SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL
BIKES, SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS

Rationale:

Students travelling to and from school, as well as at school need to be safe. Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are popular means of transport for students, but require regulation and management. Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are very popular means of transport for students, but are also often involved in serious accidents. It is well recognised that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgment. Also the school recognises the need to encourage students to choose more active modes of transport therefore a balanced approach to this policy is needed.

Aims:

- To provide a school environment which is safe for students, which is practical, and balances the rights of individuals with the school’s duty of care toward all staff and students.
- To promote more active modes of transport to and from school.

Implementation:

- Our school will provide safe storage for bicycles and scooters ridden to school by students under the following conditions:
  - Students wear helmets
  - Bicycles are in road worthy condition
  - Children under the age of 10 years are encouraged to ride to school in the company of an adult.
- All parents will be made aware of these school rules, and the safety reasons supporting them.
- If students contravene these requirements their parents will be notified and sanctions put in place.
- Bicycle education, road rules and safety will form part of the school curriculum.
- Skateboards may be ridden to school by students wearing helmets, but must also be stored in classrooms.
- Bicycles, scooters or skateboards cannot be ridden inside the school grounds at any time except during specifically organised activities. Clear and unambiguous signs will be prominently erected informing all visitors of this requirement.
- Students who break school rules will be managed in a manner consistent with the student discipline policy.
- The Student Representative Council will provide awards to students who demonstrate safe practices with bicycles, scooters and skateboards.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed annually as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in 13th September 2010.