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Dear Parents and Carers,

We understand that our students and families arrive at and depart from school in a variety of ways, including parent drop-off and pick-up in personal vehicles, walking, riding bikes, scooters and skateboards (both electric and non-electric), as well as via our bus services.

I would like to take this opportunity to outline some safety concerns and reinforce expectations regarding road and street safety, as well as adherence to road laws.

Recently, we have observed a number of unsafe behaviours, including jaywalking, underage students riding electric scooters or skateboards, and unsafe practices around our bus services. These behaviours pose significant risks to student safety.

We ask all families to have conversations with their children about the importance of the following:

- **Walking to school:** Students should use designated footpaths at all times and cross roads only at supervised or marked crossings.
- **Parent drop-off and pick-up:** Please ensure all road laws and speed limits are adhered to, and that the bus loop remains clear of cars during drop-off and pick-up times. Please note that parents are not permitted to drive into the bus loop or staff car park during these busy periods, as this helps maintain an efficient flow of traffic and avoids congestion.
- **Riding, scooting, or skating:** Petrol or modified bikes are illegal. Helmets must be worn at all times, and all road rules must be followed for all students that travel via Bikes, Scooters and Skateboards. Please note that students under the age of 16 are not permitted to ride electric scooters or skateboards, as this is against the law (please refer to the attached information for further details). Any student who arrives at school using an illegal mode of transport will be required to walk home or be collected by a parent/carer. The illegal bike, electric scooter or skateboard will be secured on site and must be collected by a parent/carer, as the school cannot knowingly allow students to travel home using unsafe or illegal means. Failure to comply may result in a mandatory report being made, as student safety is our highest priority.
- **Bus travel:** Students should be waiting at their designated bus stop prior to the arrival of the bus. Running towards buses at the last minute is unsafe and may result in students being out of sight or missing the service, as buses are unable to wait beyond scheduled times and have restricted view.
- **On school grounds:** Bikes, scooters, and skateboards of any kind **must not** be ridden on school grounds. They must be walked on site and secured in the designated storage areas.

Please be aware that students who do not adhere to road laws, particularly regarding the illegal use of modified or petrol bikes, scooters, or skateboards, may be referred to police, as these are traffic offences and represent serious safety concerns.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations to ensure all students travel safely to and from school.

Kind regards,



Suzie Harrison  
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## Youth Road Safety Fact Sheet



VICTORIA POLICE

Whether you're biking or riding an e-scooter, follow these simple road safety tips to stay safe and have fun on the move!

### MODIFIED OR PETROL POWERED BICYCLES

- Illegal.



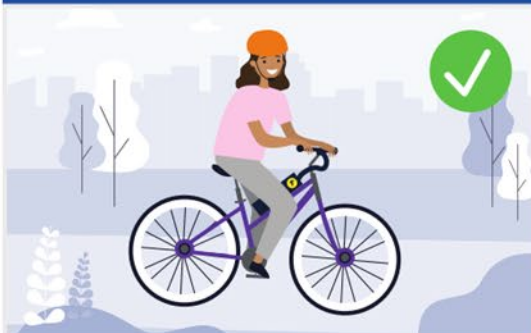
### MOTORBIKES

- To ride on or off-road it must be registered with a full or recreation registration
- Helmet must be worn at all times.



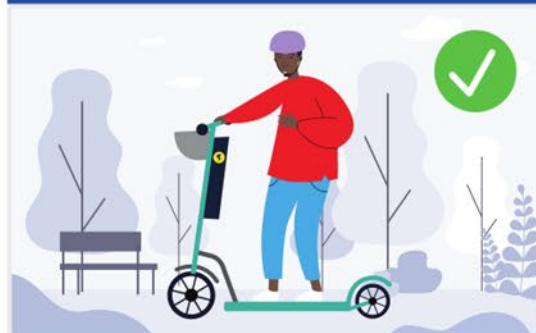
### E-BIKES

- 25 km/h MAX speed
- Motor cannot provide power at speeds higher than 25km/h
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



### E-SCOOTER

- Be aged 16 yrs or over
- Max speed 20 kmph
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



For more information, visit [police.vic.gov.au/road-safety](http://police.vic.gov.au/road-safety)

## E-scooter Road Rules

Tougher penalties as e-scooters are made permanent.

### e-scooter riders cannot

- Ride on the footpath
- Use a mobile phone while riding
- Ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Carry passengers or animals or ride in tandem
- Ride a high-speed e-scooter, one capable of more than 25 km/h
- Ride on roads that have a speed limit over 60 km/h

### e-scooter riders must

- Be aged 16 years and over
- Not exceed the maximum speed of 20 km/h
- Ride only on shared paths and roads that have a speed limit up to 60 km/h
- Wear a helmet at all times
- Follow traffic rules
- Use lights and reflectors



Scan the QR code to learn more

For more information (including community language translations)  
[transport.vic.gov.au/Road-rules-and-safety/E-scooter-road-rules](http://transport.vic.gov.au/Road-rules-and-safety/E-scooter-road-rules)





### **E-scooter riders must:**

- be aged 16 years and over
- not exceed 20 km/h
- ride only on roads that have a speed limit of 60km/h or less and on bike or shared paths
- always wear a helmet
- always have proper control and ride responsibly
- use a warning (e.g., bell, horn, or verbal) to avert danger
- follow traffic rules
- give way to pedestrians where appropriate
- have front and rear lights if riding at night

### **E-scooter riders cannot:**

- ride on the footpath
- use a hand-held mobile phone while riding
- ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- carry passengers or animals
- lead an animal, including by tethering the animal to the e-scooter
- ride in tandem, two abreast
- ride a high-speed e-scooter – one capable of more than 25km/h
- ride on roads that have a speed limit over 60km/h

As with all road rules, Victoria Police will be enforcing the safe use of e-scooters – and will not tolerate irresponsible behaviour on our roads.



## Penalties for e-scooter riders

The rules for e-scooter use are published in the [Road Safety Road Rules 2017](#).

Some penalties for breaking the rules are listed below. You can get more than one fine if you're breaking multiple rules. Penalty values are current as of 1 July 2025.

Offence	Penalty amount
Ride a non-compliant e-scooter (i.e. one capable of travelling faster than 25km/h, which is considered an unregistered motor vehicle)	\$1,018
Failing to wear helmet	\$407
Ride e-scooter on a footpath	\$305
Ride e-scooter if under 16 years of age	\$305
Riding with a passenger	\$254
Riding as a passenger	\$254, increasing to \$661 if not wearing a helmet.
Ride e-scooter on a road with a speed-limit greater than 60 km/h	\$356
Exceed speed limit on e-scooter (20 km/h max)	\$254
Drinking alcohol while riding	\$407
Ride e-scooter alongside another rider (riding 2 abreast)	\$204
Use a handheld mobile phone whilst riding	\$611
Fail to obey traffic lights	\$509