



ROCHEDALE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

E-SCOOTER & E-BIKE POLICY (updated 2025)

RATIONALE

Rochedale State High School actively promotes road safety and encourages safe behaviours when travelling to and from school. We recognise that some students ride (or want to ride) e-bikes or e-scooters to school. These devices can be a cost-effective and convenient mode of transport.

This policy provides clear guidelines on the use of e-scooters and e-bikes by students to ensure safety, compliance with Queensland laws, and the smooth operation of the school environment.

This policy applies to all students, staff, and visitors using e-scooters or e-bikes on school property or when commuting to and from school.

LEGAL COMPLIANCE

A broad range of personal mobility devices (PMDs), including e-scooters and e-bikes, can be used in Queensland. The Department of Transport and Main Roads has introduced new rules and increased fines to enhance safety for riders and those around them.

All students must comply with Queensland transport laws, which include the following:

- An approved helmet must be worn at all times.
- An effective stopping system controlled by using brakes, gears or motor control
- A working bell, horn or a similar warning device.
- No passengers are allowed on e-scooters or e-bikes.
- Riders must adapt to road conditions and avoid unsafe manoeuvres.

E-Bike Specific Rules:

- E-bikes must have a maximum power output of 250W, be pedal-assisted rather than throttle-powered, and must cut out at 25 km/h, becoming fully pedal-powered to comply with legal standards.
- If a non-compliant e-bike is to be ridden legally on a road, it must comply with Australian Design Rules for motorcycles and be registered.

Personal Mobility Devices Specific Rules

- Only individuals aged 16+ can ride e-scooters.
- Riders aged 12–15 can only ride under the direct supervision of an adult.
- Children under 12 are not permitted to ride e-scooters or e-skateboards at all.
- Speed limits: 12 km/h on footpaths/shared paths and 25 km/h on bike lanes/roads (where permitted).

For the latest information, refer to the following Queensland Government resources:

Electric Bicycle Rules:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/rules/wheeled-devices/electric-bicycle-rules>

Personal Mobility Devices (Including E-Scooters):

<https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/rules/wheeled-devices/personal-mobility-devices>

StreetSmart Advice:

<https://streetsmarts.initiatives.qld.gov.au/electric-bikes/>

<https://streetsmarts.initiatives.qld.gov.au/pmd/>

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

Legal Compliance

Illegal e-bikes must not be ridden to or from school, and students under 16 cannot ride e-scooters without parental supervision. The school cannot condone improper use by allowing these devices to be parked on campus.

No Riding on School Grounds

E-scooters and e-bikes must not be ridden within school premises, including pathways and car parks.

Parking & Storage

Students must park their devices in the designated storage area and secure them properly. The school is not responsible for theft or damage.

Safe Travel to and from School

Students must follow all road rules and ride responsibly.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

If a student fails to follow the rules regarding e-bikes, e-scooters, or e-motorbikes, the school may take the following actions:

- Contacting parents/caregivers.
- Issuing consequences in line with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Prohibiting the student from riding the device to and from school unless adult supervision is guaranteed.
- Confiscating the device for collection by a parent/caregiver.
- Informing relevant authorities if necessary.

REVIEW & AMENDMENTS

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to align with Queensland transport regulations and school safety requirements.