Bike Riding to School

POLICY

Purpose

It is the policy of Ocean Grove Primary School that children will be able to ride to school on a bicycle, unattended, once they are in Year 4. Children under this age may ride to school if they are accompanied by a parent/guardian riding with them.

Guidelines

- Children should wear an Australian approved helmet and school uniform.
- Children should use the bicycle track where available, riding in single file.
- Children must walk their bike across streets and roads to and from the schoolyard. Unless participating in a school activity, the child must always walk their bike in the school grounds.
- A warning will be given for inappropriate behaviour and bike usage, if behaviour persists, a child may be banned from riding to school for an appropriate amount of time.
- Any child (Grade 4-6) who is deemed to:
    - be insufficiently skilled to ride independently; or
    - observed riding in an unsafe manner will be required to be accompanied by a parent/guardian riding with them.
- Bicycles will be stored in the bike shed and specific bike parking areas, where no child is allowed to enter without permission, during class hours. Only children depositing or collecting bikes will be allowed in these areas.

Implementation

- Year 4 children will participate in a Bike-Ed program.
- Staff may be trained to deliver the Bike Ed program.
- The PE teacher/Chaplain will be responsible for maintenance of equipment and resources for the program.

Policy Review and Approval

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Approved by	Principal
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