



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the Main Office by phone or visit the College where a language support or an interpreter can be arranged.

## PURPOSE

This policy clarifies roles and responsibilities of parents and schools in relation to students travelling to and from school, particularly in relation to the use of bicycles, scooters (including foot-powered, motorised, and e-scooters) and other wheeled recreation devices vehicles (e.g. skateboards, rollerblades, roller skates).

## SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this policy while traveling to and from school and when on school grounds. Parents or carers are responsible for their children when travelling to and from school.

## IMPLEMENTATION

Students are not permitted to ride any bicycles, scooters or wheeled recreation devices on the school grounds. Students who breach this rule will have consequences issued, including confiscation of item (to be collected by a parent/carer), detention and/or suspension. Parents and carers will be notified of any incidents where a breach has occurred.

The following are not permitted to be used during school hours or brought onto school grounds:

- Motorised scooters
- E-Scooters
- Motorised skateboards

This ban on the use of the above devices includes when students are both on site or off site during school hours e.g. excursions.

Students who breach this will have consequences issued, including confiscation of item (to be collected by a parent/carer), detention and/or suspension, with parents and carers notified of any incidents where a breach has occurred.

The College will provide a storage space for bicycles on site. Students are required to bring their own lock and use this to securely store their bicycle in the allocated space. Scooters and other wheeled recreation devices are required to be stored in a student's locker. Items that cannot fit into lockers can be requested to be stored in the relevant Sub School Office.

Students are responsible for personal items/property they bring to school. Any personal item/property that is brought to school by a student is not the responsibility of the school, and is not covered by school insurance. Neither the Department nor the school is responsible if any student's personal item/property is lost, stolen or damaged.

## HELMETS

The law requires that all cyclists and users of foot-powered scooters wear an approved bicycle helmet. Students sighted riding without a helmet to/from school will be notified of the laws surrounding this by a relevant staff member to ensure student safety when travelling to/from school. Parents and carers may also be notified.

## LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The most up to date information should always be sought from the relevant VicRoads websites:

- Bicycles: <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-rules/a-to-z-of-road-rules/bicycles>
- Scooters and other wheeled recreation devices: <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-rules/a-to-z-of-road-rules/scooters-and-wheeled-recreational-devices>

### Information Pertaining to Bicycles:

- Children under the age of 12 may ride on footpaths, as can a supervising adult
- Bicycle riders are required to give way to pedestrians and to wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and children's crossings
- Children aged 12 years or older are required by law to ride on the road

### Information Pertaining to Motorised and E-Scooters:

According to VicRoads, these are scooters that:

- are powered by a petrol motor; OR
- has an electric motor with a power output of greater than 200 watts; OR
- has a speed capability of greater than 10 km/h

Any motorised scooter or e-scooter that meets the above cannot be legally used on a road or any road related areas, including footpaths, shared paths or public areas.

### Information Pertaining to Wheeled Recreation Devices:

According to VicRoads, wheeled recreation devices includes scooters (human-powered), skateboards, roller blades and roller skates. Most wheeled recreational devices can be used on footpaths. More information about the specifics of this can be obtained from <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-rules/a-to-z-of-road-rules/scooters-and-wheeled-recreational-devices>.

Motorised skateboards are not permitted on public roads or road related areas including footpaths or nature strips.

## COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter and social media channels
- Discussed in student forums and assemblies
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Department of Education and Training [Cycling To and From School Policy](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Claims for Property Damage and Medical Expenses](#)
- VicRoads [Bicycles](#)
- VicRoads [Scooters and Wheeled Recreation Devices](#)
- Victoria Legal Aid [Bike Law](#)

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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