



## KALINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Policy: **Bike, Rollerblades, Skateboard and Scooter Policy**

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**Reviewed: 2008**

### **RATIONALE**

Bikes, rollerblades, skateboards and scooters are popular and are a great form of exercise, but their use involves considerable risk. The school has a duty of care to ensure the safety of children at and on the way to and from school.

The school considers that children riding bikes, rollerblades, skateboards and scooters to school are at risk because:

- The school has no appropriate storage facility in which to house and secure bikes, skateboards or scooters once ridden to school.
- The schools' location means that high traffic volumes increase risks for riders/skaters around the school grounds.
- The number of exit points from our school grounds makes it difficult to supervise and ensure the safety of riders/skaters.
- It is well recognised that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgement.
- Most children on bikes or scooters are of a height below that of the rear or side vision view of a vehicle driver, considerably increasing the danger.
- Children riding bikes, rollerblades, skateboards and scooters pose a risk to pedestrians within the school.

### **AIMS**

To provide a safe school environment as well as encourage safety for travel to and from school grounds.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- Kalinda strongly discourages the riding of bikes, rollerblades, skateboards and scooters to school.
- Students cannot ride bikes, rollerblades, skateboards and scooters around the school buildings between 7.00am and 6.00pm except during the Bike Education Program.
- A Bike Education Program will be taught at Level 3 by a qualified teacher, when available.
- Bike or scooter riding is a great health and fitness choice when done safely so bike education, including road rules and safety will be part of the school curriculum.

### **EVALUATION**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's 3-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on 14 October, 2008