

ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND ELECTRIC SCOOTERS – SCHOOL NOTICE **OF EXPECTATIONS**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this notice is to support the safe, responsible, and lawful use of electric bicycles (e-bikes) and electric scooters (e-scooters) by students travelling to and from Monterey Secondary College. These expectations aim to ensure that these devices are used safely and in accordance with Victorian road safety laws, while maintaining a safe learning environment within the school.

Monterey Secondary College acknowledges the increasing use of e-bikes and e-scooters as practical and environmentally sustainable transport options. This notice seeks to ensure their use aligns with Victorian road safety laws and the College's duty of care obligations.

Students and families are expected to comply with all relevant legal requirements, including age restrictions, helmet use, speed limits, and designated riding areas. Under current Victorian legislation, students under the age of 16 are not permitted to ride e-scooters.

Students aged 16 years and over may legally ride compliant e-scooters and e-bikes to and from school in accordance with Victorian road laws. However, these devices are not permitted to enter or be stored on Monterey Secondary College grounds. Students must dismount before reaching the school gates and secure their device off campus.

Through this notice, the College aims to promote a safe, equitable, and inclusive environment for all members of the school community, while supporting positive travel behaviours and student wellbeing.

OBJECTIVE

To outline to Monterey Secondary College parents and carers, staff, and students the expectations for students who use e-scooters or e-bikes to travel to and from the College, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the Monterey Secondary College community.

SCOPE

These expectations apply to all students, parents/guardians, staff, volunteers, contractors, visitors, and members of the school community involved in school-related activities, both onsite and offsite, including excursions, camps, and events.

It outlines the expectations, requirements, and safety responsibilities for the use of e-bikes and e-scooters on and around Monterey Secondary College grounds, including when travelling to and from school.

DEFINITIONS

E-bike (Electric Bicycle): A bicycle fitted with an electric motor that assists propulsion. In Victoria, two types are permitted for use on public roads and paths:

- **Electrically Power-Assisted Cycle (EPAC):**
A pedal-assist bicycle with a motor output not exceeding **250 watts**. Motor assistance cuts out at **25 km/h** and operates with or without the rider pedalling.
- **Power-Assisted Pedal Cycle (PAPC):** A bicycle fitted with an electric motor with a maximum power output of **200 watts**. Operates with the rider pedalling,

E-scooter (Electric Scooter): A stand-up scooter powered by an electric motor that is speed limited to 20 km/h while being ridden and must not be capable of exceeding 25 km/h, in accordance with Victorian road rules.

Powered Bike or Scooter: Any personal transport device powered by a motor (electric or combustion engine), including e-bikes, e-scooters, and petrol-powered bikes.

Unregistered Motor Vehicle: Any e-bike or e-scooter that exceeds legal motor output or speed limits, lacks functional pedals where required, or has been modified beyond Victorian road regulations. These devices are classified as unregistered motor vehicles and are illegal to operate on public roads, shared paths, or school grounds.

Modified Device: Any e-bike or e-scooter that has been altered from its original manufacturer specifications, including the removal of speed limiters or modifications that increase motor output or speed beyond legal limits.

School Grounds: All areas within the boundaries of Monterey Secondary College, from any entry or exit gate onwards.

ELECTRIC BIKES (E-BIKES)

Students who choose to ride e-bikes to and from Monterey Secondary College must ensure that the device complies with all Victorian legal requirements. Only e-bikes with a maximum motor output of




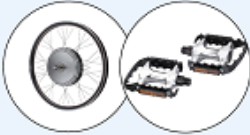


200 watts, or 250 watts for pedal-assist models that comply with Australian Standards, are permitted. The motor assistance must cut out at 25 km/h.

What is a legal e-bike in Victoria?



Electrically Power-Assisted Cycle (EPAC)



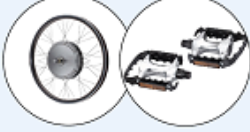

Up to **250 watts** maximum power output

Components	Example	Regulation	Compliance
Throttle switch		Electric assist without pedalling	
		0–6 km/h	 Compliant
		Over 6 km/h	 Not Compliant
Motor and Pedals		Electric assist with pedalling	
		Up to 25* km/h	 Compliant
		Over 25* km/h	 Not Compliant

* A rider is able to travel faster than 25km/h by pedalling only, without any electric assist

Power-Assisted Pedal Cycle (PAPC)

Up to **200 watts** maximum power output

Throttle switch and Pedals		Electric assist through throttle control with pedalling	 Compliant
Motor and Pedals		Electric assist with pedalling	 Compliant

Graphic adapted by Department of Transport and Planning 2025, from a graphic produced by Institute for Sensible Transport which was adapted from Siew 2024.

Students must not ride e-bikes on or within Monterey Secondary College grounds at any time, including before, during, or after school hours.

E-bikes are **not permitted to be brought onto or stored on school grounds**. Students must dismount prior to reaching the school gates and make alternative arrangements to secure their device off campus.

Prohibited Use

Students who ride e-bikes that do not comply with Victorian Road Laws, including modified or non-compliant devices, are not permitted to use these devices in connection with travel to or from the school.

E-bikes must not be used on school grounds or during school-related activities such as camps, excursions, or interschool events.

School Response Measures

If a student brings an e-bike onto school grounds, rides an e-bike within school grounds, or uses a device that does not comply with Victorian Road Safety laws, the following actions may occur:

- The student will be required to leave the school grounds with the e-bike or device via a safe and appropriate mode of transport if required. Where required, a parent or carer will be contacted to collect the student and the device.
- The student may only return to school following a meeting with a parent or carer to confirm appropriate and lawful use of the device.
- A discussion will occur with the student and their parent or carer to reinforce the legal and safety expectations regarding the use of the device.

Road Rules

E-bike riders must follow the same road rules that apply to regular bicycles. This includes:

- Wearing an approved helmet at all times
- Not using a mobile phone while riding
- Using lights when riding in low light or at night
- Following all Victorian road rules applicable to bicycles.

Students and families are encouraged to familiarise themselves with [Victorian road rules relating to bicycles and e-bikes](#).

ELECTRIC SCOOTERS (E-SCOOTERS)

E-scooters that comply with Victorian road rules are legal to use across Victoria. Riders must follow all relevant laws to ensure the safety of themselves and others. This includes wearing a helmet. Failure to comply with Victorian road rules may result in fines or other legal penalties.

Students aged 16 years and over may legally ride compliant e-scooters when travelling to and from school. However, **e-scooters are not permitted on Monterey Secondary College grounds at any time**, including before, during, or after school hours. Students must dismount before reaching the school gates and make alternative arrangements to secure their device off campus.

It is illegal to ride an e-scooter on public land if it does not meet Victorian device requirements.

Legal Requirements

A legal e-scooter must:

- have a maximum speed capability of 25 km/h when ridden on level ground
- carry one rider only
- have two wheels positioned one behind the other
- have a footboard between the front and rear wheels
- be steered by handlebars
- weigh no more than 45 kg.

A licence is not required to ride an e-scooter in Victoria.

E-scooter riders **must**:

- Be 16 years of age or older
- Wear an approved helmet
- Ride at no more than 20 km/h
- Ride only on:
 - Shared-use paths
 - Bicycle paths
 - Roads with a speed limit of 60 km/h or less
- Use front and rear lights when riding at night or in low light.

E-scooter riders **must not**:

- Ride on footpaths
- Ride within Monterey Secondary College grounds
- Ride an e-scooter capable of exceeding 25 km/h
- Ride on roads with a speed limit above 60 km/h
- Ride under the influence of drugs or alcohol

- Use a mobile phone while riding
- Carry passengers or animals

School Response Measures

If a student brings an e-bike onto school grounds, rides an e-scooter within school grounds, or uses a device that does not comply with Victorian Road Safety laws, the following actions may occur:

- The student will be required to leave the school grounds with the e-scooter or device via a safe and appropriate mode of transport if required. Where required, a parent or carer will be contacted to collect the student and the device.
- The student may only return to school following a meeting with a parent or carer to confirm appropriate and lawful use of the device.
- A discussion will occur with the student and their parent or carer to reinforce the legal and safety expectations regarding the use of the device.

Students and families are encouraged to familiarise themselves with [Victorian road rules relating to e-scooters](#).

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

Students and families who choose to use e-bikes or e-scooters as a mode of transport to and from Monterey Secondary College do so at their own risk and must comply with all Victorian road rules. The College does not accept responsibility for the loss, theft, or damage of privately owned e-bikes or e-scooters, nor for incidents that occur while travelling to or from school.

Monterey Secondary College reserves the right to enforce these expectations to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of the school community.

COMMUNICATION

These rules and expectations will be communicated to our College community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our College's website
- Included in Monterey Secondary College staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in Monterey Secondary College staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Reminders on COMPASS
- Hard copy available from College Office Administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- [Road Safety Education Victoria](#)
- [Transport Victoria: Bicycle road rules](#)

- [Transport Victoria: E-bike road rules](#)
- [Transport Victoria: E-scooter road rules](#)

REVIEW

These rules and expectations will be reviewed as required following any related incident at the College, or in response to changes in Victorian legislation, VicRoads guidance, or Department of Education policies relating to e-bikes and e-scooters, to ensure ongoing safety and compliance.

Last reviewed	April 2026
Consultation	Sub School Leadership, Principal Team and MSC School Council
Approved by	Bryan Field (Principal)
Next scheduled review date	As required