RATIONALE
Students travelling to and from school, as well as at school, need to be safe. Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are popular means of transport for students, but require regulation and need to be managed in a safe manner in order to avoid accidents.

AIMS
- To provide a school environment that is safe and practical for students, and balances the rights of individuals with respect to the school’s duty of care toward all staff, students and parents within and around the school grounds.

IMPLEMENTATION
- Our school will provide safe storage for bicycles, scooters and skateboards ridden to school
- Parents and students are expected to sign an agreement that indicates their understanding and support of the following conditions:
  a) Students are expected to wear helmets
  b) Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are to be in roadworthy condition
  c) Students are not to bring electronically powered or motorised vehicles to school
  d) Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are to be parked in the bike shed and locked where possible
  e) Parents and students understand that the school is not responsible for the safety of bicycles, scooters and skateboards at school and/or students’ safety when travelling to and from school
  f) Children under the age of 10 years are encouraged to travel to school in the company of an adult
- All parents will be made aware of these school rules and expectations via the school newsletter, website and Facebook page
- Students who do not uphold the aforementioned conditions and expectations (a – f) will be placed on a staged management plan in consultation with their parents, for example warning, bicycle, scooter and/or skateboard use withheld for one week; bicycle, scooter and/or skateboard use withdrawn until further notice and requiring a meeting with parents.
- Road rules and traffic/safety education will form part of the school curriculum.
- Bicycles, scooters or skateboards cannot be ridden inside the school grounds at any time. Clear and unambiguous signs will be placed around the school, informing students, staff and visitors of the path to store this equipment
- Students who do not observe school expectations related to safety and responsible management of bicycles, scooter and skateboards will be provided with consequences in a manner consistent with the student discipline procedures.
- Students who demonstrate safe and responsible practices with bicycles, scooters and skateboards will be acknowledged.
EVALUATION/REVIEW
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three year cycle of review.

Ratified by Bellbridge Primary School Council – August 2015

Principal: Debbie Clancy  School Council President: Ellisa Cole
The following agreement is to be completed by the student who will be travelling to school using a bicycle, scooter or skateboard.

This agreement is to be co-signed by the parent/carer of the student travelling to school using a bicycle, scooter or skateboard.

I agree to observe the following conditions and expectations related to the safe and responsible use of a bicycle, scooter or skateboard when travelling to and from school:-

a) Students are expected to wear helmets
b) Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are to be in road worthy condition
c) Students are not to bring electronically powered or motorised vehicles to school
d) Bicycles scooters and skateboards are to be parked in the bike shed and locked
e) Parents and students understand that the school is not responsible for the safety of bicycles, scooters and skateboards at school and/or students’ safety when travelling to and from school
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Consequences for irresponsible and unsafe management of bicycles, scooters and/or skateboards will include:
- A warning given to the student to adopt appropriate safety and management strategies, with a note in the student diary to be signed by the parent.
- The bicycle, scooter or skateboard removed from the student and stored at the office until collected by the parent and its use withheld for a week.
- The bicycle, scooter or skateboard removed from the student and stored at the office until collected by the parent and its use withdrawn until further notice via a meeting with the parent.

We agree to the conditions and expectations stated above:

**Student:** .................................................................  **Grade:** ..................................................

Signed: .................................................................  **Date:** ..................................................

**Parent/Guardian:** .................................................................  **Date:** ..................................................

Signed: .................................................................