

# MAHANA SCHOOL PROCEDURE

## ROAD SAFETY

### Rationale

Education on road safety is a shared responsibility between the school, parents or caregivers, and the Police Education Officer, and children are encouraged to be aware and take responsibility for their own personal safety.

Parents are consulted and made aware of the school's expectations regarding road safety.

### Procedure

#### Walking

- All children will be educated around safe behaviour when walking on rural roads, including crossing roads, negotiating driveways and using footpaths.

#### Cycling and Scooting

- Police recommend that children under 10 should cycle to school accompanied by an adult.
- Students using bikes must obey road rules and are recommended to use off-road cycleways where available and approach driveways with caution.
- Parents must be aware their child is biking to school.
- Scooters and bikes must be walked in and out of the school driveway.
- Bikes should be left in the stands when not used in the school.

#### Safety during pick up and drop off

- Parents are recommended to park in the diagonal parking spaces if available.
- Parents should not double park, park on the bus stop or park over the driveway.
- When parking on the opposite side of the road, parents **must** ensure the safety of their children crossing the road (i.e. accompanying younger children across the road).
- Children must stay within the safe school zone, which is indicated by the yellow line, until a parent or caregiver arrives and assumes responsibility for the child's safety.

#### Road Safety Education:

- The school will communicate regularly with parents on road safety programmes and issues.
- All new families will receive a copy of the road safety policy and new entrant children will be educated on the necessary safety procedures.
- All Mahana students will participate in a road safety unit biannually as part of the school curriculum.

- Year 1-3 children will receive training in road safety procedures, including but not limited to:
  - Safe road crossing
  - Use of walkways
  - Safe practices in and around buses and other vehicles
  - The school policy around pick-up and drop-off
- For students in years 3-8 the units will focus on inquiry into road safety practices. As a result of these inquiries children can demonstrate responsibility for their own safety around roads, including cycling.

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