

# NORTHLAND SCHOOL

## Health and Safety Procedures Road Safety



### **Rationale**

Road safety is an important aspect of a child's education and is a shared responsibility between the school and the parents. As well as ensuring the safe travel of children between home and school an awareness of road safety is a vital part of each person's well-being.

### **At School**

- A Road Safety awareness programme is integrated as part of the classroom programme. It will emphasise safe road crossing procedures including the use of pedestrian crossing and safe walkways.
- Provide a scooter safety and skills programme for Years 1 – 4
- Students with bicycles, scooters, skateboards are not to ride these in the playground from 8.30am – 3,15pm

### **To and From School**

- Provide school patrols to assist in the safe use of the pedestrian crossing outside the school. The road crossing will be supervised by adults. All school patrols to be trained by the Police Education officer.
- Remind parents about safety procedures when picking up or dropping off children at school.
- Encourage children to walk to school in groups and to use safe walking routes.
- Children cycling to school must be at least 10 years of age unless accompanied by an adult. All cyclists must wear helmets and must complete the school's bike contract.
- Children riding scooters or skateboards to school must complete the school's scooter/skateboard contract. Children using scooters/skateboards will be encouraged to wear helmets.

### **Out of School Activities**

- Children travelling by bus must be seated during the trip.
- Parents transporting children by car/van to school-sanctioned extra-curricular and sporting activities need to complete an EOTC Driver's Information form and need to ensure:
  - Each passenger uses a seatbelt
  - Children under 7 uses an approved child restraint.
  - The car must have current registration and a current WOF.
  - Children under 10 are not in front seats
- Children travelling by car need to have a signed EOTC Passenger Permission Form