



PROCEDURE 5.1.3

CYCLE SAFETY

PRINCIPLE:

This procedure is to reinforce that cycle safety is an important aspect of the children's education in this school because of the large number of children who ride cycles/scooters to school, and because of the siting of the School next to a busy road.

This procedure ensures that:

- The teachings of safe practices are part of the school safety programme.
- There is an increased awareness of personal safety.
- The awareness in children of their responsibilities as road users is encouraged.
- An ongoing programme in conjunction with the Ministry of Transport Road Safety Division is developed.

PROCEDURES

- The school insists upon the wearing of cycle safety helmets as required by law.
- The Police be invited to visit the school from time to time to reinforce cycle and road safety programmes.
- Between 8-3:30pm the following school rules around scooters, bikes, skateboards (all wheels) apply.

TOKOMARU SCHOOL RULES FOR CYCLISTS & 'WHEELS' USERS

1. Children must be wearing a helmet at all times, regardless of 'wheels' being used. Footwear is also compulsory.
2. They must walk their bike/scooter/wheels to and from gate after and before school. This also means NO wheels 'play' before school.
3. The expectation for the underpass on SH57; children must walk their bike/scooter from school to the dairy corner before mounting their bike/scooter, in order to avoid injury to themselves and others (and vice versa).
4. There is to be NO sharing of scooters / bikes / helmets / rollerblades / skateboards (wheels) etc. If it's not yours, don't use it.
5. Children must use the scooter racks and bike racks provided, to store their equipment during the day. It is the owner's responsibility for locking wheels, not the school's.
6. The 'bike shed', and surrounding area, is out of bounds during the school day, unless collecting or returning their bike. Other children's wheels must not be touched or interfered with.
7. Parents are responsible for the condition and safety of their child's cycles.
8. However, if the school considers that a cycle is unsafe for a child to use, the family will be contacted and requested to make the cycle roadworthy before the child rides it to (or at) school again. The school will use Police guidelines and/or assistance when considering roadworthiness.
9. A luminous jacket (hi vis) is recommended when biking/scootering to and from school.

Wheels area: Scooter area from scooter rack to basketball area and lower tennis court (**not** along front of Room 1/2/5 block). The court areas can only be used by wheels if no other children are already playing their with PE Gear. The limestone/concrete path, and pump track, is available for bikes around the field. Children must walk their bikes from the 'eating area' to the path alongside the pool before mounting and carrying onto the limestone path on the filed by the school house. The bike 'ramps' are to be used on the top or bottom court (and on the grass area out the front at the discretion of the Principal/duty teacher).