



St Joseph's Catholic School

Queenstown

POLICY FOR STUDENTS RIDING BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS TO SCHOOL

RATIONALE

The riding of bicycles and scooters encourages physical activity and thus promotes the physical wellbeing of students. Students may choose to ride bicycles or scooters to St Joseph's Catholic School and it is the school's duty of care to ensure that parental permission is forthcoming and considerations for student safety are paramount. The school's decision regarding permission to ride is final and expectations regarding a child's safety may be in excess of accepted practice.

AIMS

- To ensure parents and children are aware of the school's expectations regarding a child's request to ride a bicycle or scooter to school.
- To minimise the potential for danger for students riding bicycles or scooters to school.

PRACTICES

- Students intending to ride their bikes or scooters to and from school must bring a written note to the Principal from their parents/guardians giving permission and informing the school of the intension for them to do so: One letter covers the calendar year.
- Students who are in grades that are below Grade 3, must be accompanied by an older sibling or a responsible adult when riding to or from school.
- Parents and the school will collaboratively reinforce the principles of road safety for bike riders.
- Helmets must be worn while riding bikes or scooters.
- Parents should ensure proper maintenance of student bicycles and scooters.
- Students are to dismount their bikes or scooters in the immediate vicinity of the school.
- Bikes and scooters will be stored in a designated area, secured with a bike-lock supplied by the child, and are out of bounds to students during the school day.

This policy and associated practices will be reviewed as part of the St Joseph's Catholic School policy review cycle.

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