



KEIRAVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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BICYCLE POLICY

Students travelling to and from school, as well as those at school need to feel and be safe. The Department of Education and Training and NSW Roads and traffic Authority recommend that **children under 10 years of age DO NOT ride bicycles to and from school unless accompanied by an adult.**

Students in Years 5 and 6 are the only students permitted to ride to school unaccompanied by an adult.

Skateboards, ripsticks, rollerblades and scooters are **not** permitted at Keiraville Public School unless directed by teachers.

- Children must correctly wear a Standards Australia approved bicycle helmet at all times when in control of a bicycle.
- All RTA road rules concerning bicycles are to be followed. This includes the pedestrian's right of way on the footpaths. The bell should be used as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
- Bicycles ridden to school must be in good, safe working order and bicycles must be fitted with a bell.
- Entry and exit points to Keiraville Public School for bicycles are via the Gipps Road entrance, the Grey Street entrance and the entrance behind the tennis court (if travelling north on Grey Street). Riders are to walk their bicycles along the footpath until it is clear to ride. Riders are to disembark before crossing any road.
- Everyone must dismount before entering and exiting the school grounds and walk their bicycles whilst inside the school fence.
- Bicycles are to be stored in the bicycle rack areas behind the Kindergarten rooms. Bicycles may be locked with a chain and padlocked (supplied by the bicycle owner). Bicycles and helmets are bought and stored on site at the owner's risk.
- Keiraville Public School provides bicycle safety education for all students through our school's road safety education program.
- 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 and helmet Safety Checklist and "The Law and Safety Advice for Bicycles, Rollerblades, Scooters and Skateboards").

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.

Bicycle and Helmet Safety Checklist

Feature	What are you checking for?	How does your Bicycle rate?
Tyres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • firm tyres • tread not worn and no canvas showing • no bulges or cuts 	
Bell/Horn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sounds clearly and loudly 	
Pedals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rotate 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/Gears	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • does not move more than 2.5cm when lifted • is well oiled 	
Helmet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • helmet shell and lining are not damaged • helmet straps, buckles are not damaged • helmet sits on top of the head (two fingers width between eyebrows and helmet edge) and can be firmly buckled under the chin 	
Size of Bike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • correct size for rider (see information below) 	

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 forward
- the bicycle is the right size if the rider can straddle the crossbar with both feet flat on the ground, otherwise the bike is too big and therefore, unsafe. There should be about 3cm between the bicycle and the rider's crotch for a medium or lightweight bicycle. For a BMX or mountain bike there should be a 10cm gap. If there is no crossbar, make a test from where the crossbar would be.

**Home Copy – For your ready reference to keep.
Child and Guardian Bicycle User’s Permission Note**

- I have read and understand the bicycle information provided – Keiraville Public School Bicycle Policy.
- My parent/carer has read the bicycle 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 the components 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 school gate 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 passengers on my bike.

Signed _____ (student)

Signed _____ (parent/carer) Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO SCHOOL

I give permission for _____ (student’s name) to ride his/her bicycle to and from school in 2020.

I have read and understand the bicycle information provided.

I have read and 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.

Signed _____

Relationship to student _____ Date _____