

Blacksmiths Public School Bicycle Policy

1. The Department of Education & Training and NSW Roads & Traffic Authority recommends that children under 10 years of age DO NOT ride bicycles to or from school unless accompanied by an adult. Blacksmiths P S supports this safety measure by only allowing students from Year 4 to Year 6 to ride bicycles to and from school.
2. Children must correctly wear a Standards Australia approved bicycle helmet at all times when in control of a bicycle.
3. All RTA road rules concerning bicycles are to be followed. This includes the pedestrians' right of way on footpaths. The bell should be used as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
4. Bicycles ridden to school must be in good, safe working order and bicycles must be fitted with a bell.
5. Entry and exit points to Blacksmiths Public School are via the front gate pedestrian entrance.
6. Children are to dismount before entering the school grounds and walk their bicycles whilst on site, and across the crossing.
7. Bicycles are to be stored in the bike rack. Bicycles must be locked with a chain and padlock supplied by the bicycle owner. Bicycles and helmets are brought and stored on site at the owner's site.
8. Blacksmiths Public School provides bicycle safety education for all students through the school's road safety education program.
9. Parents will support Blacksmiths Public School's road safety education program by instructing their children in the rules of road safety and maintaining their child's bicycle as a matter of routine. (see attached Bicycle & Helmet Safety Checklist, and The Law & Safety Advice for Bicycles, Rollerblades, Scooters & Skateboards).
10. Parents will be notified if children do not adhere to the School's Bicycle Policy. These students will not be allowed to ride their bikes to or from school for a period of time determined by the Principal.
11. No riding of bicycles, scooters, rollerblades or skateboards is permitted in school grounds at any time.

Note: Skateboards, scooters, ripsticks and rollerblades are not permitted at Blacksmiths Public School under any circumstances, unless directed by teachers.