



Pacific Pines State High School

Personal Mobility Devices

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Purpose

Pacific Pines 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) Personal Mobility Devices (PMD) such as e-scooters and e-bikes to school. These devices can be a cost-effective and convenient mode of transport.

Policy Statement

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-scooter or e-bikes on school property or when commuting to and from school.

Legislation

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).

Mobility Devices on School Grounds

Riding on school grounds is strictly prohibited. Students must dismount at the school gate and walk their devices while on campus - both when arriving and departing.

Other Resources

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>





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Personal Mobility Devices (Including E-Scooters):

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

StreetSmart Advice: see last page for new rules and fines as at June 2025

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

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New e-scooter rules and fines

New 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 listing of the new and 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 (\$1078).
- Increased fines for speeding and riding on prohibited roads.
- Mandatory helmets (bicycle or motorcycle) and bells for devices with handlebars.
- Age limits:
 - o Only those aged 16+ can ride e-scooters and e-skateboards.
 - o 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.
 - o 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:
 - o Paths – footpaths, shared paths, separated paths and bike paths
 - o Local streets (speed limit of 50km/h or less, no dividing centre line)
 - o 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 [StreetsmartsQld](#) for more details.

