



Windsor Park Public School Permission: Riding a Bike to School



Windsor Park Public School – Registration of Student Cyclist

Students Full Name: _____

Students Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Note: as per “Bicycle Safety Policy” a rider must be ten (10) years old before riding to school without adult supervision.

Students Scholastic Year: _____

Student Address: _____
(Address)

_____ NSW _____
(Suburb) (Postcode)

Note: each student will require a signed permission form

To ensure the safety of students travelling to and from school by bicycle, a school policy has been developed in this area. Issues relating to rules for cyclists, equipment, code of behaviour etc. have been discussed extensively at school and in P&C meetings. The outcome of these discussions is the attached “Cyclist’s Code of Behaviour” which has been adopted as our school’s “Bicycle Safety Policy” (please see policy on the following two pages).

As a parent/caregiver your support is sought in relation to:

1. Formal permission for your child to cycle to school and
2. Ensuring the student’s knowledge of his or her role/responsibility as a cyclist.

As a follow-up communicate will aim to define the most appropriate cycling route to and from school. To assist in this matter, please complete the Permission for Student to ride a Bicycle to and from School section below and return to the School Office

Windsor Park Public School – Permission for Student to ride a Bicycle to and from School

I hereby give permission for my child to ride a bicycle to and from school. I have read and understand Windsor Park Public Schools “Bicycle Safety Policy” and will help to ensure the understanding of my child’s role/responsibility as a cyclist.

Parent/Caregiver Full Name: _____

Parent/Caregiver signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____



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Bicycle Safety Policy

The school policy states: A rider must be ten (10) years old before riding to school without adult supervision. This is a safety concern as below this age children are still developing their road skills and peripheral vision (needed to ride safely).

Cyclists Code of Behaviour:

To ensure the safety of students travelling to and from school by bicycle, the following rules and conditions are expected to be observed:

Bicycles

- The bicycle must be of an appropriate size for the student and equipped as required by the General Traffic Regulation (Traffic Act).
- All bicycles being ridden to school must have a warning device (eg. A bell) and at least one working brake.
- Any attachments likely to endanger the safety of cyclists are not to be fitted.
- Handlebar ends must be covered.
- Students are encouraged to attach a bicycle flag to help make the bicycle more visible.

Cyclists

- Students below the age of 10 years should only ride to school with appropriate parental supervision.
- Cyclists must obey all road rules and traffic signals.

Clothing

- An approved safety helmet must be worn. The helmet must be of appropriate size, securely strapped (not loose) under the chin and squarely centred on the head, resting from the middle part of the forehead (not pushed back up off the forehead).
- Any clothing that has the potential to “catch” in a bicycle should be avoided. Students are encouraged to wear school shorts in preference to school tunics or dresses.
- Closed shoes must be worn.
- Students are encouraged to wear an additional brightly coloured or reflective vest whilst cycling.

Access for Cyclists

- Cyclists should enter the school grounds either via the gateway on Perkins St (side gate) or via the gateway on Rifle Range Road which is closest to the roundabout and should also use these same gates when leaving the school grounds.
- Cyclists must not enter or leave via the car parking area or via the main pedestrian gateway directly in front of the school office.
- Bicycles must not be ridden within the school grounds. Bicycles must be “walked” to and from the bicycle parking area within the school grounds and on all pathways between the school grounds and the roadway.

Security of Bicycles

- Students are to park bicycles in the designated bicycle parking area during the school day.
- Students are encouraged to utilise the fixtures provided for safe locking of bicycles and helmets.
- In general, students will be expected to keep away from the bicycle parking area during the day.
- Responsibility for the security of the bicycle and bicycle safety helmet on the school grounds rests with the student cyclist.
- Please note that no responsibility will be taken by the school in the case of theft or damage on bicycles and equipment whilst on school grounds.

Staff Assistance

The school will assist with arrangement of programs integrating Road Safety Education with the school curriculum. Staff will assist with implementation of the “Code of Behaviour for Cyclists”.

Parental Support

The school will seek the support of parents in relation to:-

- Provision of a permission note for cycling to school
- Maintenance of student’s bicycle
- Definition of the student’s route to and from school
- Ensuring the student’s knowledge of his or her role/responsibility as a cyclist.