

HARTWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

BICYCLE POLICY

Rationale:

- Cycling promotes fitness and health and an opportunity for older students to develop independence.

Aim:

- To provide students in senior classes with the opportunity to ride bicycles to school

Guidelines:

- **HPS does not generally encourage students to ride bicycles to school due to road safety conditions.**
- Only Year 5 & 6 students may ride bicycles to school.
- Students who ride to school must have completed the Bicycle Education Program at school.
- A roster system will be developed if numbers of students cycling outweighs the school's accommodation capacity.
- Parents must approve their child's riding to school, and should initially accompany their child to devise an appropriate route.
- Students should walk their bicycle on arrival at surrounding streets (ie Milverton and Merton Streets and Oberwyl Road), and whilst on the school property. Riding is not permitted on the school grounds at any time.
- Students riding to school must enter via the designated gate.
- Bicycles ridden to school should be in a roadworthy condition, (ie pump, working bell, and reflectors). Provision of lock to secure their bike at school is essential.
- Students must wear a helmet at all times.
- Students must ride safely and obey the road rules.
- Hartwell P.S. will not accept responsibility for damage to bicycles on the school property.
- It is the parents' responsibility to transport home bicycles which cannot be ridden.
- Scooters and skateboards are excluded from this policy.
- Students who do not abide by this policy (ie do not wear a helmet or do not ride safely) may have their right to ride to school withdrawn.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed by School Council in 2013.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in 2009

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I _____ agree to follow the Bicycle Policy
(student's name)
when riding my bicycle to school.

I also understand that if I do not follow the Bicycle Policy I will not be allowed to ride my bicycle to school. The 'action taken' and subsequent consequences will be decided by the staff at HPS.

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

I/We have read the Bicycle Policy with our son/daughter and fully support the rules /protocols outlined in the policy.

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

Principal/Assistant Principal initial: