**Wentworth Falls Public School Bike-to-School Policy**

NSW Department of Education and Training and the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) recommend that children under 10 years of age **DO NOT** ride to and from school unless accompanied by an adult.

All riders must wear an approved Standards Australia bicycle helmet when in control of a bicycle.

RTA bicycle road rules must be followed:
- Pedestrians have right of way on footpaths
- Bells should be used as a warning when approaching pedestrians from behind
- Students under 12 years are allowed to ride on the footpath
- Adults and children 12 years and older can ride on footpaths if accompanying younger riders.

Bicycles must be in good working order and have a bell.

Riders must use the bottom front gate to enter and exit the school grounds. Riders should park their bike as soon as they arrive at school and not ride around in the playground. When leaving in the afternoon, riders will walk their bikes or ride very slowly to allow for congestion caused by parents and young children in the area.

Bikes should be stored in the bike racks. It is recommended that bikes be secured with a locking device for security sake.

Parents/caregivers of students riding to school are asked to sign a bike-to-school contract and students will be issued with a licence.

Helmets and bikes are brought to school and stored at the owner’s risk.

Parents/caregivers will be notified if their child does not follow the bike policy rules.

Skateboards and roller blades are not permitted at school.

The Principal has the right of discretion to make provision for departure from the policy, or the application of the policy, in the event of unforeseen and exceptional circumstances.