



MANLY WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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THE MANLY WEST PS BICYCLE SCOOTER SKATEBOARD SAFETY GUIDELINES POLICY

At Manly West Public School it is important that parents and carers accept responsibility for how their child travels to and from school. The NSW Centre for Road Safety Transport for NSW recommends parents and carers need to actively guide and supervise children riding up to ten years of age. This includes riding of scooters and skateboards. At Manly West PS students above the age of 10 are permitted to ride bicycles, skateboards and scooters to and from school with parent permission and children are required to follow the guidelines below.

The Department of Education and Communities and NSW Centre for Road Safety (Transport for NSW) recommends that:

- school-aged children and younger should be supervised by an adult while riding their foot scooter or skateboard.
- children aged between 10 and 12 years of age should avoid cycling on or near busy roads.
- bicycle riders are required to wear helmets and skateboard scooter riders should wear a helmet and wear protective gear such as knee pads, wrist guards and elbow pads.
- children should **NOT** use foot scooters or skateboards on the road.

Parents and Caregivers are responsible for:

- the maintenance of their child's bicycle and scooter and are to ensure their child always wears an Australian Standards approval helmet when riding. Bicycles skateboards scooters must be in a good, safe working order and bicycles must be fitted with a working brake and a bell.
- ensuring their child is aware of and follows the school and road rules relating to bicycles skateboards scooters. This includes pedestrian's right of way on footpaths and using a bell as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
- reinforcing rules and safety advice for riding bicycles skateboards scooters to and from school, as outlined in the NSW Centre for Road Safety 'Information for Parents and Carers about Safety On Wheels'.

<http://ols2.rta.nsw.gov.au/ebus/docs/rescat/pdf/8/1180/45092307safetyonwheels0409.pdf>

Students over 10 years, who bring their bicycle skateboard scooter onto school grounds, are responsible for:

- completing a Bicycle Scooter Skateboard rider's agreement issued by the school. This is to be completed and returned to the Deputy Principal.
- dismounting at designated entry and entry points at Hill, Boyle and Griffith Street before entering the school grounds and walking their bicycles skateboards scooters whilst on the school grounds.
- safely storing their bicycle scooter skateboard in the designated bike rack area. Bicycles scooters skateboards and helmets are brought and stored at school at the owner's risk.
- securely locking bicycles scooters skateboards with a chain and padlock supplied by the owner.

Safe Riding Behaviours:

- Students are to always correctly wear an Australian Standards approved helmet when riding.
- Students must always ride in a safe manner following these guidelines and the NSW road rules relating to bicycle scooters skateboards.
- Foot scooters and skateboards are best ridden in recreational areas designated for their use.
- Driveways, uneven ground and the traffic environment are potential hazards for riders
- Bicycles scooters skateboards are not permitted to be ridden on school grounds during or after hours.
- Parents and carers will be notified if their child does not adhere to the school's bicycle scooter skateboard safety guidelines. Students may not be allowed to bring their bicycles scooters skateboards onto the school grounds if they do not follow the rules.

1. NSW Centre for Road Safety, RTA: *Information for parents and carers about safety on wheels – The law and safety advice for bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades* at <http://ols2.rta.nsw.gov.au/ebus/docs/rescat/pdf/8/1180/45092307safetyonwheels0409.pdf>
2. Department of Education and Communities: *Riding a foot scooter, skateboard or rollerblades to and from school* at <http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/policies/road/travel/active/index.htm>



MANLY WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL BICYCLE SCOOTER SKATEBOARD STUDENT AGREEMENT

I (Name: _____ of Class: _____) have read the 2023 Manly West *Bicycle Scooter Skateboard Safety Guidelines* and understand the information provided.

- I have discussed this with my parents or carers.
- When using the footpath, I will respect all pedestrians and give way to them.
- I understand that it is a joint responsibility between my parents carers and myself to keep the bicycle scooter skateboard well maintained.
- I will wear my helmet correctly and protective gear when riding my bicycle scooter skateboard to and from school.
- I understand that I bring my bicycle scooter skateboard to school at my own risk and will secure it properly.
- I understand that I may be stopped from bringing my bicycle scooter skateboard onto the school grounds if I do not follow the rules.

Name Parent Carer: _____

Signed (Parent Carer): _____

Date: _____

Return Student and Parent Agreements to Mrs Fuller Deputy Principal



MANLY WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL BICYCLE SCOOTER SKATEBOARD RIDER PARENT AGREEMENT

- I have read and discussed the school's Bicycle Scooter Skateboard Safety Guidelines with my child.
- My child will correctly wear an Australian Standards approved helmet and protective gear when riding to and from school.
- I understand that bicycles scooters skateboards are brought to school at the owner's risk.
- I understand that my child will be unable to bring their bicycle scooter skateboard onto school grounds if the rules are not followed.

Name Parent Carer: _____

Signed (Parent Carer): _____

Date: _____

Return Student and Parent Agreements to Mrs Fuller Deputy Principal