



STOCKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

BICYCLE POLICY STATEMENT

1. The Department of Education & Training and NSW Roads & Traffic Authority recommend that children under 10 years of age **DO NOT** ride bicycles to and from school unless accompanied by an adult.
2. We recommend (as according to the above guidelines) that children under the age of 10 be accompanied by a parent, however if your child is in Years 3 – 6 and under 10 and you feel they are competent to ride unaccompanied, they are allowed to do so once you have completed the relevant section on the permission note.
3. Children must correctly wear a Standards Australia approved bicycle helmet at all times when in control of a bicycle.
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 ridden to school must be in good, safe working order and must be fitted with a bell.
6. Entry and exit to Stockton Public School are via the Lomond Street gate near the library only.
7. Children are to dismount before entering the school and walk their bicycles whilst in the school grounds.
8. Bicycles are to be stored in the bike racks near the Library and will be chained at the start of the school day. Cyclist arriving late will need to provide their own chain or the bike will be unchained for the day.
9. Bicycles and helmets are brought and stored at school at the owner's risk.
10. Parents will be notified if children do not adhere to the School's Bicycle Policy. Students may be refused entry with their bicycles to the school grounds if they disobey the rules.
11. No riding of bicycles is permitted in school grounds after hours.
12. No student is allowed near the bike racks during school hours without teacher permission. Only bike riders may go near the bike racks before and after school.
13. No child in Year K-2 may ride unaccompanied and no student in Years 3 – 6 is to ride a bike to school until a Stockton Public School licence has been granted.
14. K – 2 children who are not with a parent will be unable to leave the school grounds with their bike.
15. The Stockton Public School bike licence must be easy for teachers to see.

Note: Skateboards, scooters and roller blades are not permitted at Stockton Public School under any circumstances, unless directed by teachers.



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Introduction

In New South Wales, the prime responsibility for transporting children to and from school rests with parents, not the school. As students riding to and from school does not occur within 'school hours' or on Departmental premises, and as it does not involve supervision by Departmental employees, the Department would deny legal liability for any accident or injury that occurred while students were riding to school.

Since 1st July 1991, cyclists of all ages have been required by law to wear an approved bicycle safety helmet whenever they ride in a public place, including roads, cycle ways and parks.

It is the school's expectation that students travelling to and from school by bicycle will follow the law and correctly wear an approved bicycle safety helmet.

Students in Years 3 – 6 who wish to ride bicycles to school must collect a package from the school office and complete the forms as indicated.

Once the necessary forms are completed and returned to school children will receive a Stockton Public School 'bicycle licence.'

The package includes:

- a) The Stockton Public School Bicycle Policy Statement
- b) A Road Safety Notice for Bicycles

As well as :

Forms to be signed and returned to the school office:

- a) Bicycle Permission note: to be signed by parent and returned to school
- b) Bicycle Users Contract: to be signed by the student and parent and returned to the school

When these conditions have been met students will be issued with a Bike Rider Licence.

Tracey Frazer
Principal



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BICYCLE PERMISSION NOTE

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to ride his/her bike to and from school this year.

- I understand that the roads around Stockton Public School can be very busy at the commencement and finish of school.
- I have read and understand the bicycle information provided (Stockton PS Bicycle Policy and RTA Road Safety Notice for Bicycles) to my child.
- I have checked 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 always correctly wear a Standards Australia approved helmet when riding a bicycle to and from school.
- I understand that bicycles are brought to school at the owner's risk.
- I understand that if these rules are not followed my child may not be allowed to bring their bicycle onto the school grounds.

Parent/Caregiver

Date

My child _____ is in Year 3 -6 and under the age of 10 years.

I acknowledge that DET/RTA guidelines recommend that children under 10 years of age only be permitted to ride if they are accompanied by an adult.

My child is a competent and capable bike rider. Despite the DET/RTA guidelines, I consent to my child riding their bike to school unaccompanied.

Parent/Caregiver

Date

BICYCLE USER'S CONTRACT

- I have read and understand the bicycle information provided (Stockton PS Bicycle Policy and RTA Road Safety Notice for Bicycles).
- I understand that it is the joint responsibility between my parents and I to keep the bike well maintained with all component parts working correctly.
- I will always wear my Standards Australia approved helmet correctly when riding a bicycle to and from school.
- I understand that I bring my bicycle to school at my own risk and will leave it in the bike rack.
- I understand that if these rules are not followed I may be refused entry to the school grounds with my bicycle.
- I will always carry my Stockton Public School Bicycle Licence with me when riding to and from school and.
- I will have my licence easily visible to teachers.

Student

Parent

Date