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To parents,

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Dear parents,

I have noticed a lot of E-Scooters being ridden by school age children around our town. These scooters are being ridden both on the road as well as footpaths, with many riders not wearing helmets or protective gear. E-Scooter related injuries has caused an increase in the number of Emergency Room visits, a large proportion of these are School aged children presenting with injuries such as broken bones, spinal injuries and serious head injuries resulting in ABIs (acquired brain injuries).

*'More than five Queenslanders per day are ending up in the emergency department due to e-scooter injuries, according to new state hospital data.'* (Queensland hospital data shows e-scooter injuries escalate to five per day. ABC News 11/02/2026)

Children have been shown to take greater risks as they are still growing and have not achieved the brain development required to always make good decisions.

*"A teen's developing brain places them at greater risk of being reactive in their decision-making, and less able to consider the consequences of their choices."* (Why teenagers make terrible decisions: A guide for parents ABC news 22/01/2018 By James McCue, Edith Cowan University)

E-Scooters are high powered, heavy transportation devices that require sensible decision making to avoid risk of injury to themselves and those around them in public. The Victorian government creates legislation to govern the safe use of these devices and Victoria Police are responsible for enforcing the laws. You may not be aware of these laws, so I have put some of them below. The brackets contain some of the contributing factors as to why these laws were created.

E-Scooter riders must:

- be at least 16 years old. (Under 16 yr olds not developed enough to make safe choices)
- not ride with a second person. (The brakes are not designed for this)
- not ride on the footpath. (Danger to pedestrians)
- wear an approved bicycle helmet. (High chance of head strike with footpath in collision)
- not travel faster than 20 kph. (The faster they go the more dangerous they become)
- not travel on roads signposted above 60kph. (High speed vehicles present a large risk)
- not use mobile phones while riding. (This is a massive distraction)

The above offences may attract fines of up to \$611.

The use of headphones for music while riding an E-scooter, while not illegal, is strongly discouraged. This can act as a distraction and may prevent your child from hearing any approaching danger.

I am asking parents to please consider the safety of their children when they are considering purchasing one of these devices for their kids and please reconsider. If your child is 16 or over and has an E-Scooter, please have a discussion with them about the importance of riding on the road, wearing a helmet and being safe.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message,

Nick RAYNOR

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