

TIRIMOANA SCHOOL

ROAD SAFETY POLICY

RATIONALE:

Road safety is an aspect of the children's education, which is a shared responsibility between the school and the parents. It should ensure the safe arrival of the children at school and their safe return home from school.

PURPOSES:

1. To ensure the safety of our children as they travel to and from the school.
2. To encourage children to take responsibility for their own personal safety while on the road.
3. To ensure there are rules and guidelines for all methods of transport children may be using while in our care at school.

GUIDELINES:

1. Walking

- Children must walk on the footpath where one is available.
- Children must use pedestrian crossings and school road patrol where available.
- All children will be given annual training on the correct way to walk on and cross the road.
- Where walking buses are available children are encouraged to use them.

2. Cycling & Scooters

- Children below Year 5 may not ride their bicycles or scooters to school unless accompanied by an adult.
- Children riding their bicycles or scooters to school can only do so once they have received a 'Tiri Bike and Scooter Licence'. This means they will have completed a school monitored course that covers training on the correct ways to cycle and scooter.
- All children are to wear a cycle helmet correctly fitted and fastened, as legally required.

3. Bus Safety

- On school trips the teacher has a responsibility to ensure that children are seated on the bus and to reinforce the school's behaviour expectations.
- Children are given regular instruction on general bus rules, emergency procedures and conduct expected when boarding or leaving the bus.
- On school trips one teacher must accompany each group and must ensure all children are accounted for.
- Buses hired for school trips must have adequate seating for the number of children being carried on the bus. (Year 0-3 = 3 children per seat, Year 4-6 = 2 children per seat)

4. Motor Vehicle Transport

- Children will be regularly instructed in correct procedures for travelling in a car.
- Where private vehicles are used for a school trip, teachers will issue written procedures to ensure that seatbelts, approved child restraints (booster seats), licences and warrants comply with the law.

5. Carpark

When parents are picking children up from school they should ensure that:

- Children alight and enter the car from a footpath side door.
- Children and parents use the pedestrian crossing/road patrol if they need to cross the road.
- Parents picking up their children are not permitted to use the school car parks.

6. Road Crossings Signs and flags will be used on KEA crossings.

Mornings: Te Atatu Road crossing is parents' responsibility.

There will be a roster for patrols and teachers on the Divich Avenue, Tirimoana Road and Kokiri Street crossings from 8.30-8.50am.

Afternoons:

Children will be crossed over Te Atatu Road with our walking school bus. Kokiri Street, Divich Avenue and Tirimoana Road KEA crossings will be supervised by teachers, with student patrols. At 3.05 a bell will be rung for all children crossing at Te Atatu Road with our walking school bus to meet at the designated place to be crossed by teachers. All other children move directly to their crossing point on dismissal from their classrooms.

Students and teachers are required to follow the guidelines of the Police Traffic Safety Officer.

CONCLUSION

The priorities given to road safety for school children reflect the needs of the local community and legal requirements.

We believe road safety procedures are a lifetime necessity, which we as a school can help to establish firmly, at an early age, for the present and future benefit of our pupils.

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