

## ROAD SAFETY

Reviewed September 2009

### Rationale:

The school has a commitment to educating staff, children and the community in raising awareness in regards to road safety.

### Purposes:

- Children will be encouraged to take responsibility for their own road safety.
- To increase road safety awareness of students, family/caregivers and the wider community.

### Guidelines:

- Road safety will be taught on a regular basis throughout the year.

### Pedestrians:

- Children must cross the road at authorized crossing places i.e. pedestrian crossings and school road patrols.
- Children should walk on the side of the footpath furthest from the road.
- Children are to walk the safest and most direct route to/from school. Parents are advised to walk this route with their child.
- If parents are not accompanying their child walking to/from school, it is advised that their child walks with a trusted adult or in a group where ever possible. Walking Buses have been set up in some areas and we encourage parents to join one or set up a Walking Bus if practical.

### School Patrols:

- School patrols are maintained at the crossings on Richardson Road and Owairaka Avenue in the morning from 8.30 to 8.50 and in the afternoon from 3.00 to 3.15.
- School patrols are to be trained annually by the school's police education officer.
- When the road patrollers are on duty they are to be supervised by an adult representative of the school.
- In order to become a school road patroller the student's parent/caregiver must give written permission prior to training.

### Private Motor Vehicle Use:

Where a private motor vehicle is used for school related trips each vehicle must have:

- A current warrant of fitness.
  - A current car registration.
  - Both of the above must be clearly displayed in the vehicle.
  - A safety belt must be provided and worn by all passengers. The driver of the vehicle is responsible for ensuring all his/her passengers are wearing the safety belts correctly.
  - The driver of the vehicle must hold a full current New Zealand drivers licence.
- If cars have an airbag in the front students are not to travel in the front seat of the car.

### **Car parks/Car parking:**

- Parents are not allowed to use the school carpark to drop off/pickup their child before and after school. The chains are put up at the gates at these times.
- Vehicles must not be parked –
  - On any broken yellow lines outside of the school.
  - At the bus stop.
  - Across any school entrances.
- School carparks are to be used by staff and official school visitors.
- Children should alight and enter the car from the footpath side door.
- Parents and children requiring to cross the road should use the pedestrian crossing or school road patrol.

### **Bus Trips:**

- Buses hired for school trips must have adequate seating for the number of children.
- Students must be seated at all times.
- Children must not leave their seat until the bus has stopped.
- Bus aisles must be kept clear of baggage at all times.
- On school trips a minimum of one teacher must accompany each bus and teachers need to ensure that all students are accounted for.
- Prior to any bus trip teachers should brief their children on how to be a safe bus passenger.
- The school office will make bus bookings for school trips.

### **Cycling:**

- Bicycles can only be ridden to school by children who are in year 6.
- Cycling is not encouraged.
- A letter must be received from a parent or caregiver requesting permission for their child to ride to school.
- Helmets must be worn and must be fitted correctly and securely.
- Parents/caregivers are responsible for ensuring their child's bike is roadworthy in accordance with the current bike code.
- The school accepts no responsibility for the security of the bike although bikes are to be placed near the caretakers shed.
- Parents/caregivers must provide a locking system for their child's bike.

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