Bicycle Riding Code of Conduct

Riding a bicycle to school is a useful way for children to develop independence and self reliance. Children need to learn the skills to ride a bike safely within the local traffic situation and act as responsible road users. Kentlyn Public School encourages the safe use of bicycle riding to and from school.

Please read through the following Code of Conduct with your child.

Students must understand:
- Safe riding on the road requires more than the ability to control a bicycle— a knowledge of traffic and road rules is essential.
- It is a legal requirement that bicycle riders wear an approved helmet at all times. Chin straps should be adjusted for correct fitting.
- Safe riding involves more than having the skills to ride. Bicycle components, maintenance, clothing and behaviour are as important.
- It is not considered safe for children under the age of ten to ride to school unless they are with an adult (Federal Office of Road Safety, Canberra).
- Children under the age of 12 are permitted to ride on footpaths.
- When students ride on the road they become part of the traffic system. They must know and obey the road rules and understand how other vehicles use the roads.
- Parents and carers are responsible for how their child travels to and from school.

Bicycle Management at School

Students must:
- Walk their bicycles through the school grounds. Under no circumstances should students ride bicycles through the school.
- Not allow other students to ride or walk their bicycles within the school grounds.
- Place bicycles and helmets in the bicycle rack. It is recommended that children have a chain / locking system to lock their bicycles (students are responsible for keys and / or lock combinations).
- Be responsible for the security of the bicycle and bicycle safety helmet in the school grounds.
- Bring in the signed permission note below to Ms Kavallaris prior to riding to school.

If a student is found to be riding in an unsafe manner the parent will be notified and this privilege may be withdrawn at the discretion of the principal.

Please sign and return the following permission slip to Ms Kavallaris after discussing the Code of Conduct with your child.

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I hereby give permission for my child _____________________________ of class__________ to ride a bicycle to and from school. I have read and discussed the school bicycle Code of Conduct with my child and I understand that I am responsible for my child travelling to and from school.

I also understand that full responsibility for the security of the bicycle and bicycle safety helmet whilst on the school grounds rests with my child.

Parent’s / Carer’s Signature _____________________________ Date ____/____/____

I understand and agree to comply with the above bicycle riding Code of Conduct.

Child’s Signature: _____________________________ Date ____/____/____