

**FARM COVE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
POLICY - BIKE AND SCOOTER SAFETY  
NAG 5**

**RATIONALE**

When students travel to and from school it is paramount that they feel and are kept safe. Farm Cove Intermediate recognises the many positive benefits of students cycling or scooting to school, but their use requires regulation and management.

**PURPOSE**

- To encourage Farm Cove Intermediate students and their families to adopt safe practices for cycling and scooting when travelling to and from school.
- To promote an awareness among the school community of cycling and scooting as healthy activities for students and as an alternative mode of travel to and from school.

**GENERAL GUIDELINES**

- Students are to ride bicycles and scooters sensibly and safely whilst adhering to all NZ road rules.
- Students are to behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best light and be considerate of other cyclists, scooter riders and pedestrians.
- Parents/ Guardians are responsible for their children's safety when riding bicycles and scooters. Under duty of care, schools are responsible for the student once they have entered the school premises.
- Parents/ Guardians and students must ensure bicycles and scooters are roadworthy, properly equipped, *i.e. working brakes and reflectors*, and regularly maintained.
- Bicycles, scooters and helmets brought and stored at school are at the owner's risk.

**COMPULSORY FCI GUIDELINES**

- Students must wear a properly fitted and NZ certified helmet when cycling and scooting to and from school. (*Disclaimer: there is no official NZ law that requires people to wear helmets whilst scooting; however, at FCI our bylaw is that it is a compulsory requirement that all students wear helmets when scooting to and from school*).
- Students are also encouraged to wear: a safety vest or have reflective material attached to bags and covered shoes when riding their bicycle or scooter to and from school.
- Students must dismount from their bicycles and scooters when crossing roads/ bus bays and at the school entrance. Riding is not permitted inside the school grounds at any time.
- Students must provide their own lock for securing their mode of transport in the storage area.
- Students who break school rules will be managed in accordance with the school's Behaviour Management Policy. Consequences of breaking these rules may include students not being allowed to bring their bicycle or scooter onto the school grounds for a period of time determined by the Deputy Principal or classroom teacher.

APPROVED

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Principal

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