



Bicycle and Scooter Policy

1. Bert Oldfield Public School does NOT permit children under the age of **10** to ride their bicycle or scooter to school unaccompanied by an adult.
2. NSW Roads and Traffic Authority recommends that children under 12 years of age ride their bicycle or scooter to or from school on the footpath. The Department of Education and Community support this recommendation. Parents are permitted to accompany them in a supervisory role.
3. Students must correctly wear an Australian and New Zealand Standards approved helmet at all times when in control of a bicycle or scooter.
4. 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.
5. Bicycles or scooters ridden to school must be in good, safe working order and bicycles or scooters must be fitted with a bell. One child per bicycle only (NO doubling).
6. Entry and exit points to Bert Oldfield Public School are via all three access roads.
7. Students are to dismount before entering the school grounds and walk their bicycles and scooters whilst on site.
8. Bicycles or scooters are to be stored near the library. If possible bicycles should be locked with a chain and padlock supplied by the bicycle owner. Helmets may be chained to their bicycles or secured in the classroom after consultation with the teacher.
9. No responsibility will be taken by the school for damage or theft of the bicycle, scooter or safety equipment.
10. Parents will be notified if children do not adhere to the School's Bicycle and Scooters Policy and students will be refused entry with their bicycles to the school grounds.
11. No riding of bicycles or scooters are permitted in school grounds.
12. If a child rides a bicycle or scooter to school without wearing a helmet, the bicycle or scooter will be confiscated until a helmet is provided from home
13. Students will only be allowed to ride their bicycle or scooter to school if the school; has a signed permission note from the parent

Note: Skateboards and rollerblades are not permitted at Bert Oldfield Public School under any circumstances.

Bicycle or Scooter Permission Note

I give permission for _____ (child's name) to ride his/her bicycle and scooter to and from school in 2022.

- I the parent have read and understand the bicycle information provided (*BOPS Bicycle and Scooter Policy* and *A Road Safety Notice for Scooters, Bicycles and Skateboards*).
- I have read and explained the bicycle information provided (*BOPS Bicycle and Scooter Policy* and *A Road Safety Notice for Scooters, Bicycles and Skateboards*) to my child.
- I have reviewed the *Guide to Bicycle Maintenance* to check my child's bicycle for roadworthiness and understand that it is my responsibility to keep the bike well maintained with all component parts working correctly.
- My child will correctly wear a Standards Australia and New Zealand approved helmet when riding a bicycle to and from school.
- I understand that bicycles and scooters are brought to school at the owner's risk and that no responsibility will be taken by the school for damage or theft of the bicycle or safety equipment.
- I the parent have discussed with my child the safest route when riding to school and am aware that my child riding his / her bicycle or scooter in the rain or on wet roads is unsafe and it is advisable not to ride in such conditions.

Signed:

Relationship to child:

Date:

Please return this bicycle and scooter permission note to the principal.

A Guide to Bicycle Maintenance: Six Point Safety Check

Feature	What are you checking for?	Yes	No
Tyres	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• firm tyres• tread not worn and no canvas showing• no bulges or cuts		
Bell	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• rings clearly and loudly		
Pedals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• rotates freely when spun• rubber not showing signs of wear		
Lights and reflectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• secure, clean and shine brightly		
Brakes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• blocks not worn down when brakes applied• bike wheel does not rotate when brakes are applied		
Chain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• does not move more than 2.5cm when lifted• is well oiled		
Size of bike (see information below)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• correct size for rider		

If you answered NO to any of the above questions the bicycle does NOT pass the safety test and must NOT be ridden to school.

Helmet Safety Check

Helmet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has Australian and New Zealand Standard approved sticker.• No cracks or chips• Straps functioning• Correctly fitted		
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What is the right size of bicycle?

The right size of bicycle:

- has controls within reach
- is comfortable for the rider
- has a level seat
- the rider's feet should just touch the ground when the rider is sitting on the seat
- handlebars should allow for the arms to be slightly bent as the body leans slightly forward
- the bicycle is the right size if the rider can straddle the crossbar with both feet flat on the ground, otherwise the bicycle is too big and therefore, unsafe. There should be about 3 cm between the bicycle and the rider's crutch for a medium or lightweight bicycle. For a BMX or mountain bike there should be a 10 cm gap. If there is no crossbar, make the test from where the crossbar would be.