



Policy: Children Riding Bicycles to School, 2019

Children may ride bicycles to school, but we need parents and children to agree to the following conditions:

1. Road Rules

Children riding bicycles will obey the rules of the road relating to cyclists, including the wearing of helmets. Bicycles which do not meet the safety requirements are not to be ridden to school. It is the parent's responsibility to check the conditions of each child's bicycle. Please note that all bicycles **must** be equipped with a bell.

Scooters and skateboards are not allowed to be ridden to school because they are considered to be too dangerous for student health and safety.

2. School Rules

- Only students in Years 3-6 are permitted to ride bicycles to school unaccompanied. According to RMS research, children under 10 years of age do not have sufficient skills to ride bikes on the road. Please be aware of this when signing the note below.
- Students must wear crash helmets that fit properly.
- Crash helmet straps should be adjusted weekly to ensure they are the correct length.
- The chin strap must be done up when riding.
- Bicycles must have a working bell on the handlebar near the hand grip.
- Bicycles must be walked in and out of the school grounds for safety reasons.
- Bicycles must be parked in the bicycle rack.
- The school cannot accept any responsibility for the security of bicycles.
- Students on bicycles must give way to pedestrians on footpaths.
- Permission to ride bicycles will be withdrawn for a period of time if the school rules are disobeyed. Parents will be notified in writing.

Please discuss this policy with your child, sign the note below and return it to the school.

Bob Lowe
Deputy Principal

ILLAROO ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL **POLICY: Children riding Bicycles to School**

I have read and discussed this bike policy with my child. The bike has been checked to make sure that it is safe to ride. I agree with the withdrawal of riding privileges if school rules are broken. If notified that road rules are broken, I will deal with this at home with my child.

Child's Name: _____ Class _____

Signed (Parent / Guardian) _____