



PRIMBEE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Getting to and from school safely Policy 2014

The Department of Education and Communities policy is to encourage children to walk to school as part of their daily fitness but to do so safely. The policy states the following:

WALKING TO SCHOOL

Early stage 1 and stage 1 children should:

- Hold a grown up's hand when on the footpath
- Hold a grown up's hand when crossing the road

Older children should not be expected to be responsible for younger siblings or other people's children.

Stage 2 and 3 children should

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- Hold a grown up's hand when crossing the road
- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! Every time you cross the road

CAR TRAVEL

- Children should get out of a car on the kerb side
- Drop off and pick up children on the school side of the road
- Do NOT call out to children from across the road because they may run to you without thinking.

Children cannot be transported by a parent, other than their own, to or from a school event unless we have parent permission.

Parents transporting other people's children **MUST** show their current license and rego at the office.

- Early stage 1 and stage 1 children will not be allowed to go until a nominated adult takes them.
- Stage 2 and 3 will be expected to stick to the arrangement you have described on the information sheet.

BIKE POLICY

- Helmets must be worn when riding bikes.
- Children under 10 to be closely supervised when riding to school.
- Walk your bike into school grounds. Bikes are NOT to be ridden in the school grounds.
- Bikes must be roadworthy including brakes, pedals, tyres, bell and chain. This is the responsibility of parents/carers but the school may not allow unroadworthy bikes on school grounds.

IT IS VITAL THAT ANY CHANGES TO THE ARRANGEMENTS DESCRIBED ON THE INFORMATION SHEET ARE COMMUNICATED TO THE SCHOOL VIA NOTE OR PHONE CALL BY 2 P.M. EACH DAY.

Ideally, every child should be accompanied home by an adult but if you are comfortable with them walking/riding home unescorted, then the school needs to be aware of this situation.

We also want to make sure that children are going home with a safe person. Therefore we need all parents/carers to supply the following information and **return it to the office by February 28.**

Full Name of child: _____

Class Teacher's name: _____

Please indicate the names and phone numbers of all people who have your permission to pick up your child whether walking or travelling by car or bike.

Name:_____ Contact No _____

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(We need to be introduced to these people or shown photo ID at the office before picking up your child.)

HOW WILL YOUR CHILD BE TRAVELLING HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Please indicate **for each day** whether they are travelling **by car, bus, bike or walking.**
If walking please indicate if it is **escorted or unescorted** and any other relevant information.

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

1. If coming by bus please indicate time and bus number as well as the frequency/days that this will occur and how you will let us know if children are not going by bus every day. This is so we know who we have to pick up, supervise and get on to the buses every day.

This includes children attending After School Care.

Bus Number	Time	Days

Children attending Active After School activities must be picked up promptly by a parent or nominated adult.

Late children **MUST** be signed in by their parent or at least a note from the parent should be provided so that we know that the child has not been in an unsafe situation before school.

I agree to notify the school of any variations to the above information.

Signed:_____

Child's name and class:_____