

WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 5365

TRAFFIC SAFETY POLICY



Rationale:

School students are exposed to traffic hazards on a daily basis, with traffic related accidents accounting for the majority of all serious injuries and deaths to school aged students. A well-planned, comprehensive and effective 'hands on' traffic education program is, therefore, an essential component of our school's integrated curriculum.

Aims:

- To enable students to learn about their local traffic environment and to develop the physical skills, attitudes and behaviour patterns for safe use of roads, school buses and public transport systems.
- To raise awareness of traffic safety within the local school community.

Implementation:

- As a component of the Health & Physical Education discipline of the Victoria Curriculum, traffic safety education will be included through an inquiry approach where applicable.
- Whilst traffic safety education will be included in class programs through the inquiry approach, students may also be introduced to traffic safety education through informal lessons relating to pedestrian, passenger and bicycle safety as the need arises.
- The traffic safety program will comprise the following elements:
 - Knowledge and understanding of roads, traffic, transport and rules.
 - Development of the physical skills to manage traffic environments safely
 - Development of behaviours, attitudes and decision-making abilities that enable students to successfully negotiate traffic in a safe and responsible manner.
- Appropriate Traffic Safety Education program and professional learning funding-allocated in budget
- Resources for the Traffic Safety Program are available at [Administrative Guidelines for Traffic Safety Education](#)
- Whole school Traffic Safety to be addressed through the school newsfeeds and assemblies
- Parents will be encouraged to support the school to reinforce positive traffic safety practices with children and helping children to travel to and from school safely.
- Students must wear an approved helmet when riding a bicycle or scooter as per Victorian State Road Rule legislation.
- Bicycles and scooters will be stored in the scooter and bicycle sheds provided
- Students in years Prep-3 are permitted to ride their bicycles or scooters to school if accompanied by an adult. Parents of children in years Prep- 3 must provide written notification to the school if their child/ren will be riding a scooter or bicycle to school
- Students in years 4-6 are permitted to ride bikes and scooters to school independently.
- Bicycles and scooters are not to be ridden in the school grounds (with the exception of Bike Education classes)
- Inline skates, roller skates, roller blades and skateboards are not to be brought onto the school grounds

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in June 2018