



CARLTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

# BIKE AND SCOOTER RIDING GUIDELINES

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The following guidelines outline the procedures involved when students ride bike or scooters to Carlton Public School.

## RATIONALE

The Department of Education and Training and NSW Centre for Road Safety (RMS) recommend that children under 10 years of age should cycle in a **safe place off the road** and **away from vehicles and driveways**. Children aged between 10 and 12 years of age should avoid cycling on or near busy roads. Only students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are permitted to ride their bicycle or scooter to school on their own. If students in Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 or Year 3 wish to ride to school, they need to be accompanied by a parent both in the morning and of an afternoon. schools have a duty of care to ensure that students are travelling as safely as possible.

## PROCEDURES

### Parents and carers are responsible for:

- The safety of their child when travelling to and from school.
- The maintenance of their child's bicycle or scooter and they are to ensure their child always correctly wears an Australian Standards approved helmet when riding. Bicycles and scooters must be in a good, safe working order and must be fitted with a working brake and a bell (bicycles).
- Ensuring their child is aware of and follows the road rules relating to bicycles and scooters. This includes the pedestrian's right of way on footpaths and using a bell as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
- Reinforcing rules and safety advice for riding bicycles to and from school, as outlined in these guidelines and RMS advice brochures.

### Bicycle and scooter riders, who bring their bicycle or scooter onto school grounds, are responsible for:

- Completing a *Bicycle and Scooter rider's agreement* and the *Bicycle and Scooter rider's permission note*, issued by the school.
- Dismounting before entering the school grounds and walking their bicycle or scooter whilst on the school grounds.
- Entry to and exit from Carlton Public School is via the main gate only.
- Storing their bicycle in the bicycle rack near the front gate. Bicycles and scooters must be locked with a chain and padlock supplied by the owner. Bicycles, scooters, and helmets are brought and stored at school at the owner's risk.
- Adhering to our school's Bicycle and Scooter Guidelines. If students do not adhere to the guidelines, they will have their permission to ride to school removed.

- Ensuring bikes and scooters are not ridden in the playground at any time.

### **Safe riding behaviours**

- Students are to always correctly wear an Australian Standards approved helmet when riding.
- Students must always ride in a safe manner following these guidelines and the NSW road rules relating to bicycles and scooters. This includes the fact that on the footpath, pedestrians have right of way. The bell should be used as a warning when approaching pedestrians.
- Bicycles and scooters are not to be ridden in school grounds at any time including after school hours.
- Parents and carers will be notified if their child does not adhere to the school's bicycle and scooter safety guidelines. Students may not be allowed to bring their bicycles onto the school grounds if they do not follow the rules.

### **Note:**

- If younger children wish to ride their bike or scooter to school, they should be accompanied by a parent who will need to take their bike or scooter home with them.
- Skateboards are not permitted at Carlton Public school under any circumstances.

### **E-BIKES:**

Students can ride a privately owned e-bike if it meets [Transport for NSW's requirements](#)

The department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing have advised:

- charging of e-bike [lithium-ion batteries](#) **is not** permitted on our school site
- e-bikes are to be stored in a location away from structures.

All petrol-powered bicycles are **illegal** on NSW roads and road-related areas such as footpaths, shared paths, cycle ways and cycle paths.

Petrol-powered bicycles can only be used on private property.

Students riding to and from school using petrol-powered bicycles or e-bikes that do not comply with legislative standards (see [Riding e-bikes and petrol-powered bicycles to and from school](#)), principals will:

- inform the student and their parents/carers that it is illegal to ride these bicycles outside private property
- ban the storage of these bicycles on school property.

### **E-SCOOTERS:**

In NSW, it is illegal to ride a privately owned e-scooter on roads or road-related areas, including footpaths, shared paths, cycle ways and cycle paths.

Privately owned e-scooters can only be used on private property.

Find out further advice from [Transport for NSW and conditions for e-scooter trial areas](#)

**REFERENCE:** [Riding](#)

[Riding e-bikes and petrol-powered bicycles to and from school](#)

[Riding e-bikes and e-scooters](#)

## Carlton Public School Bicycle and Scooter rider's agreement



- ☐ I have read the school's *Bicycle and Scooter safety guidelines* and understand the information provided.
- ☐ I have discussed this with my parents or carers.
- ☐ I will wear my helmet correctly when riding to and from school.
- ☐ When using the footpath, I will give way to all pedestrians.
- ☐ I need to keep my bicycle or scooter well maintained.
- ☐ I will bring my bicycle or scooter to school at my own risk.
- ☐ I will secure my bicycle or scooter with a lock and chain to the bicycle/ scooter rack.
- ☐ I understand that I will not be allowed to ride to school if I do not follow the rules.

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed (student rider): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (parent/carer): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*A copy of this agreement will be sent home for ready reference.*

## Carlton Public School Bicycle and Scooter rider's permission note

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) to ride his/her bicycle or scooter to and from school.

- ☐ I have read and understand the information provided by the school.
- ☐ My child will correctly wear an Australian Standards approved helmet when riding to and from school.
- ☐ I have read and explained the bicycle and scooter information provided to my child.
- ☐ I understand that it is my responsibility to keep the bicycle or scooter well maintained.
- ☐ I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure my child wears a correctly fitting helmet.
- ☐ I understand that bicycles and scooters are brought to school at the owner's risk.
- ☐ I understand that my child will not be allowed to ride to school if the rules are broken.

Signed (Parent/Carer): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_