



Oakleigh Grammar

Policy Document Name	Riding or Driving to School
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1. Preamble

This policy clarifies roles and responsibilities of parents and schools in relation to students travelling to and from school, particularly in relation to cycling and driving.

Parents or carers are responsible for their children travelling to and from school. This includes all forms of travel to get to and from school.

Parents are also responsible for ensuring the safety of the vehicle and/or bicycle is maintained in good and safe condition and that all protective safety equipment (e.g. helmets) is provided and meets Australian Safety Standards.

2. Bicycle Riding to School

Students wishing to ride to and from school without being accompanied by a parent or guardian (over 18 years) must register details with the Deputy Principal – Student Wellbeing and Operations.

Details should include the route taken to and from school.

Students are permitted to ride their bicycle to school under the following stipulations:

- Children under the age of 12 may ride on footpaths, as can a supervising adult. They are required to give way to pedestrians and to wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and children's crossings.
- Children aged 12 years or older are required by law to ride on the road.
- Road safety authorities recommend that children under the age of 9 are supervised by an adult when riding on the road. Depending on their cycling skills and experience, some children over this age may still require supervision.
- Students understand how to ride safely and know existing road laws.
- Whilst an area is provided for student bicycles, the school is not responsible for any loss or damage.

- **Helmets** – as per the Victorian law, all cyclists must wear an approved bicycle helmet.
- Students may not ride their bicycles in school grounds or in the area immediately outside the gates.

3. Students Driving Cars

Year 12 students wishing to drive to and from school must register details with the Deputy Principal – Student Wellbeing & Operations.

Details must include driver's name, make and model of the car and registration number.

Student drivers must also abide by the following stipulations:

- The car may be used only as a means of transport to and from Oakleigh Grammar at the beginning and the end of the day, or when privileges have been granted for Year 12s to leave campus during the day.
- Only one other student, who is at least 16 years of age but less than 22 years of age, is allowed as a passenger, unless a parent is sitting beside the driver.

The parents of any Oakleigh Grammar student passenger must provide written permission to the Deputy Principal – Student Wellbeing and Operations.

- One sibling is permitted if they are the only other passenger, unless driving with a full licenced driver sitting beside the driver. Details of siblings should be indicated on the form.
- It is understood that Oakleigh Grammar is in no way liable for the student as he/she travels to and from school, including any passengers.
- The Students Driving Cars form has been completed, signed by a parent/guardian and submitted to the Deputy Principal – Student Wellbeing and Operations

4. Students Riding Motor Bikes or Electronic Scooters

Students are not permitted to ride motor bikes or electronic scooters to school

5. Skateboards and scooters

For students seeking to ride skateboards or scooters to and from school, they must abide by the following stipulations:

- Whilst an area is provided for student scooters, the school is not responsible for any loss or damage.
- Helmets – as per the Victorian law, all skateboarders and scooter riders must wear an approved bicycle helmet.

- Students may not ride their scooters or skateboards in school grounds or in the area immediately outside the gates.