



## E-Bike Policy

### Rationale

Kirrawee High School supports safe and sustainable modes of transport for students and staff. Increasing numbers of students are choosing to travel to and from school by e-bike or bicycle. This policy aims to ensure that all riders demonstrate safe, responsible and lawful behaviours in accordance with Transport for NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education guidelines.

The school's priority is the safety of all students, staff and community members. The policy promotes shared responsibility among students, parents/carers, and the school in maintaining a safe environment and ensuring that e-bikes are used responsibly both on and around school grounds.

E-bikes and bicycles are recognised as vehicles under NSW road law, and their use requires adherence to traffic regulations, including helmet use, road rules, and maintenance standards.

### Aims

#### 1. 2.1 Student Safety and Wellbeing

- To ensure all students who ride e-bikes or bicycles to and from school do so safely and in compliance with Transport for NSW legislation.
- To provide students with education and resources about safe riding practices, maintenance, and legal requirements.
- To promote responsible and respectful behaviour when travelling to and from school.

#### 2. 2.2 School Environment and Responsibility

- To protect the safety of pedestrians and other road users within and around the school grounds.
- To ensure e-bikes and bicycles are stored securely and managed safely on school premises.
- To maintain clear expectations for student, parent, and staff responsibilities in relation to e-bike use and storage.

#### 3. 2.3 Community Partnerships

- To encourage collaboration between students, parents, and the school in supporting safe travel practices.
- To align school procedures with current NSW Department of Education and Transport for NSW advice.





## Implementation

### 4. 3.1 Student Responsibilities

- Students must complete the Kirrawee High School Bicycle/E-Bike Rider Safety Agreement before bringing their e-bike or bicycle to school.
- Students must wear an approved helmet correctly fitted at all times while riding.
- E-bikes must meet Transport for NSW legal requirements and be roadworthy.
- Students must dismount before entering school grounds and walk their e-bike or bicycle to the designated storage area.
- E-bikes and bicycles must be locked securely in the designated area.
- Charging of e-bikes or batteries is not permitted on school grounds.
- Students must follow NSW Road Rules for bicycle and e-bike riders.
- Unsafe or non-compliant use may result in loss of permission to bring an e-bike or bicycle onto school premises.

### 5. 3.2 Parent and Carer Responsibilities

- Approve and support their child's participation in the e-bike program and completion of the Safety Agreement.
- Ensure their child's e-bike or bicycle meets all legal and safety requirements, including a working brake, bell, reflectors, and lights (if used in low light).
- Ensure their child wears an approved and properly fitted helmet.
- Maintain the e-bike or bicycle in a safe and roadworthy condition.
- Support the school's decisions regarding breaches of this policy or safety agreement.

### 6. 3.3 School Responsibilities

- Provide information and education about safe e-bike use through the E-Bike Safety Program.
- Monitor compliance with the Bicycle/E-Bike Rider Safety Agreement.
- Communicate with parents/carers where breaches occur.
- Restrict access to e-bike storage for students who do not comply with safety expectations.
- Ensure e-bike storage areas are maintained and clearly signposted.

## Associated Documents

- Transport for NSW – Road Rules for Bicycle Riders:  
<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/bicycle-riders/laws.html>
- NSW Department of Education – Riding to and from School: Advice and Resources:  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library>
- Kirrawee High School Bicycle/E-Bike Rider Safety Agreement
- Kirrawee High School E-Bike Safety Program
- Lithium-Ion Battery Storage and Management Guidelines – Health, Safety and Wellbeing Directorate



## **Evaluation**

This policy will be reviewed every three years or as required in response to updated Department of Education advice or Transport for NSW legislation.

Compliance with the Bicycle/E-Bike Rider Safety Agreement will be reviewed annually to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students.

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