

# SUNNYBRAE NORMAL SCHOOL

## ROAD SAFETY POLICY

Adopted by BoT June 2004

Reviewed on a 4-yearly cycle – last review June 2016

### **Rationale**

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

### **Purposes**

1. To promote 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 students may be using while in our care at school.
4. To inform parents of acceptable and safe transport of additional students to and from extra curricula and sporting activities during school hours.
5. To remind parents of their obligation to abide by traffic rules and model good behaviour to their children.

### **Guidelines**

#### Travelling to and from school

##### Walking:

- Students must walk on the footpath.
- Students must use the controlled crossing. This crossing is manned by a duty teacher or parent volunteer as available 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.

##### Scooters:

- Students must be able to control their scooters safely so as to not cause a hazard to others walking on the footpath.
- All students must wear a cycle helmet correctly fitted and fastened.
- Scooters must be stored in allocated areas, which are out of bounds during the school day.
- Students will walk their scooters when inside the school grounds.
- It is recommended that students wear a high visibility vest when scootering to school.

##### Cycling:

- In accordance with police advice, it is our recommendation that students should not ride a bike to school until 10 years old, unless accompanied by an adult.
- Parents of a child wishing to bike to school must call at the office and fill out a form giving permission to cycle to school and stating that their child has sufficient cycling skills and experience to cycle safely. Students are then issued with a bike licence.
- All students must wear a cycle helmet correctly fitted and fastened as legally required.
- Bicycles must be stored in allocated areas, which are out of bounds during the school day.
- Students must walk their bicycles when inside the school grounds.
- Students must wear a high visibility vest when cycling.

##### Motor vehicles:

When parents are dropping off and picking up students from school they should ensure that:

- Students alight and enter the car from the footpath side.
- Staff, parents and students use the controlled crossing to cross the road.

- Parents picking up students are not permitted to use the school driveway or car park unless permission has been given.
- Parents may not park and wait for their children on any yellow line, across or within one metre of driveways.
- Comply with the school safety zone 40km/h speed limit when it is operating.

### School Trips

#### 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 seatbelt must be available for and worn by each passenger in the car.
- An approved child safety restraint or booster seat must be available for any child under 8 years old. (Note: that whilst 8 is the legal limit it is recommended that all children under 148cm in height use a child restraint or booster seat).

#### Buses (for school trips):

- Students using buses must be seated at all times.
- Buses hired for school trips must have adequate seating for the number of children being carried.
- A teacher will accompany each group and must ensure all children are accounted for before the bus departs.

Skates, skateboards, heeies and roller blades are considered to be unsuitable modes of transport for our students to use going to and from school.

### **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.

BoT Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_