



HARBORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

BICYCLE POLICY

Students travelling to and from school, as well as those at school need to feel and be safe. The Department of Education and Training and NSW Roads and Traffic Authority recommend that children under 10 years of age ride bicycles to and from school accompanied by an adult.

If riding a bicycle to school, we ask that Harbord students and parents ensure the following:

- Children must correctly wear a Standards Australia approved bicycle helmet at all times when in control of a bicycle.
- 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.
- Bicycles ridden to school must be in good, safe working order and bicycles must be fitted with a bell.
- Entry and exit points to Harbord Public School for bicycles are via Wyadra St entrance, Oliver St entrance near the bus stop and near Area E.
- Everyone must dismount before entering the school grounds and walk their bicycles whilst inside the school fence.
- Students are also asked to dismount approaching the intersection of Oliver and Wyadra St at peak times when congested.
- If approaching a traffic light or pedestrian/children's crossing from a shared, bike or foot path, bike riders must dismount and walk across.
- A student may store their bike at school during school hours if they can independently stow it and retrieve it from the bike rack.
- Bicycles are to be stored in the bicycle rack. Bicycles may be locked with a chain and padlocked (supplied by the bicycle owner). Bicycles and helmets are brought and stored on site at the owner's risk.
- Parents will support our 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 and Helmet Safety Checklist and "The Law and Safety Advice for Bicycles, Rollerblades, Scooters and Skateboards.")
- Students who do not adhere to Harbord Public School's Bicycle Policy will be managed in accordance with our Positive Behaviour for Learning policy and practices. Consequences may include students not being allowed to bring their bike onto the school grounds for a period of time.

This policy has been created in consultation with staff, students, parents. 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.