Dear Parent/ Caregiver,

Next term our school will be participating in the Department for Infrastructure and Transport’s ***Way2Go* Bike Ed** program. It is a practical program for students from year 4-6, delivered by experienced instructors.

Your child will receive a ***Way2Go* Bike Ed** student learning journal and a bike check card that will record the roadworthiness check of her/his bike from the first session.

Through participating in ***Way2Go* Bike Ed** students:

* Build their knowledge and understanding of the road laws and traffic environments.
* Develop bike handling and maintenance skills.
* Develop decision making skills for off and on-road bike riding.

Students who own or can access a bicycle are requested to bring it to school for each session. Safe storage will be provided. Bicycle SA, who will be delivering the program, has 15 bicycles that are prioritised for students who do not own or cannot access a bicycle.

**What you need to know and do**

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| *Before the program begins* | * Return the permission form below by the due date. It includes essential information about medical conditions and bicycle availability. * If your child is bringing their bike, please check it for roadworthiness and fit. A fitted drink bottle holder and lock for use is also recommended. * Plan with your child how you will transport the bike to school. * Make sure that your child has appropriate clothing and closed footwear (avoid skirts and flared pants). |
| *During the program* | * Make sure that appropriate clothing and closed footwear is worn. * Carry out any essential repairs identified on the bike check card before the next session. * Talk with your child after each session. What did they learn, enjoy, find challenging? What was recorded in their ***Way2Go* Bike Ed** student learning journal? * Practise on the weekend if possible. * If you have volunteered to assist, stay alert to communications. Let teachers and instructors know what you feel comfortable doing and most of all… have fun! |
| *After the program* | * Create opportunities to practise by: * Supporting your child to ride to school - start with one day a week and gradually increase the number of riding days. * Joining or forming a school riding group. It’s a great way to share supervision and save time. |

If you have any questions, ask your child’s classroom teacher. If they are unable to assist, they will forward your enquiry to your ***Way2Go* Bike Ed** School Coordinator.

**Return the permission form below to your child’s class teacher by \_\_/\_\_/ 202X**.

***WAY2GO* BICYCLE SAFETY CHECK**

**This is a great opportunity for your child’s bike to have a free roadworthiness check by either RAA or Bike SA.**

Before the first practical session a safety check of the bicycles of participating students will be undertaken so that:

* Safe bicycles are available from the very start and students have more practical riding time.
* Families receive information about the roadworthiness of their child’s bike. The priority will be to check the safety of student owned bikes. If a fault can be repaired with a minor adjustment or basic maintenance best efforts will be made within the time scheduled. Repairs requiring new parts or major work will be identified on the bike safety check card and referred to the parent/caregiver for their attention.
* The 15 bicycles available for borrowing are allocated to students who don’t own or have access to a bicycle.

**What you need to do**

Make arrangements to bring your child’s bike to school at X:XXam on the XX Month 202X.

Leave the bike (record a description of where the bikes should be left).

**Please note**: This is a once only service as *RAA staff* and *Bike SA* *instructors* are scheduled elsewhere and cannot return at a later date.

Students who are using their own bike will receive a completed bike safety check card recording the assessment of its roadworthiness.

Read the assessment information on the card and take any necessary action as recommended below.

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| **Recorded assessment** | **Action required** |
| Is considered safe and roadworthy | No action required |
| Requires maintenance or repair | Complete identified repairs before the next session. Completing repairs now can avoid major and more costly repairs in the future.  If you are unable to carry out the identified repairs before the next session, immediately advise your child’s teacher so that arrangements can be made for a bicycle to be borrowed. |

The ***Way2Go*** bike safety check is only available to students participating in the ***Way2Go* Bike Ed** program.

If you or family members would like to learn how to do a basic bike check, watch some of the useful clips outlining how to build and maintain a bike [**www.dit.sa.gov.au/Way2Go/videos**](http://www.dit.sa.gov.au/Way2Go/videos).

Thanks for your anticipated cooperation and support.

Kind regards,

*Way2Go* Bike Ed School Coordinator

***Way2Go* Bike Ed** Parent Permission form

Student full name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class teacher:

Please circle a response to each statement

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| My child will be eight years old or older when the program begins. | YES | NO |
| My child has a medical condition that may affect his/her safety in the program. | YES | NO |
| My child has a medical condition. The school has an up to date action plan & medication use date is current. | YES | NO |
| My child can bring an appropriate size Australian standard helmet. | YES | NO |
| My child can bring a roadworthy bicycle of suitable size for his/her height. | YES | NO |
| I can bring the bicycle to the school for a Bike Check before the program starts. | YES | NO |
| I give permission for images of my child to be used by DIT formedia publications. | YES | NO |

Please place X in the box that best describes your child’s riding ability.

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| Non rider |  |
| Occasional rider |  |
| Regular off road rider |  |
| Regular on road rider |  |

You may be interested in being a volunteer.

If so, consider your options and complete the table below. If not, leave the table blank.

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| I am interested in being a parent volunteer | YES | NO |
| I have access to my own bicycle | YES | NO |
| I can attend all sessions | YES | NO |
| I can attend all sessions at a particular time | YES | NO | am | midday | pm |
| I can attend only 1 session (identify the exact time) | YES | NO | Day | Date | Time |
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I understand and accept that my child will ride on local quiet streets under adult supervision and give consent for him/her to participate in the ***Way2Go* Bike Ed** program.

Parent/guardian Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature:\_\_\_\_\_