BASIC BELIEF
Traffic Safety Education at Mansfield Primary School enables children to learn about their traffic environment and develop the physical skills and attitudes and behaviour patterns for safe use of the roads and the public transport system. Children travel to school using school buses, bikes, and private vehicles and there is also a large pedestrian population.

Students need to be involved in activities that assist them to become more aware, discriminating and responsible travellers. Children’s safety is enhanced through the Traffic Safety Education but students still require adult supervision. Awareness includes knowledge of how people think and behave in traffic and how traffic is managed.

IMPLEMENTATION
• Traffic Safety Education will:
  - be based on the interests, abilities and experiences of students so that they may apply what they learn to everyday life.
  - be based on the Victorian Essential Learning Standards
  - occur through the school on an on-going integrated basis
  - promote traffic safety within the school community
  - be supported by the Kids on the Move and Bike Education programs
  - be set in the students own environment, social and cultural contexts
  - develop knowledge and skills to manage the transport environment safely, whether as a pedestrian, a rider of a bicycle, a passenger in a motor vehicle or a user of public transport
  - develop behaviours and attitudes and decision-making skills to manage the traffic environment in a responsible and safe way.

• Traffic Safety Education will be implemented during daily school activities eg excursions, walking to local sporting venues etc.
• The community awareness of traffic safety education issues will be developed through the school newsletter, school assemblies and information sessions.
• The school will continue to bring local hazards to the attention of the Mansfield Shire Council to improve pedestrian access and safety.
• The safe use of the School Crossings will be monitored.

This policy was ratified by the Mansfield Primary School Council on – 16th August 2010
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