

**PPS Bicycle and Scooter Safety Guidelines**

The following guidelines have been developed for students in Years 3-6 who wish to ride to school. We all have a role to play in ensuring the safety of our students and appreciate parents supporting their child to understand and follow these guidelines if they choose to ride to school.

**What does Transport for NSW say?**

* Bicycle riders must comply with all NSW road rules. Refer to:

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/bicycle-riders/index.html> for more information

* Children up to 10 years of age must be actively supervised when riding a bicycle
* Children under the age of 16 years and adults supervising riders under the age of 16 should ride on a footpath ensuring that they keep left and give way to pedestrians
* All riders and passengers on bicycles must wear an Australian Standards approved helmet that is securely fitted and fastened on the rider’s head

**Students who ride to school are responsible for:**

* Reading and completing the *PPS Bicycle and Scooter Safety Agreement* issued by the school
* Taking care around the school by dismounting and walking their bicycle on shared footpaths and crossings, always giving way to pedestrians.
* Walking bicycles and scooters on school grounds
* Storing the bicycle in the bicycle rack. Bicycles must be locked with a chain and padlock and are stored at school at the owner’s own risk

**Parents and carers are responsible for:**

* How your child travels to and from school
* Maintaining your child’s bicycle
* Ensuring your child wears a correctly fitted Australian Standards helmet
* Completing the *Parent and carer agreement* issued by the school
* Teaching your child the road rules and reading the document *‘Information for parents and carers about safety on wheel’s* through the following link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/road-safety-education/safe-travel/riding/Safety_on_wheels_info_for_parents.pdf>

Students and parents should complete the agreement and return it to the school office prior to their child riding to school.

The Principal has the discretion to stop any student from riding to school if they do not follow the PPS guidelines and agreement.

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**PPS Bicycle and Scooter Safety Agreement**

*Pymble Public School provides students in Years 3-6 the opportunity to ride their bike/scooter to school. We all have a responsibility to keep our students safe, and therefore it is imperative that students and parents understand these guidelines and expectations. Students and parents should complete the following agreement and return it to the front office, prior to riding to school.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ understand the following requirements of PPS when riding my bike to school:

* I will wear my helmet (Australian Standards approved) correctly when riding to and from school
* I will keep my bicycle well maintained
* I will give way to all pedestrians on footpaths, crossings and cycle paths
* I will walk my bicycle/scooter across the road at safe places and pedestrian/traffic crossings
* I will dismount before entering the school grounds and walk my bike on school grounds
* I will walk my bicycle on the footpath around the school fence line when entering and leaving the school
* I will secure my bicycle with a lock and chain in the designated bicycle rack
* I will bring my bicycle/scooter and helmet to school at my own risk
* I understand that the Principal may stop me from riding to school if I do not follow these rules
* I have read and talked about the ‘Safety on Wheels’ guideline with my parents/carers

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent/Carer Agreement**

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to ride his/her bicycle/scooter to school.

* I take responsibility for my child riding to and from school and understand that children under 10 years of age should be closely supervised by an adult when riding.
* I have read the school’s *Bicycle and Scooter Safety Guidelines and Agreement* with my child
* My child will correctly wear an Australian Standards approved helmet when riding to and from school
* I will ensure that my child’s bicycle is well maintained and roadworthy
* I understand that the Principal may stop my child from riding to school if the rules are not followed
* I understand that bicycles and helmets are brought to school at the owner’s risk

Parent/Carer name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Care signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_