

## Ensuring the Safety of Our Students: Navigating E-Scooter and E-Skateboard Rules

The safety of your children – our students – is a priority. With e-scooters, e-skateboards, e-bikes and other similar devices growing in popularity, we have been spending time educating our students on the importance of safety and following the road rules.

Not everybody is aware of the rules, or follow the rules, putting themselves as well as members of the community at risk of harm. I would like to share with you the below information which is provided by the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

### E-scooter rules and fines

Rules and increased fines have been introduced for riders of e-scooters, e-skateboards and similar devices that aim to make riders and everyone they interact with safer.

Visit Streetsmarts Qld for a quick and easy to understand existing rules, including:

- Lower speed limits of 12km/h on footpaths and shared paths, and 25km/h max elsewhere unless signed otherwise.
- Increased fines for mobile phone use (more than \$1100).
- Increased fines for speeding and riding on prohibited roads.
- Mandatory helmets (bicycle or motorcycle) and bells for devices with handlebars.
- Age limits:
  - Only those aged 16+ can ride e-scooters and e-skateboards.
  - 12–15-year-olds can only ride with adult supervision. Adult supervisors must have close direct oversight of the juvenile PMD rider at all times to provide direction, guidance and potential intervention.
  - Primary school aged children, under 12 years, shouldn't be riding e-scooters or e-skateboards. They can ride low powered electric scooters, which have a maximum speed of 10 km/h or less and are powered by a small electric motor capable of producing 200W or less. These are considered wheeled recreational devices and have a separate set of rules to PMDs. More information is available on the Department of Transport and Main Roads [website](#).
- No passengers – one person only at a time per scooter.
- Where to ride:
  - Paths – footpaths, shared paths, separated paths and bike paths
  - Local streets (speed limit of 50km/h or less, no dividing centre line)
  - On-road bike lanes (where the road speed limit is 50km/h or less, or where the lane is physically separated from the road).

The website features new videos demonstrating where you can ride e-scooters and at what speeds, as well as other helpful safety tips.

Visit [Streetsmarts QLD](#) for more details.

The school is putting in measures to ensure our students are following the rules. If students are identified as not following the rules, parents will be contacted and consequences will be put in place. Saving a student from harm is everybody's priority.

If a student is not following the rules associated with e-bikes, e-scooters and e-motorbikes we will take an individualised approach based on the situation which may include the following:

- Contacting parents/carer
- Issue a consequence in line with our Student Code of Conduct
- Prohibit the student from riding the device to and from school unless adult supervision is guaranteed
- Confiscate the device to be collected by parents/carers
- Inform relevant authorities