



RIVERMOUNT COLLEGE

Realising the Potential Within

7.14.01 E-BIKE & E-SCOOTER POLICY

PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

This policy outlines expectations for the safe and lawful use of e-bikes, e-scooters, and other personal mobility devices (PMDs) by students, staff, contractors, and visitors. It supports road safety, reduces risk to pedestrians and ensures compliance with Queensland legislation and community standards.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students, staff, contractors, and visitors who bring or use e-bikes, e-scooters, or other PMDs on College grounds or when commuting to and from the College. It covers arrival, departure, storage, behaviour and consequences for non-compliance.

RESPONSIBILITY

Principal reporting to the Board of Directors

LEGISLATION & REFERENCES

[Transport Operations \(Road Use Management\) Act 1995](#)
[Queensland Government – Rules for Personal Mobility Devices](#)
[StreetSmarts – Rules for Riders](#)
[Queensland Government - E-Bike rules in Queensland](#)

5.01.01 Student Code of Behaviour
Behaviour Management Guidelines (Primary and Secondary)
8.10.01 Risk Management Policy and Framework
Rivermount College Traffic Management Plan

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DEFINITIONS AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS (QLD)

- **E-bike (electric bicycle):** A bicycle with an electric motor that **assists pedalling** and **cuts out at 25 km/h**, with **maximum continuous power of 250 W** (or 200 W for legacy throttle-type) to be considered a bicycle under Queensland rules.¹
 - There is no minimum age limit required to ride an e-bike.
- **E-scooter / Personal Mobility Device (PMD):** A device powered by an electric motor (e.g., e-scooters, e-skateboards, e-unicycles) that must meet QLD PMD size/weight specs and is subject to specific rider rules and speed limits.²
 - **Age requirements:** PMD riders must be 16+ or 12–15 with direct adult supervision. **Riders under 12 must not ride PMDs.**
 - **PMD speed limits:** 12 km/h on footpaths/shared paths (unless signed otherwise); 25 km/h on bike paths/roads where permitted.
 - **Where you can ride PMDs:** Footpaths, shared paths, bike paths, and certain roads/bike lanes (≤50 km/h) as allowed; obey signs and general road rules (e.g., stop at red lights).
- **Non-permitted devices:** Any petrol-powered device, bikes with motors over 250 W (unless registered as a motorcycle), or devices modified/unlocked to exceed legal specs for public paths/roads.³

POLICY STATEMENT

Rivermount College promotes road safety and encourages responsible travel choices. This policy aims to:

- Support safe, lawful use of e-bikes, e-scooters and other PMDs
- Prevent injury and maintain a secure and orderly school environment
- Align with Queensland transport regulations.

The College expects students, staff and visitors to demonstrate acceptable use of these devices as outlined below.

Safe Travel to and from the College

Riders must adhere to all road rules, ride courteously, and adapt speed to conditions—particularly around pedestrians and school zones. Families are encouraged to review the StreetSmarts QLD videos and guides.

¹ <https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/rules/wheeled-devices/electric-bicycle-rules>

² <https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/rules/wheeled-devices/personal-mobility-devices>

³ <https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/rules/wheeled-devices/electric-bicycle-rules>

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Legal Compliance

Riders must comply with all Queensland transport laws when using e-bikes or e-scooters to and from the College. This includes:

- Wearing a helmet;
- Ensuring device has a bell (for devices with handlebars); functioning brakes and lights/reflectors for night/hazardous conditions.
- Not carrying passengers/doubling.
- Not using a mobile phone while riding.

Illegal/non-compliant devices are not permitted to be used. **The College may refuse storage where use appears unlawful or unsafe.**

Reminder: Students aged 12-15 are not permitted to ride e-scooters without direct adult supervision and those under 12 must not ride PMDs at all.

No Riding on College Grounds

All riders must dismount at the College boundary and walk their e-bike/scooter on College grounds. E-bikes and e-scooters must not be ridden anywhere on College property, including pathways, internal roads and car parks.

Parking, Storage, Charging and Liability

All student e-bikes and e-scooters must be parked in the designated bike shed. Staff must park in the designated parking area. Devices should be secured with a lock and stored neatly.

Charging of devices on College grounds is not permitted due to lithium-ion battery fire risks and to align with sector best practice. Devices must arrive adequately charged.

The College accepts no responsibility for theft or damage to any personal device.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The College Leadership has a responsibility to:

- Communicate this policy regarding acceptable use and storage
- Maintain signage and storage
- Review incidents and adjust risk controls.

Staff members have a responsibility to:

- Promote safe behaviour
- Actively direct dismounting at College gates
- Report unsafe riding to the Head of School
- Support enforcement consistently.

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Parents/guardians have a responsibility to:

- Ensure the device is legal and maintained
- Reinforce safe routes and rules, in particular, age restrictions for PMDs
- Understand that some “e bikes” marketed online are illegal for road/path use (due to power/speed/throttle).

Students have a responsibility to:

- Follow the law and this policy
- Wear a helmet
- Maintain roadworthy equipment (brakes/lights/bell)
- Store and lock devices appropriately
- Never carry passengers.

BREACHES

Where a rider breaches this policy or relevant laws, the College may:

1. Contact the parent/guardian and provide education/resources.
2. Apply behaviour consequences per the Code of Behaviour.
3. Restrict or prohibit bringing the device to the College (temporary or permanent).
4. Hold the device for collection by a parent/guardian where safety or legality is in question (e.g., under age PMD riding, illegal modifications).
5. Notify authorities where unlawful use is suspected (e.g., >250 W throttle devices on roads/paths).

TRAINING AND AWARENESS

The College will promote StreetSmarts QLD resources and families are directed to Queensland Government pages on PMDs and e-bikes for the latest rules and penalties.
<https://streetsmarts.initiatives.qld.gov.au/>

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed annually or when Queensland road rules change, whichever occurs first.

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