



Dear parents and carers,

E-bikes are growing in popularity, and we have many students who ride them to and from school. All NSW Public Schools are taking this opportunity to raise awareness with students and families of the laws, rules and regulations around the use of these vehicles.

We are increasingly concerned about the safety of students and staff on school grounds. We are also receiving many complaints from members of the public who are feeling increasingly unsafe on the footpath outside the school. Students are not permitted to ride bikes on school grounds – this includes entry points to the school. All students riding bikes to school are to WALK their bike through Gate 4 (the Hall Car Park gate) and leave their bike along the front fence of the school. No bikes are to be left against buildings. Students must wear a helmet at all times.

In NSW, there are 2 types of **permitted** e-bikes: power-assisted pedal cycles and electrically power-assisted cycles. The rider must primarily propel these bikes – a motor can't be the only source propelling it.

**Power-assisted pedal cycles** have one or more motors attached with a combined maximum power output of up to 200 watts, cannot be propelled only by the motor, weigh less than 50kg (including batteries) and have a height adjustable seat.

**Electrically power-assisted cycles** have a maximum continued rated power of up to 500 watts. The power output must be progressively reduced as the bicycles speed increases beyond 6km/h and cut off when the bicycle reaches a speed of 25 km/h, or the rider stops pedalling and the speed exceeds 6 km/h.

Petrol powered bicycles are illegal on all NSW roads and road-related areas like footpaths, shared paths, cycle ways and cycle paths. Petrol powered bicycles includes bicycles that have a petrol-powered engine attached before or after purchase or, powered by other types of internal combustion engines.

We would appreciate you discussing this with your child. Students who continue to ride their bikes into the school or leave them against buildings will not be permitted to bring them onto school grounds.

Further information from Transport for NSW is available here: E-bikes and petrol-powered bicycles [Riding \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/riding) , FAQ [E-bikes | Transport for NSW](#); E-scooters [E-bikes | Transport for NSW](#)

Further advice is available here: [E-scooters | Transport for NSW](#)

Thank you for your support.

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