

BICYCLE POLICY

**St Michael's Catholic
Primary School
Mittagong**



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Expectations

1. The Catholic Education Office and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) recommends that children under 10 years of age DO NOT ride bicycles to or from school unless accompanied by an adult.
2. Children must correctly wear a Standards Australia approved bicycle helmet that is correctly fitted and fastened on the riders head. They should check for the AS/NZ2063 approval sticker.
3. All TfNSW road rules concerning bicycles are to be followed.
4. Children under 12 years should ride away from busy roads. They may ride bikes on the footpath unless are signs that specifically prohibit cycling. Riders must keep to the left, take responsibility for avoiding other footpath users, give way to pedestrians and ensure they do not encroach on the rights of other users. At driveways where a vehicle may be entering or leaving, the rider needs to check carefully for vehicles before proceeding across the driveway. At intersections, children and adults must dismount and use safe pedestrian behaviour as they wheel the bike across the road. All RTA road rules concerning bicycles are to be followed. This includes the pedestrian's right of way on footpaths. The bell should be used as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
5. Bicycles ridden to school must be in good, safe working order and bicycles must be fitted with a bell. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that the bicycle is in good and safe working order and that all protective equipment as required by law is provided. Adult assistance is required for a child to perform a safety check every time the bike is ridden - bell, brakes, reflectors, chain, tyres and pedals.
6. Bicycle riders are expected to use the available pedestrian entry points of the school. These are:
 - The gate in Alice St near the hall
 - The driveway in Alfred St near the Library
7. Children are to dismount before entering the school grounds and walk their bicycles whilst on site.
8. Bicycles and helmets are brought and stored on school grounds at the owner's risk.
9. No riding of bicycles is permitted in school grounds during and after hours
10. Parents will be notified if students do not adhere to the school's Bicycle Policy and permission will be withdrawn until the issues identified have been satisfactorily addressed.
11. Skateboards, ripsticks, rollerblades and scooters are not permitted at St Michael's unless directed by teachers.
12. The Principal has the right of discretion to make provision for departure from the policy or the application of the policy in the event of unforeseen and exceptional circumstances.

Supporting Documents

- St Michael's School SPB4L Policy

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed in 2021

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Dear Parents,

Attached are a "Bicycle Policy" and a "Bicycle User's Permission Note." Both of these are now a requirement of all schools.

Please read both attachments with your child so that they become fully aware of their content. Take particular note that the age of a child who can ride to and from school without adult supervision is 10 years. If your child is intending on riding to and from school at any stage while they are at St Michael's, we must receive a signed permission note before their first day of riding.

The policy and permission note will help in ensuring the safety of the children who ride to and from school and we look forward to your support in their implementation.

Yours sincerely,
Katrina West
Principal

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BICYCLE USER'S PERMISSION NOTE

- I have read and understand the Bicycle Policy for St Michael's School.
- I understand that it is a joint responsibility between my parents and I to keep the bike well maintained with all component parts working correctly.
- I will wear my Standards Australia approved helmet correctly when riding a bicycle to and from school.
- I understand that I bring my bicycle to school at my own risk.
- I will not lend my bike to another student when travelling to and from school.
- I will not carry any passengers on my bike.
- I will ride with an adult if I am under 10 years.
- Skateboards, scooters and roller blades are not permitted at school under any circumstances, unless directed by teachers.

Signed (student): _____

Signed (parent/carer): _____ Date: _____

Bicycle User's Permission Note (Parent)

I give permission for _____ to ride his/her bicycle to and from school.

- I have read and understand the bicycle information provided.
- I will regularly check my child's bicycle for road worthiness and keep the bike well maintained with all component parts working correctly.
- My child will correctly wear a Standards Australia approved helmet when riding a bicycle to and from school.
- I understand that bicycles are brought to school at the owner's and user's risk.
- I will ensure my child rides with an adult if they are under 10 years.

Signed: _____

Relationship to child/student: _____

Date: _____

Please return this bicycle permission note to the school office.