NICHOLAS CHAMBERLAINE SCHOOL

30 September 2026

Dear NCS Families

RE: Student Cycling Safety and Upcoming New School Policy

I am writing to express our serious and growing concern regarding the manner in which a number of our students, especially in the younger years, are riding their bicycles to and from school.

Recently, we have received several reports from members of the public, staff, and local community members regarding unsafe cycling behavior both on and around the school premises. Instances include riding dangerously at excessive speeds, failing to observe road signals, weaving in and out of cars, cycling on busy footpaths and carrying passengers on bikes that are not designed for them. The behaviour of a small number of students on the playground is dangerous and intimidating.

The safety and well-being of our students is our highest priority, and we are deeply concerned that if these behaviours continue, a serious accident could occur.

To address this issue and ensure the safety of all students, the school will be introducing two key measures:

1. **Bicycle Registration Scheme - effective from Monday 5th October**
   We are launching a compulsory school Bike Registration Scheme. All students who cycle to school will be required to register their bicycle details (make, model, colour, and frame/serial number where available). Registered bikes will be issued a small identification tag. This scheme will enable us to easily identify the owner of any bike involved in an unsafe or anti-social incident. Members of the senior team will be registering the bikes at the bike sheds on Monday. Going forward, students who ride their bikes unsafely or in an anti-social manner will be banned from bringing their bikes to school with immediate effect.
2. **Mandatory Helmet Policy (Effective January 2027):**
   Looking ahead, from **January 2027**, it will be a mandatory condition of riding a bike to and from school that students wear a correctly fitted safety helmet. Students arriving at school on a bicycle without a helmet after this date will not be permitted to bring their bike onto school grounds until a helmet is worn.

We kindly ask that you discuss bike safety with your child at home, reinforcing the importance of helmet safety, basic road rules, and consideration for pedestrians.

We are grateful to all of the students who ride their bikes in a safe manner. We greatly appreciate your support and cooperation in ensuring our students stay safe on their journeys to and from school.

Kind regards

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