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RIDING BICYCLES TO SCHOOL GUIDELINES

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Your child has indicated a desire to ride a bike to school. It is important to draw your attention to issues and rules regarding children riding bicycles to and from John Purchase Public School.

Legal requirements: Bicycle riders in NSW must obey the road rules. They must stop at red lights or stop signs, give way as indicated by road signs and give hand signals when changing direction. Under the Road Rules on the [NSW legislation website](#), a bicycle is considered a vehicle and has the same road rules as other vehicles.

Safety Advice: All riders of bicycles must wear a Standards Australia approved helmet, which should be securely fastened. Buy the correct size and regularly check it to be sure it is undamaged. Bicycles must be fitted with an effective brake and bell, and if used at night, must have front and rear lights and a rear reflector. Consider extra equipment such as flags, reflectors and bright clothing to make bicycle and rider more visible. Cyclists should never ride while using a mobile phone.

Footpaths: Since 23 July 2018, children under 16 years of age are allowed to ride on a footpath (increased from children under 12 years of age). Allowing children under the age of 16 on the footpath will help keep them safe until they have the skills, decision-making and knowledge of the rules to ride safely on the road. An adult rider who is supervising a bicycle rider under 16 may also ride with the young rider on the footpath. Children aged 16 or 17 can ride on the footpath, when accompanied by a child under 16 and a supervising adult. When riding on a footpath, riders must keep left and give way to pedestrians. Bicycles should not be hazardous for pedestrians, particularly the elderly. In busy areas, such as the footpath outside our school, it is **advisable** to dismount and walk.

Why are young people vulnerable when riding a bicycle?

- They are easily distracted.
- They have a limited concentration span.
- They are unable to deal with sudden changes and may act without thinking.
- They have a limited concept of danger.
- Their peripheral or side vision is not fully developed.
- They are still developing their motor skills and balance.
- They are a small aspect of the road environment and are not easily seen.

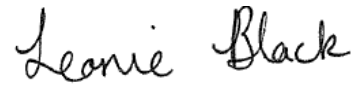
As a result of the above information the following guidelines apply at our school.

- Children in Years 3 - 6 are permitted to ride their bicycles to and from school.
- Children must have parental permission, each year, whether they ride to school on one day or every day.
- Children should be proficiently skilful in riding a bicycle and must adhere to all the road rules.
- Children must wear a helmet, ride in single file and NOT double any other person.
- Upon arriving at school the children will walk their bicycles into the school grounds and place them in the bicycle racks provided.
- At the end of the day the children will walk their bicycles to the roadway before beginning their journey home. Please note that the bicycle racks are out of bounds during school hours.
- If any child abuses these rules they will be asked not to ride to school for their own safety.
- Contact will be made with parents regarding these matters, if the need arises.

Please sign and date the note below to indicate your desire for your child to ride a bicycle to and from school. Please return the note to the Deputy Principal.



Mrs A. King
Deputy Principal



Mrs L. Black
Principal

JPPS BICYCLE PERMISSION NOTE

PLEASE RETURN TO DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Student Name _____ Class _____

I understand and have discussed all the above information with my child.

I give permission for my child to ride a bicycle to and from John Purchase Public School.

Parent Name _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____



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RIDING SCOOTERS TO SCHOOL GUIDELINES

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Schools are responsible for minimising the risks to our students in all aspects of their schooling. For this reason, we want to ensure the safety of students travelling to and from school when walking or riding. Please read this information carefully and refer to the Transport NSW Centre for Road Safety. <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/pedestrians/skateboardsfootscootersandrollerblades/index.html>

Legal Requirements:

- Foot scooters may be ridden on footpaths unless signs specifically prohibit them, however, riders must keep to the left and give way to other pedestrians.
- Powered foot scooters can only be used on private land.
- On separated bicycle and pedestrian paths, foot scooter riders must use the section designated for bicycles, but must keep out of the path of any bicycle.
- Foot scooters can only be used on the road during daylight hours.
- They cannot be used on roads with a dividing line or median strip or a speed limit greater than 50km/h, or a one-way road with more than one marked lane.

Safety advice:

- On the footpath, riders of foot scooters, should not threaten pedestrians, especially the elderly – they may need to slow down or dismount in busy areas
- To improve safety and enjoyment, foot scooters are best ridden in recreational areas designated for their use.
- Foot scooter riders should wear [helmets and protective gear](#) such as knee and elbow pads.
- For the best protection, choose bicycle helmets that are accredited as complying with the Australian Standard and feature BSI, Global-Mark, SAI Global or AUS labels:



- **The use of foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades on the road is not recommended for school-aged or younger children.**

Scooters present additional problems, as the guidelines are not set out as clearly, as for bikes. Scooters for students under 12 years are not a school-preferred option, especially given the volume of traffic using the pedestrian walkways near our school.

The following are the bicycle rules that can be applied to the riding of a scooter.

Helmets: All riders of bicycles/scooters must wear a Standards Australia approved helmet. Helmets must be worn securely fastened. Buy the correct size and regularly check it to be sure it is undamaged.

Footpaths: Since 23 July 2018, children under 16 years of age are allowed to ride on a footpath (increased from children under 12 years of age). Allowing children under the age of 16 on the footpath will help keep them safe until they have the skills, decision-making and knowledge of the rules to ride safely on the road. An adult rider who is supervising a bicycle rider under 16 may also ride with the young rider on the footpath. Children aged 16 or 17 can ride on the footpath, when accompanied by a child under 16 and a supervising

adult. When riding on a footpath, riders must keep left and give way to pedestrians. Scooters should not be hazardous for pedestrians, particularly the elderly. In busy areas, such as the footpath outside our school, it is **advisable** to dismount and walk.

Why are young people vulnerable when riding a scooter?

- They are easily distracted.
- They have a limited concentration span.
- They are unable to deal with sudden changes and may act without thinking.
- They have a limited concept of danger.
- Their peripheral or side vision is not fully developed.
- They are still developing their motor skills and balance.
- They are a small aspect of the road environment and are not easily seen.

As a result of the above information the following guidelines apply at our school.

- Children in Years 3 – 6 are permitted to ride their scooters to and from school.
- Children must have parental permission, each year, whether they ride to school on one day or every day.
- Children should be proficiently skilful in riding a scooter and must adhere to all the road rules.
- Children must wear a helmet, ride in single file and NOT double any other person.
- Upon arriving at school the children will walk their scooters into the school grounds and place them in the bicycle racks provided.
- At the end of the day the children will walk their scooters to the roadway before beginning their journey home. Please note that the bicycle racks are out of bounds during school hours.
- If any child abuses these rules they will be asked not to ride to school for their own safety.
- Contact will be made with parents regarding these matters, if the need arises.

Please sign and date the note below to indicate your desire for your child to ride a scooter to and from school. Please return the note to the Deputy Principal.

- **Students will only be issued with a scooter licence after contact with parents.**



Mrs A. King
Deputy Principal



Mrs L. Black
Principal

JPPS SCOOTER PERMISSION NOTE

PLEASE RETURN TO DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Student Name _____ Class _____

I would like to make contact with the Deputy Principal in order to obtain a scooter licence for my child.

Parent Name _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Child's Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

For office use only:

Contacted on: _____

Approval granted (yes/no) _____ Signed _____