

MOUNT TERRY 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/scooters to or from school unless accompanied by an adult. This is not a law however, and we appreciate that parents will make their own judgements about when their child is ready to safely ride to school.
2. Students must correctly wear a Standards Australia approved bicycle helmet at all times when in control of a bicycle and ride safely as per the Student Agreement.
3. Bicycles ridden to school must be in good, safe working order and must be fitted with a bell. A safety check must be completed by school staff in order for students to continue riding to school. Bicycles must be maintained to the same good, safe working order.
4. All RTA road rules concerning bicycles are to be followed. This includes a pedestrian's right of way on footpaths. The bell should be used as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
5. Children are to dismount before entering the school grounds and walk their bicycles whilst on site. Exit and entry points are only through the Ashburton St gate closest to the bike racks.
6. Bicycles are to be stored in the bike racks behind H Block. Bicycles must be locked with a chain and padlock supplied by the bicycle owner and secured in the racks provided.
7. Mount Terry Public School provides bicycle safety education for all students through our school's road safety education program.
8. Parents will support our road safety education program by instructing their children in the rules of road safety and maintaining their child's bicycle as a matter of routine (see attached Bicycle Safety Checklist).
9. Bicycles and helmets are brought and stored on the school site at the owner's risk.
10. Parents will be notified if children do not adhere to the school's Bicycle Policy and in those circumstances, students may be refused entry with their bicycles to the school grounds.
11. A new agreement must be signed each new school year in order to continue to ride to and/or from school. Signed agreements will be held by the class teacher once approved.

Please Note: The Principal has the right of discretion to make provision for departure from the policy or the application of the policy in the event of unforeseen and exceptional circumstances. Skateboards and rollerblades are not permitted at Mount Terry Public School under any circumstances.

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A Guide to Bicycle Maintenance: Six Point Bicycle Safety Checklist

Feature	What are you checking for?	How does this bicycle rate?
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 bicycle?

The right size of 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.

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Please sign and return to school on the first day to your child brings their bicycle to school. After passing a safety check your child will be able to continue riding their bike to school.

Student Agreement:

- I have read and understand the bicycle information provided – Mount Terry Public School Bicycle Policy and agree to follow the policy when riding my bicycle to and/or from school.
- My parent/carer has also read and agrees to the information provided to me.
- 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 walk my bike to and from the correct school gate on Ashburton Drive nearest to the bike racks, and at all times whilst on the school grounds.
- I understand that I bring my bicycle to school at my own risk.
- I will not lend my bike to another student when travelling to and from school.
- I will not carry any passengers on my bike.

Signed: _____ (student) Class: _____

Parent Permission:

- I give permission for _____ (student's name) of class _____ to ride his/her bicycle to and from school in 20__ (year).
- I have read and understand the bicycle information provided.
- I have explained the bicycle information provided 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 and user's risk.
- I understand that permission for my child to ride a bike to school may be revoked if they do not follow the School Bicycle Policy

Signed: _____ Relationship to student: _____

Date: _____

- Bike approved by Mount Terry PS staff member: _____
- Bike not approved for the following reasons: