Philosophical Basis:

In our commitment to the safety of our children, Doncaster Gardens Primary School believes it is necessary to develop the students’ ability to consider their actions and possible consequences and to take increasing responsibility for their own safety as road users.

Guidelines:

The Traffic Safety Education Program will assist the school community to:

- Implement a sequential, comprehensive Traffic Safety Program from Foundation to Year 6.
- Develop appropriate traffic and safety knowledge, attitudes and behaviours.
- Encourage children to recognise and select safe traffic situations and to behave safely in these situations.
- Involve parents in the teaching of traffic safety with their children by being active partners in their children’s learning.
- Provide teaching and learning activities for children and teachers.

Implementation:

The school community will:

- Be expected to model correct behaviour.
- Provide children with the opportunities to practise safe travel eg: walking to local excursions.
- Use programs and resources available from outside agencies eg: VicRoads, RACV, RoadSmart, Safe Routes to Schools, Bike Ed and Kids on the Move.
- Provide parents with reminders of safe traffic situations through articles in newsletters.
- Provide the children with take home activities that will need to be completed by the child and their parent.
- The activities will be in line with the Health and Physical Education domain as stated in the AusVELS.

Evaluation:

- Changes in the children’s behaviour in relation to traffic safety will be observed, particularly by teachers on yard duty when students are being collected or dropped off.
- Changes in parent behaviour in relation to traffic safety will be observed ie, drop off and pick up parking practices.
- This policy will be reviewed every three years as part of the policy review cycle.