



DAPTO PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dapto Public School Bicycle Policy

Students travelling to and from school need to feel and be safe

1. The Department of Education and NSW Roads and Traffic Authority recommends that children under 10 years of age do not ride bicycles to or from school unless accompanied by an adult.
2. Students must correctly wear a Standards Australia approved bicycle helmet at all times when in control of a bicycle.
3. Bicycles ridden to school must be in good, safe working order.
4. Bicycles must be fitted with a bell.
5. All RTA road rules concerning bicycles are to be followed. This includes a pedestrians' right of way on footpaths. The bell should be used as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
6. Students are to dismount before entering the school grounds and walk their bicycles whilst on site. Entry and exit points are only through the Sierra Drive gate closest to the bike racks.
7. Bicycles are to be stored in the bike rack. Bicycles must be locked with a locking device supplied by the bicycle owner.
8. Bicycles and helmets are brought and stored on site at the owner's risk.
9. Students must return to school a completed Bicycle Users Contract each year before riding to school.
10. Parents will be notified if students do not adhere to the School's Bicycle Policy.

Please Note: Skateboards, scooters and rollerblades are not permitted at Dapto Public School

A Guide to Bicycle Maintenance: Six Point Safety Check

Feature	What are you checking for:	Checked:
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	

What is the right size of a bicycle?

The right size of a 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.

Bicycle User's Contract

- I have read and understand the bicycle information provided (*Dapto Public School's Bicycle Policy*).
- I understand that it is a joint responsibility between my parents and I to keep the bike well maintained with all component parts working correctly.
- I will wear my Standards Australia approved helmet correctly when riding a bicycle to and from school.
- I will ride in a safe manner to and from school, observing all road rules concerning bicycles.
- I understand that I bring my bicycle to school at my own risk and will secure it with a locking device in the bike rack.

Signed (child): _____

Signed (parent): _____

Date: _____

Please return this contract to school. It will be copied and returned for your reference.

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Bicycle Permission Note

I give permission for _____ (child's name) _____ (date of birth) to ride his/her bicycle to and from school.

My child is 10 years of age or older

OR

I am applying for a Supervised Bicycle License for my child. My child is under 10 years old and I understand that they will be issues a supervised Bicycle License, which means that they must have an adult accompanying them to and from school at all times.

- I have read and understand the bicycle information provided (*Dapto Public School's Bicycle Policy*).
- I have read and explained the bicycle information provided (*Dapto Public School's Bicycle Policy*) 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 approved helmet when riding a bicycle to and from school.
- I understand that bicycles are brought to school at the owner's risk.

Signed: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Date: _____

Please return this bicycle permission note to school.