

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:

- A traffic safety education coordinator will be appointed at the school each year
- Appropriate program funding and Traffic Safety Education professional learning for staff will be provided
- The traffic safety program will be based on the [Administrative Guidelines for Traffic Safety Education](#) and [Kids on the Move](#)
- All students will undertake a bus safety program each year as part of school-side PBS
- As a core component of the Health & Physical Education domain, traffic safety education will be integrated across the curriculum.
- Whilst traffic safety education will be integrated into all curriculum areas and at all year levels, students will be introduced to traffic safety education by formal lessons relating to pedestrian safety, passenger safety and bicycle safety.
- Our traffic safety education program will comprise the following 3 essential elements:
 1. Knowledge and understanding of roads, traffic, transport and rules.
 2. Development of the physical skills to manage traffic environments safely, whether as pedestrian, bike or scooter rider, motor vehicle passenger, or user of public transport.
 3. Development of behaviours, attitudes and decision-making abilities that enable students to successfully negotiate traffic in a safe and responsible manner.
- Traffic safety education will be highlighted through the school newsletter, at assemblies, via guest speakers, and through school awards.
- Parents will be actively encouraged to become involved in the traffic safety education program, and to reinforce positive traffic safety practices with students.
- 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 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 December 2012