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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very pleased that a number of our students ride their bike to school, however staff on duty in the morning and afternoon have noted some unsafe behaviour and this afternoon there was an incident with a member of the public. Therefore I am writing to ask you that if your child does cycle to school that you speak to them about the following:

- A number of students do not wear a cycle helmet or any reflective clothing, this puts them at risk of injury.
- Students are cycling out into the road and not paying close attention to other road users. Mornington Road is a very busy road and not all of the road users adhere to the 20 mph speed limit. Please ensure that your child is aware of the rules of the road because some students are being quite reckless and putting themselves and other pedestrians or drivers at risk of injury or damage to their vehicles.
- Students are sometimes cycling while checking their phone or listening to music which makes them vulnerable.
- Please could you also check that their bikes are road worthy, particularly in regard to brakes as these do not always seem to work as effectively as they should.

The safety of our students and local residents is of paramount importance and following some near misses and an incident today, I would very much appreciate you going through these basics with your child.

This will be followed up in school with some reminders about road safety in tutor time but your support in reinforcing these key messages would be very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,



J Norman
Principal