

HAMLYN BANKS PRIMARY SCHOOL

BIKE EDUCATION POLICY

Aims

1. To develop appropriate traffic safety knowledge, skills, behaviour and attitudes which will enable students to be safe cyclists on our roads.
2. To encourage students to develop decision making skills.
3. To encourage students to recognise and select safe traffic options.
4. To make students aware of their own limitations in relation to road safety.
5. To create a supportive home/school environment where children learn and apply traffic safety education.

Guidelines

1. Bike Ed will be offered to all students in Grade 4 and 5 and they will be encouraged to participate.
2. Where possible, each grade level will have 10 sessions of instruction
3. Staffing ratios will be strictly observed (as per manual).
4. The course for Bike Ed will be that which is detailed in the Bike Ed Instructor's Manual (Vic Roads).
5. This will be a flexible program taking into account the varying knowledge and skills of different groups.
6. The time allocation for Bike Ed will come from the Phys Ed/ Sport program
7. All Government regulations will be met as to the supervision of students, parental permission, roadworthiness of cycles and wearing of safety equipment
8. Each year parent Bike Ed instructors will be recorded in the minutes of School Council.
9. Students will not be permitted to ride bikes to school until at least grade four unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
10. Professional Development will be provided for staff and parents to ensure availability of trained personnel.

Implementation

1. The program will be developed sequentially.
2. Areas of the program to be emphasised are:

Grade 4: Road Laws
Riding Skills, practiced in the school ground

Grade 5: All of the above revised and extended
On road riding (when students have reached an acceptable standard of riding and are clear about road rules) at specific areas to practice set procedures developed in the school ground.

3. Instructors will be given an overview of the program prior to its commencement.
4. Parents will be advised of the timing of the program early in the year, possibly in grade information booklets.
5. All parents will be advised of the roadworthy requirements prior to the commencement of the program.
6. Bike Ed will be run in Sport time, if possible
7. The program will include theory and simulation activities as well as riding and on road skills.
8. Through the newsletter, safety hints and strategies for parents to use to support their child's safety on a bike will be published.
9. Parents will be encouraged to assist in the Bike Ed program and undertake training.
10. Grade 5 Bike Education participants will complete an on-road Bike Education test at the end of their program.

Evaluation policy to be reviewed as per review cycle