

ROAD SAFETY POLICY

Other Related Documents:

- RTA Road Safety Handbook

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9.4.1 Belief Statement

At St Agnes Catholic High School we believe that a road safety policy provides a framework of common understanding for students, staff, parents/carers and the community who interact with the school to provide a safe environment.

Our Catholic School is founded on the person of Jesus Christ and is committed to educate in Gospel values - especially in hope, love, justice and care for others in the community.

The main intention of this policy is to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our students who use the services and facilities of this school. We do this by assessing the risks in the road environment around our school, developing practical school management procedures and ensuring that curriculum pertaining to all road safety issues is taught to our students.

9.4.2 Environmental Statement

St Agnes is located on Evans Road in Rooty Hill. It is situated in a residential area with a high traffic flow. The majority of students catch a bus to and from school, or are dropped off by private transport. Street parking is limited in the area; this may result in traffic congestion. The school's bus stop is located at the front of the school. St Agnes has no separated bus bay or drive through for the local bus company to use. The buses pull into the curb.

9.4.3 Aims/Goals

At St Agnes Catholic High School we aim:

- To provide a quality road safety education program that develops responsible road use, attitudes and behaviours.
- To provide management procedures that aim to maximise student safety and the wellbeing, health, and safety of all.
- To encourage the education of road safety issues in the wider school community, e.g. parents/carers, staff and visitors.

9.4.4 Curriculum Statement

At St Agnes Catholic High School our staff have developed and implemented an effective, sequential road safety education programs within:

- 7-10 PDHPE programs
- Information section within the school's newsletter

Our programs make use of current NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) resources and address the following road safety issues for our students:

- passenger safety
- pedestrian safety
- safety on wheels (such as bicycles, scooters, roller-blades and skateboards)
- driver education

When it is appropriate we will make use of other suitable resources and incorporate them as part of an ongoing program. The use of additional resources should enhance the teaching and learning of road safety education to our students.

9.4.5 School Management Procedures

At St Agnes Catholic High School the staff will maximise the safety of students by:

- ensuring no less than 2 staff members (including a member of the school leadership team) is on duty at the front of the school
- ensuring no less than 3 staff members are on bus duty during the afternoon
- students that catch the bus are assembled in the designated areas before moving to their bus
- students behave appropriately and respectfully when leaving the school and when catching public transport
- investigating and acting on any inappropriate behaviour reported to the school by the staff, students and parents of the St Agnes community, members of the public and operators of any bus company associated with the school
- providing active supervision when students are catching public transport for excursions, camps or retreats

Members of the St Agnes Catholic High School community regularly informed of the importance of:

- modelling safe road user behaviour
- parking vehicles safely outside the school and observing all parking signs
- ensuring that students are protected whilst traveling to and from school
- reinforcing the safety messages taught at school
- identifying and reporting safety issues in and around the school
- contributing to solving road safety issues that are of concern to the school and community

9.4.6 Discretionary Basis

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.

This policy was prepared by the WHS Committee and Executive of St Agnes Catholic High School.

9.4.7 Evaluation

The policy will be reviewed periodically and not less frequently than every 3 years.