



TIRIMOANA SCHOOL

TRAVEL SAFETY POLICY

RATIONALE:

Travel safety is an aspect of the children's education which is a shared responsibility between the student's parents and school community. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure their children have the capability and knowledge to travel to and from school safely. The school aims to educate all children on aspects of road safety about their travel to and from school including safe and considerate conduct on school buses.

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 when traveling to or from school.
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 patrol where available.
2. **Cycling & Scooters**
 - Children below Year 5 may not ride their bicycles or scooters to school unless accompanied by an adult.
 - Children riding their bicycle or scooters to school can only do so once they have received proper training and bike checks at school.
 - All children are to wear a cycle helmet correctly fitted and fastened, as legally required.
 - All children must walk their bikes or scooters on school grounds when arriving or leaving the school.
3. **Bus Safety**
 - When booking buses for school trips all children must be seated. Children are not permitted to stand on a bus.
 - Children are to be instructed on bus safety and conduct every time a school trip is undertaken.
 - On school trips one teacher must count on and off all children when entering and exiting the bus.
4. **Motor Vehicle Transport**
 - 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 are compliant with the law.
5. **Parking**
 - Parents picking up their children are not allowed to use the school car park unless disabled or permission has been given by the principal.
 - Children alight and enter the car from a footpath side door.
6. **Road Crossings** Signs and flags will be used on Kea crossings
Mornings: Te Atatu Road crossing is parent's responsibility.
There will be a roster for patrols and teachers on the Divich Avenue, Tirimanoana Road and Kokiri Street crossings from 8.30-8.45am.

Afternoons: Children will be crossed over Te Atatu Road with our walking school bus. Kokiri Street, Divich Avenue and Tirimoana Kea crossings will be supervised by teachers, with student patrols from 2.55-3.10pm.

- Children and parents use the pedestrian crossing/road patrol if they need to cross the road.
- Students and teachers must follow the guidelines of the Police Traffic Safety Officer.
- Students (traffic wardens) will be trained by the local constable to carry out crossing duty safely and follow the police safety rules.

7. **Walking School Buses**

- Te Atatu Road is operational in the afternoons.
- A register of learners on the walking school bus is taken each day.
- Other walking school buses may operate when staff or parents are available.

8. **Teaching Road Safety**

- All learners in Years 1 & 2 will take part in an annual Road Safety Training Programme.

Conclusion

The priorities given to road safety 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.