

SUNNYBRAE NORMAL SCHOOL

ROAD SAFETY POLICY

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Rationale

Road safety is an aspect of the student's education that is a shared responsibility between the students, school and the parents. It should ensure the safe arrival of the children at school and their safe departure after school.

Purposes

1. To ensure the safety of our students as they travel to and from school.
2. To encourage students to take responsibility for their own personal safety while on the road.
3. To ensure there are rules and guidelines for all methods of transport children may be using while in our care at school.
4. To inform parents of acceptable and safe carriage of additional children to and from extra curricula and sporting activities during school hours.

Guidelines

Cycling:

- Parents of a child wishing to bike to school must call at the office and fill out a standard form giving permission to cycle to school.
- In accordance with police advice, it is our recommendation that children should not ride a bike to school until 10 years old, unless accompanied by an adult.
- All children to wear a cycle helmet correctly fitted and fastened as legally required.

Motor vehicle transport: When private vehicles are used for trips each vehicle/driver must have:

- A current registration and warrant of fitness for the vehicle.
- A current full New Zealand driver's licence.
- A regulation seatbelt/shoulder belt for each passenger in the car.

Pick up/Drop off: When parents are picking up children from school they should ensure that:

- Children alight and enter the car from the footpath side.
- Staff, parents and children use the controlled crossing if they need to cross the road.
- Parents picking up children are not permitted to use the school driveway and car park unless permission has been given.
- Parents may not park and wait for their children on any yellow line or within one metre of the crossing.

Buses (for school trips): Children using buses must:

- Be seated at all times.
- Buses hired for schools trips must have adequate seating for the number of children being carried.
- A teacher must accompany each group and must ensure all children are accounted for.

Walking:

- Children must walk on the footpath.
- Children must use the controlled crossing. This crossing is manned by a duty teacher or parent volunteer from 8:30 am to 8:55 am and from 3:00 pm until 3:15 pm.
- All students are given regular training on the correct way to walk to school and cross the road.

Conclusion

Road Safety procedures are a lifetime necessity, which we as a school can help establish at an early age for the present and future benefits of our students.