



Bicycle Rider/Scooter Agreement – 2023

Student:

- I have read and understand the information provided (see over for the **Narrabeen North Public School** guidelines and safety advice for bicycles, scooters, rollerblades and skateboards).
- I understand that it is a joint responsibility between my parent/carer and me to keep my bike/scooter well maintained with all component parts working correctly.
- I will wear my Standards Australia approved helmet correctly when riding a bicycle/scooter to and from school.
- I understand that if I bring my bicycle/scooter to school I do so at my own risk and will secure it in the appropriate bike rack.

Parent/Caregiver:

- I have read and understand the bicycle information provided (**Narrabeen North Public School** bicycle/scooter guidelines and safety advice for bicycles, rollerblades and skateboards).
- I have read and explained the bicycle information provided (**Narrabeen North Public School** bicycle/scooter guidelines and safety advice for bicycles, scooters, rollerblades and skateboards) to my child.
- My child will correctly wear a Standards Australia approved helmet when riding a bicycle/scooter to and from school.
- I understand that bicycles and scooters are brought to school at the owner's risk.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Signed (child): _____

Signed (parent/caregiver): _____

Date: _____



Background:

Since July 1, 1991 cyclists of all ages have been required by law to wear a Standards Australia approved helmet whenever they ride in a public place, including roads, cycle paths and parks. The Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) recommends that children under the age of 10 do not ride bicycles to school unless accompanied by an adult. The DoE supports the RMS in this recommendation. Young children have not developed the skills to cope with an ever-changing traffic environment due to physical limitations, including their:

- Small size which makes it difficult for them to see and to be seen by drivers
- Lack of concentration skills
- Inability to accurately predict the origins of sound
- Limited concentration span and easily distracted
- Slower reflexes
- Poor knowledge of road rules
- Inability to cope with sudden changes in traffic conditions
- Inability to identify safe places to ride
- Inability to change speed and judge distance accurately
- Inability to understand abstract ideas such as traffic safety

The RMS has laws for bicycle use that must be followed by all cyclists, and recommended advice for the use of rollerblades, scooters and skateboards, including:

- Bicycles/foot scooters ridden to school must be in good, safe working order and bicycles must be fitted with a bell.
- Pedestrians have right of way on footpaths and the bell on a bike should be used as a warning when approaching pedestrians

Further school guidelines include:

- Entry and exit points to and from the bike rack are through the NBISC or Namona Street entrances and riders must follow the paths.
- Students are to dismount before entering the school grounds and walk their bicycles/foot scooters whilst on site. No riding is permitted on site after hours.
- Bicycles/scooters are to be stored in the bike rack at the owner's risk. They must be locked with a chain and padlock supplied by the owner.
- Storage and labelling of bicycle/scooter helmets is the responsibility of the student.
- Parents will be notified if children do not adhere to the guidelines. Students may be refused entry with their bicycles/scooters to the school grounds
- **Skateboards are not permitted at Narrabeen North Public School at any time.**