



Southport State High
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL



SOUTHPORT STATE HIGH SCHOOL

E-SCOOTER & E-BIKE POLICY (updated 2025)

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

Legal Compliance

Students must comply with all Queensland transport laws when using e-bikes or e-scooters to and from school. Illegal or non-compliant devices are not to be used. Students under 16 are not permitted to ride e-scooters without direct adult supervision. Southport State High School will not condone improper or unlawful use of these devices, including allowing them to be stored on school grounds if used inappropriately.

No Riding on School Grounds

Students are encouraged to enter the school via Gate 3 off Brooke Avenue or the pedestrian gate off Smith Street adjacent to the Administration building. All students must dismount from their e-bikes and e-scooters upon entering school grounds and walk them to the designated parking area. E-bikes and e-scooters must not be ridden anywhere on school property, including pathways, car parks, and access roads.

Parking & Storage

All e-bikes and e-scooters must be parked in the designated undercover area located under the Learning Hub. Devices should be secured with a lock. Bikes must be stacked neatly and appropriately to ensure safety and access for others. The school accepts no responsibility for theft or damage of any personal mobility devices.

Safe Travel to and from School

Students are expected to follow all road rules and travel in a safe, respectful manner. Dangerous riding, ignoring traffic signals, or riding without safety equipment is strictly prohibited.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

Failure to comply with this policy may result in one or more of the following:

- Parent/caregiver contact
- Disciplinary action in line with the Student Code of Conduct
- Temporary or permanent prohibition from bringing the device to school
- Confiscation of the device until collected by a parent/caregiver
- Notification of relevant external authorities where required

RATIONALE

Southport State High School promotes road safety and encourages responsible travel choices. Many students ride e-bikes or e-scooters as a cost-effective, convenient means of transport. This policy aims to:

- Support safe, lawful use of these devices
- Maintain a secure and orderly school environment
- Align with Queensland transport regulations

This policy applies to all students, staff, and visitors who use e-scooters or e-bikes on school grounds or when commuting to and from school.



LEGAL COMPLIANCE

General Requirements (All Riders)

- An approved helmet must be worn at all times.
- Devices must have a functioning brake system.
- A bell, horn, or similar warning device must be fitted.
- No passengers allowed on e-scooters or e-bikes.
- Riders must adapt to conditions and avoid unsafe manoeuvres.

E-BIKE SPECIFIC RULES

- E-bikes must be pedal-assisted, not throttle-powered.
- Power output must not exceed 250W.
- Assistance must cut out at 25 km/h.
- Non-compliant e-bikes must be registered and meet motorcycle design standards to be legally used on roads.

PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES (PMDs) - INCLUDING E-SCOOTERS)

- Minimum riding age is 16. Riders aged 12–15 require direct adult supervision.
- Children under 12 are not permitted to ride e-scooters or e-skateboards.
- Speed limits:
 - 12 km/h on footpaths/shared paths
 - 25 km/h on bike lanes and roads (where permitted)

RESOURCES & FURTHER INFORMATION

For the latest legal guidelines and safety information, please refer to:

Electric Bicycle Rules:

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

Personal Mobility Devices (Including E-Scooters):

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

StreetSmart Advice:

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

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