

Wirreanda Secondary School E-Bike & E-Scooter Policy

Rationale

Wirreanda Secondary School actively promotes road safety and encourages safe behaviours when travelling to and from school. We recognise that some students ride e-bikes or e-scooters to school. This policy provides clear guidelines on the use of e-scooters and e-bikes by students to ensure safety, compliance with South Australian laws, and the smooth operation of the school environment. This policy applies to all students, staff, and visitors using e-scooters or e-bikes on school property or when travelling to and from school.

South Australian Legal Compliance – Personal Mobility Devices (PMDs)

A broad range of personal mobility devices (PMDs), including e-scooters and e-bikes, can be used in South Australia. The Department for Infrastructure and Transport has introduced new rules and increased fines to enhance safety for riders and those around them.

All students must comply with South Australian transport laws, which stipulate that the rider:

- Must be aged 16 years or over
- Must wear a helmet
- Must use flashing or steady front and rear lights, if riding at night or in low light
- Must park responsibly in a location that does not disrupt pedestrians or pose a safety hazard
- Keep to approved areas if using a hired e-scooter
- Does not ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Does not carry passengers
- Must not hold a mobile phone or rest it on any part of the rider's body when riding
- Must adhere to speed limits at all times

Please refer to the link below to find more information about speed limits:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/driving-and-transport/cycling/motorised-wheeled-recreational-devices>

Types of E-Bikes - What is Allowed?

Pedal-Assist E-Bikes (Allowed)

- Motor only works when you pedal
- Stops helping at 25 km/h
- Legal to ride in SA

Throttle-Controlled E-Bikes (Not Allowed)

- Motor runs without pedalling (like a motorbike)
- Can go faster than 25 km/h
- Illegal on SA roads → Not permitted at school

For more information please visit:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/driving-and-transport/cycling/riding-a-power-assisted-bicycle>

School Expectations

Legal Compliance:

- Only **legal pedal-assist e-bikes** and **approved e-scooters** may be ridden to and from school
- Students must be age of 16 or over
- The school cannot allow illegal or unsafe devices to be brought or parked on site

No Riding on School Grounds:

- E-scooters and e-bikes must **not be ridden inside school grounds**, including pathways, courtyards, and car parks

Parking & Storage:

- E-scooters and e-bikes must be parked in the designated Bike Shed and locked securely
- The school is not responsible for theft or damage.

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.

Non-Compliance

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

- Parent/Guardian contact
- Disciplinary action in line with school policies
- Permanent ban from bringing the e-bike or e-scooter to school
- School maintains ownership of the e-bike or e-scooter until collected by a parent/guardian
- Notification of relevant external authorities e.g. SAPOL where required

Resources & Further Information

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

SA Government – Personal Mobility Devices

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/driving-and-transport/cycling/motorised-wheeled-recreational-devices>

My Licence – Personal Mobility Devices

<https://www.myllicence.sa.gov.au/road-rules/personal-mobility-devices>