are popular means of transport for students, but require regulation and management. Parents and carers are responsible for their child's safety when they are travelling to and from school. It is well recognised that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgement. Parents should help children learn to ride safely away from roads until they are ready to make safe decisions.

These guidelines aim to provide a school environment, which is safe for students, which is practical, and balances the rights of individuals with the school's duty of care towards all staff and students.

### Implementation

- Bikes, skateboards and scooters are stored on the eastern side of the library block. It is the student's responsibility to secure their own bike, skateboard or scooter with a chain or lock. The bike, skateboard and scooter area is out of bounds at all times other than before and after school. The school accepts no responsibility for the security of bikes, skateboards or scooters.
- Students ride to school under the following conditions:
  - ♦ wear a correctly fitted bicycle helmet;
  - ♦ bikes, skateboards and scooters are in road worthy condition;
  - ♦ students under the age of 10 years ride to school in the company of an adult;
  - ♦ follow bicycle road rules including:
    - ride to the left on footpaths;
    - give pedestrians right of way on footpaths;
    - watch out for cars entering or leaving driveways.
- The NSW Department of Education (DoE) recommends wearing bright coloured clothing such as a safety vest to increase visibility to other road users.
- All parents will be made aware of school rules, and the safety reasons supporting them. The school provides a copy of these guidelines on the school's web site.
- Students over 10 years of age must obtain a rider licence before they are allowed to ride their bikes, skateboards or scooters to school. Students must abide by the above conditions before they are issued with a bike licence.
- Students who contravene these requirements but ride bikes, skateboards or scooters to school, cannot bring them onto school property or store their bikes, skateboards or scooters at school.
- Road Safety will form part of the school curriculum.
- Bikes, skateboards and scooters cannot be ridden inside the school grounds at any time.
- Students who break school rules will be managed in a manner consistent with the student discipline policy.

### References

These guidelines are written in consultation with NSW Department of Education policy:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/road-safety-education/safety-around-schools/reminding-parents-and-carers/riding-advice-to-share-with-parents-and-carers>

### Evaluation

These guidelines will be reviewed annually as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

# Engadine West PS Rider Licence Application

Parents/carers must read the attached Bike, Skateboard and Scooter guidelines and sign below that they understand and support the school policy conditions.

Parents and students are responsible for maintaining the roadworthiness of their bikes, skateboards or scooters.

A student must be 10 years old to receive a rider licence. The NSW Department of Education recommends that students younger than 10 years of age should be accompanied by a parent when riding to and/or from school.

Briefly describe the route that your child will be taking to and from school, including all necessary road crossings:

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Does your child understand that they are required to ride directly to and from school? Circle **Yes** / **No**

I understand that a rider licence is a privilege and it can be withdrawn if there is a breach in the expected code of behaviour. Circle **Yes** / **No**

Parent/carer name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/carer signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student name \_\_\_\_\_ Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student class \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_