



Kariong Public School  
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## **KARIONG PUBLIC SCHOOL BICYCLE POLICY**

1. Children who have their tenth birthday and live further than an easy walking distance from school may apply for permission to ride a bicycle to and from school.
2. Children must not ride bicycles to school without the permission of the school.
3. Children must wear a helmet at all times when in control of a bicycle.
4. Bicycles ridden to school must be in good, safe working order and must be fitted with a bell.
5. Entry to and exit from KPS is via the main Langford Drive gate only.
6. Children are to dismount before entering the school grounds and walk their bicycles to the bike racks.
7. Bicycles are left at school at the owner's risk.
8. At 3.00pm, bicycles are to be walked from the bike racks to the dismissal area where children will wait for instructions from the teacher on duty.
9. All RTA Road Rules concerning bicycles are to be adhered to. This includes the fact that on the footpath, pedestrians have right of way. The bell should be used as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
10. Children who do not adhere to the school's Bicycle Policy may have their approval to ride to school revoked.

**Note:** Scooters are permitted under the conditions described above.  
Skateboards are not permitted at Kariong Public School under any conditions.



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### Bicycle/Scooter Permission Note

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ (name)  
of Class \_\_\_\_\_ to ride his/her bicycle to school.

Please tick the following boxes if applicable.

- My child is at least ten years old (date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_)
- I have been through the provided information with my child and feel that he/she has a good understanding of his/her responsibilities.
- My child's bicycle is in good condition with working brakes and a bell.
- My child will wear a helmet when riding to and from school
- I understand that bicycles are brought to school at the owner's risk.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ (name) of

Class \_\_\_\_\_ to ride a scooter to school.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Gardian

## A Road Safety Notice

# FOR SCOOTERS, BICYCLES AND SKATEBOARDS

### What the Law Says

### Safety Advice

#### **BICYCLES**

##### **Helmets**

ALL riders of bicycles must wear a Standards Australia approved helmet.

Helmets must be worn securely fastened. Buy the correct size and regularly check it to be sure it is undamaged.

##### **Riding on the Footpath**

Children under 12 years and older riders accompanying them may ride a bicycle on the footpath unless specifically prohibited by signs. Riders must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians.

Bicycles should not interfere or be dangerous for pedestrians, particularly the elderly. In busy areas dismount and walk. Riders up to 10 years of age should be closely supervised wherever they ride. They should ride away from roads, driveways and cars if possible.

##### **Riding on the Road**

Cyclists 12 years and over cannot use the footpath unless it is signposted as a shared footpath. Cyclists 12 years and over are required to use roads or cycle ways. If a bicycle lane is marked on the road it should be used wherever practicable.

Consider extra equipment such as flags, reflectors and bright clothing to make bicycle and rider more visible.

Bicycles must be fitted with an effective brake and bell, and if used at night must have front and rear lights and a rear reflector.

Bicycles can be fitted with power assistance up to 200W. Any other powered vehicle must comply with appropriate registration requirements.

#### **SCOOTERS** (riders 12 years and older)

The laws for cyclists outlined above also apply to scooter riders aged 12 years or more. Powered scooters cannot be registered and therefore should only be used on private land.

Riding locations away from roads are preferred because scooters have limited stopping power and difficulty in mixing with other traffic. Take extra care when riding on rough surfaces.

#### **SCOOTERS** (riders under 12 years) **SKATEBOARDS** (all ages)

##### **Riding on the Footpath**

Anyone under 12 years may ride a scooter on the footpath, unless specifically prohibited by signs. Skateboards and roller blades may be used on the footpath regardless of the rider's age, unless specifically prohibited by signs.

ALL riders of scooters, roller blades and other wheeled toys should wear a helmet and other protective equipment such as knee and elbow pads.

##### **Riding on the Road**

Riders of skateboards can only use minor roads (those with no lane lines marked) and can only do so between dawn and dusk.

The preferred locations for scooters, skateboards and roller blades are areas set aside and designed for their use.

