What does the Department of Education and Communities and the RMS say?
The Department of Education and Communities and the Roads and Maritime Service recommend that children under 10 years of age should ride in a safe place off the road and away from vehicles and driveways. Children aged between 10 and 12 years of age should avoid riding on or near busy roads.

Parents and carers are responsible for:
- the maintenance of their child’s riding equipment. It must be in a good, safe working order. A bicycle must be fitted with a working brake and a bell.
- ensuring their child always correctly wears an Australian Standards approved helmet when riding and other protective gear knee pads, wrist guards and elbow guards for scooter and skateboard riders.
- ensuring their child is aware of and follows the road rules relating to wheeled devices. This includes the pedestrian’s right of way on footpaths and using a bell as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
- reinforcing rules and safety advice for wheeled devices to and from school, as outlined in these guidelines and RMS advice brochures.

Riders, who bring their bicycle, scooter or skateboard onto school grounds, are responsible for:
- completing a Wheeled Device Rider’s agreement and permission note, issued by the school. This is to be completed and returned to the school.
- entering and exiting Point Clare Public School via the designated entrance near the canteen in Takari Avenue. This is the only way to access the school grounds by all riders.
- dismounting before entering the school grounds and walking their bicycles and scooters whilst on the school grounds.
- storing their equipment in the bicycle rack provided near the library. Bicycles should be locked with a chain and padlock supplied by the bicycle owner. Riding equipment and helmets are brought and stored at school at the owner’s risk.

Safe riding behaviours
- Students are to always correctly wear an Australian Standards approved helmet when riding.
- Students must always ride in a safe manner following these guidelines and the NSW road rules relating to bicycles and other wheeled devices.
- Wheeled devices are not permitted to be ridden on school grounds, unless supervised by a teacher for practical bicycle lessons.
- Foot scooters are best ridden in recreational areas designated for their use. Driveways, uneven ground and the traffic environment are potential hazards for riders.
- Foot scooters may be ridden on footpaths unless there are signs that specifically prohibit them. However, riders must keep to the left, give way to other pedestrians, slow down and dismount in busy areas.
- Wheeled devices are not to be ridden in school grounds after school hours.
- Parents and carers will be notified if their child does not adhere to the school’s wheeled device safety guidelines. Students may not be allowed to bring their wheeled devices onto the school grounds if they do not follow the rules.

Endorsed by:

School Council
Mr David Harris, Principal
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More information is available from: