

SANDRINGHAM EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL



TRAFFIC EDUCATION POLICY

Rationale

Children use the road and transport system as frequently as pedestrians, passengers and cyclists. They 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. Our school places emphasis on preparing students to make decisions that will enhance their own, and the safety of others, when travelling through a well-planned, comprehensive and effective 'hands on' traffic education program as part of the curriculum. Our school community supports learning and applying traffic skills that assist in road safety.

Aims

- To assist students to become responsible and capable road users by improving their knowledge, physical skills, attitudes and behavioural patterns for safe use on roads.
- To actively encourage support and involvement of parents in developing road safety awareness.
- To enable students to learn about their local traffic surroundings and to strive for a school and local environment that is safer for children as pedestrians, cyclists and passengers.
- To encourage students to travel to school via active means such as walking, riding or other safe and supervised measures.

Implementation

Traffic Safety Education is concerned with information, ideas, skills, behaviour, attitudes, values and beliefs related to individuals and groups travelling responsibly and safely. The scope includes pedestrian safety, bike education (Bike-Ed), pick up and drop off practices and safe routes to school education.

The school will:

- Develop and operate a relevant, continuous, school based traffic safety program integrated across the curriculum catering for student ages and abilities based on the scope described above.
- Encourage correct use of school entry and exit points for pedestrians, cyclists, scooters and motorists and all other accepted and relevant modes of transport.
- Prohibit students and visitors from riding bikes, scooters or skateboards within the school grounds except as a part of the formal Bike-Ed program.
- Provide a storage area for bikes and scooters within the school grounds.
- Raise community awareness of traffic safety education regulations through the school newsletter, assemblies and information sessions.
- Encourage parents to become involved in the traffic safety education program and to reinforce positive traffic safety practices with students.
- Provide accredited Bike Education Training for students in Year 5. Children that have passed the Bike-Ed Course have achieved a recognised level of bike and road safety awareness.
- Provide accredited Bike Education training for staff and parent volunteers as required.

In accordance with Victorian law, students must wear a helmet when riding a bicycle or scooter to and from school.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle unless an issue arises which requires review

This policy was ratified by School Council – October 2016