

## Communication to Families re: Trial period for bikes/scooters

Dear Parents/Carers,

From Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec until Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December Silverton PS will be trialling a change to our “No bikes at school” policy. During this time, students will be permitted to ride their bikes or scooters to school.

To ensure this is done safely, it is very important that all families be aware of the following information:

**Parents/Carers are responsible for their children travelling to and from school.**

**All users of bikes and scooters must:**

- **Wear a helmet whenever riding a bike or scooter.**
- **Dismount and walk across school crossings and within school grounds.**



**Cycling to and from school:**

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.



### **Helmets:**

Parents and students should be reminded that the law requires that all cyclists wear an approved bicycle helmet.

**Entry:**

Students may enter the school via the Silverton Drive or Jacksons Road gate and **must walk their bike or scooter directly to the breezeway** next to Oshcare where they will be locked away for the day.

Students must enter the breezeway from the Oshcare/carpark side. No bikes or scooters should be in the courtyard at any time.

A staff member will be on duty to meet the children at the breezeway and ensure bikes/scooters are appropriately stored. Helmets can be kept in the breezeway with the student's bike or scooter.

**Exit:**

Students are to exit the learning centre at their normal bell time and head to the breezeway to collect their bike or scooter.

A staff member will be on duty to ensure appropriate collection of bikes/scooters.

**Bikes or scooters must be walked to the gate to exit the school.**

This week at school the students have been discussing cycling and scooting to school safely in preparation for the trial period.



We will review the success of this trial period and communicate any permanent change to the policy at a later date.

Yours Sincerely,

Amanda Prosser – Principal

Kerrie Ngoma – School Council President