



## Matraville Soldiers' Settlement Public School Bike and Scooter Guidelines and Agreement



Our school encourages safe travelling for the whole community on their way to and from school. This guide lists our expectations for students as wheeled device riders and their parents/carers.

### Transport for NSW says:

- primary school-aged children and younger should be supervised by an adult while riding their wheeled device
- primary school-aged children and younger should **not** use wheeled devices on the road
- wheeled device riders should wear a helmet and protective gear such as knee pads, wrist guards and elbow pads.

### Parents and carers are responsible for:

- how your child travels to and from school
- maintaining your child's wheeled device
- ensuring your child is wearing adequate protective gear, including an Australian Standards approved helmet, knee pads, wrist guards and elbow guards
- teaching your child, the road rules for wheeled devices <http://bit.ly/2SKEHWI>
- completing and returning the *Parent/carer and child rider safety agreement*.

### Students who ride wheeled devices to school are responsible for:

- completing a *Parent/carer and child rider safety agreement*, issued by our school
- dismounting before entering the school grounds
- using the school entry and exit points via **Menin Road** pedestrian entrance or via the side pedestrian entrance in **Finucane Reserve**.
- carrying wheeled devices on school grounds
- storing the wheeled device in the bicycle rack. Where possible they must be locked with a chain and padlock supplied by the owner. Wheeled devices, helmets and safety gear are brought and stored at school at the owner's risk.

Parents and carers will be notified if their child does not follow the conditions of the school's *Wheeled device rider safety guidelines and agreement*.

Students may be banned from bringing their wheeled device onto school grounds if they breach school rules.

Mrs Palaitis  
Principal

Date: 13/6/2023



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## Parent/carer and child wheeled device rider safety agreement



### Child agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_

- have read and talked about the school's *Wheeled device rider safety guidelines and agreement* with my parents
- understand the information provided
- will wear my helmet and protective gear correctly when riding to and from school
- will keep my wheeled device well maintained
- will give way to all pedestrians on footpaths, crossings, cycle and shared paths
- will walk my wheeled device when crossing the road at safe places and pedestrian/traffic crossings
- understand that the principal may ban me from bringing my wheeled device to school if I breach school rules
- bring my wheeled device, helmet and protective gear to school at my own risk.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/carer agreement

I agree to my child (name) \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ riding his/her wheeled device to and from school.

- I take responsibility for how my child travels to school.
- I have read and talked about the school's *Wheeled device rider safety guidelines and agreement* with my child.
- My child will correctly wear an Australian Standards approved helmet when riding a wheeled device to and from school.
- I have reviewed the *Guide to wheeled devices maintenance* and understand that it is my responsibility to keep the wheeled device well maintained and roadworthy.
- I have reviewed the *Guide to correctly fitting a helmet* and understand that it is my responsibility that my child wears their helmet correctly.
- I understand the principal may ban my child from bringing their wheeled device to school if the school's rules are not followed.
- I understand that wheeled devices, helmets and protective gear are brought to school at the owner's risk.

Parent/carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/carer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete and return to the school**

## A guide to foot scooter maintenance

Feature	What are you checking for?	Maintained
<b>Wheels</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ firm, round wheels</li> <li>○ no bulges, cuts or flat spots</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
<b>Alignment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ front wheel is straight and in line with steering column</li> <li>○ clamp on steering column is tight</li> <li>○ quick release lever is tight</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
<b>Brakes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ brake engages with rear wheel when pressure is applied</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
<b>Scooter size</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ correct size for rider</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs adjusting or replacing
<b>Nuts and bolts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ tight wheel bolts</li> </ul> <p>Note: scooter won't go faster with loose nuts. Wheels can fall off.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing

## A guide to skateboard maintenance

Feature	What are you checking for?	Maintained
<b>Wheels</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ firm, round wheels with even wear</li> <li>○ no bulges, cuts or flat spots</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
<b>Bearings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ clean and lubricated</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
<b>Deck</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ clean deck</li> <li>○ grip tape intact and effective</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
<b>Nuts and bolts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ tight nuts and bolts</li> </ul> <p>Note: skateboard won't go faster with loose nuts. Wheels can fall off.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing

## A guide to rollerblades maintenance

Feature	What are you checking for?	Maintained
<b>Wheels</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ firm, round wheels with even wear</li> <li>○ no bulges, cuts or flat spots</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
<b>Bearings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ clean and lubricated</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
<b>Brakes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ brake pad not too low to the ground</li> <li>○ brake pad is not worn below wear line/screw which attaches brake pad to rollerskate</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
<b>Skates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ laces, buckles, velcro and clasps are intact, not stretched or broken</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
<b>Nuts and bolts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ tight wheel bolts</li> </ul> <p>Note: rollerblades won't go faster with loose nuts. Wheels can fall off.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing

# A guide to correctly fitting a helmet

## Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate



Can you place just two fingers between your eyebrows and your helmet?



Can you fit just two fingers between the helmet strap and your chin?



Do the straps join in a 'V' just below your ears?



Has an adult checked your helmet?

Source: NSW Centre for Road Safety, Transport for NSW

## Wheeled device rider safety guidelines :

### 1. Department of Education

- Riding a wheeled device to and from school <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/wellbeing/health-and-safety/safe-travel/travelling-safely-to-and-from-school-on-a-bike-or-scooter>
- Vulnerabilities of children as road users <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/road-safety-education/safe-travel#Vulnerabilities1>

### 2. Transport for NSW

- Information for parents and carers about safety on wheels – The law and safety advice for bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades (pdf) <http://bit.ly/3WI64UA>
- Helmets and safety gear <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/bicycle-riders/helmets-gear.html>
- Skateboards, foot scooters and rollerblades: the law and safety advice <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/pedestrians/skateboardsfootscotersandrollerblades/index.html>