



Help for non-English speakers - If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Administration at Ph. 8766 4000

Purpose

Barton Primary School is committed to encouraging students to engage in active transportation, including riding bikes and scooters to school.

This policy outlines guidelines for students who choose to ride bikes or scooters to school, with a focus on safety and responsible behaviour.

Bike and Scooter Riding Guidelines:

Helmets

- All students who ride bikes, scooters or e-bikes to school must wear a properly fitting helmet that meets safety standards.
- Helmets must be fastened securely before riding and remain on until the student has dismounted.

[Exemptions from wearing a seat belt or bicycle helmet : VicRoads](#)

Safe Riding

- Students must follow safe riding practices at all times, including:
 - Obeying traffic laws
 - Riding on designated bike paths or lanes where available
 - Using hand signals when turning or stopping
 - Avoiding reckless or dangerous behaviour
 - Dismounting at the gates and walking the bikes into the school grounds

Bike Sheds

- Barton Primary School provides secure bike sheds for students to store their bikes, scooters and e-bikes during the school day.
- Students must park in the designated area, which is locked by the school during school hours.
- Bikes, scooters or e-bikes should not be left in classrooms, hallways, or any other non-designated area.

Responsibility

- Students are responsible for their own safety and the safety of others.
- All bikes, scooters and e-bikes must be in good working order and equipped with appropriate safety features (e.g., lights, reflectors, functioning brakes).
- Students are responsible for securing their bike, scooter or e-bike in the bike shed and for any damage caused to school property.

Riding a bike or scooter to school can be a healthy and fun way for students to get to school. Barton Primary School encourages this practice while also prioritising safety and responsible behaviour. By following these guidelines, students can enjoy the benefits of active transportation while also contributing to a safe and respectful school community.

PROHIBITED USE OF ELECTRIC POWERED SCOOTERS (E-SCOOTERS)

Due to safety concerns, Barton Primary School strictly prohibits the use of electric-powered scooters (e-scooters) by children under 16 years of age. Recognising the potential hazards associated with these devices, especially in crowded areas or on busy streets, the school does not permit the use of electric scooters as a means of transportation to and from school.

This policy is in place to ensure the safety and security of all students during their commute and while on school premises. It is also important to note that the use of electric scooters by individuals under 16 is prohibited and enforced by Victoria Police and VicRoads.

For more information, please visit:

- [E-scooters in Victoria \(Vic Roads\)](#)
- [Electric-powered scooters \(E-scooters\) Victoria Police.](#)

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website (or via Compass)
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed at student forums
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	28/08/2025
Consultation	Consultation with Principal
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	28/08/2028

Youth Road Safety Fact Sheet



VICTORIA POLICE

Whether you're biking or riding an e-scooter, follow these simple road safety tips to stay safe and have fun on the move!

MODIFIED OR PETROL POWERED BICYCLES

- Illegal.



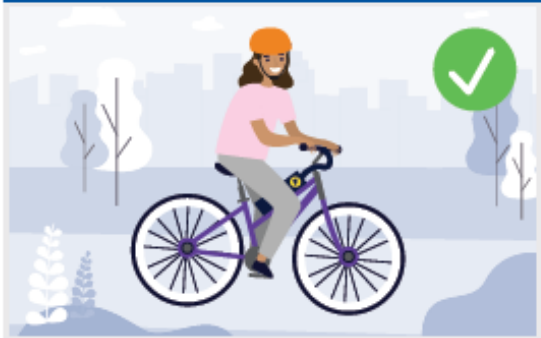
MOTORBIKES

- To ride on or off-road it must be registered with a full or recreation registration
- Helmet must be worn at all times.



E-BIKES

- 25 km/h MAX speed
- Motor cannot provide power at speeds higher than 25km/h
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



E-SCOOTER

- Be aged 16 yrs or over
- Max speed 20 kmph
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



For more information, visit police.vic.gov.au/road-safety