



Bicycle safety guidelines at Pennant Hills Public School



What does the Department of Education and Training and the RTA say?

The Department of Education and Training and NSW Centre for Road Safety (RTA) recommend that children under 10 years of age should cycle in a **safe place off the road** and **away from vehicles and driveways**. Children aged between 10 and 12 years of age should avoid cycling on or near busy roads.

Parents and carers are responsible for:

- the maintenance of their child's bicycle and are to ensure their child always correctly wears an Australian Standards approved helmet when riding. Bicycles must be in a good, safe working order and must be fitted with a working brake and a bell
- ensuring their child is aware of and follows the road rules relating to bicycles. This includes the pedestrian's right of way on footpaths and using a bell as a warning when approaching pedestrians
- reinforcing rules and safety advice for riding bicycles to and from school, as outlined in these guidelines and RTA advice brochures.

Bicycle riders, who bring their bicycle onto school grounds, are responsible for:

- completing a *Bicycle rider's agreement* and the *Bicycle rider's permission note*, issued by the school. This is to be completed and returned to the principal.
- using the bicycle entry and exit points to Pennant Hills Public School via Weemala Road pedestrian entrance or via the side pedestrian entrance in Ramsay Road. These are the only ways to access the school grounds by bicycle riders.
- dismounting before entering the school grounds and walking their bicycles whilst on the school grounds.
- storing their bicycle in the bicycle rack behind the school library. Bicycles must be locked with a chain and padlock supplied by the bicycle owner. Bicycles and helmets are brought and stored at school at the owner's risk.

Safe riding behaviours

- Students are to always correctly wear an Australian Standards approved helmet when riding.
- Students must always ride in a safe manner following these guidelines and the NSW road rules relating to bicycles.
- Bicycles are not permitted to be ridden on school grounds, unless supervised by a teacher for practical bicycle lessons.
- Bicycles are not to be ridden in school grounds after school hours.
- Parents and carers will be notified if their child does not adhere to the school's bicycle safety guidelines. Students may not be allowed to bring their bicycles onto the school grounds if they do not follow the rules.

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More information is available from:

1. NSW Centre for Road Safety, RTA: *Information for parents and carers about safety on wheels – The law and safety advice for bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades* at <http://ols2.rta.nsw.gov.au/ebus/docs/rescat/pdf/8/1180/45092307safetyonwheels0409.pdf>
2. Department of Education and Training: *Riding a foot scooter, skateboard or rollerblades to and from school* at http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/policies/road/travel/active/foot_scooters.htm