



# Engadine West Public School

## Skateboard and foot scooter rider safety guidelines

Engadine West Public School encourages all students and their families to be safe active travellers. This guide outlines our expectations of students as skateboard and foot scooter riders when travelling to and from school.

- These guidelines are written in consultation with NSW Department of Education policy:  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/road-safety-education/safety-around-schools/reminding-parents-and-carers/riding-advice-to-share-with-parents-and-carers>

### Transport for NSW advises:

- **primary school-aged children and younger should be supervised by an adult while riding their** foot scooter or skateboard
- **primary school-aged children and younger should not use their** foot scooter or skateboard **on the road**
- foot scooter and skateboard **riders should wear a helmet and protective gear such as knee pads, wrist guards and elbow pads**
- foot scooter and skateboard **riders must obey the rules.**
  - <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/pedestrians/skateboards-scooters-rollerblades>

**Personal e-scooters are illegal on NSW roads and road-related areas, including footpaths, shared paths and bicycle lanes. You can only use these on private property.**

### Parents and carers are responsible for:

- how their child travels to and from school
- maintaining their child's foot scooter or skateboard
- ensuring their child wears adequate protective gear, including an [Australian or overseas standards](#) approved helmet, knee pads, wrist guards and elbow guards
- teaching their child the foot scooter and skateboard rider rules
- completing the Parent/carer and student foot scooter and skateboard rider safety agreement.

### Students who ride foot scooters and skateboards to school are responsible for:

- completing the Parent/carer and child foot scooter and skateboard rider safety agreement
- dismounting before entering school grounds
- using the school entry and exit points and walking foot scooters and skateboards on school grounds
- storing foot scooters and skateboards in the bicycle rack behind the library.

Foot scooters, skateboards and helmets are brought and stored at school at the owner's risk.

Parents and carers will be notified if their child does not follow the conditions of the school's foot scooter and skateboard rider safety guidelines and agreement.

Students may be banned from bringing their foot scooter or skateboard onto school grounds if they breach school rules.

## Evaluation

These guidelines will be reviewed annually as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

### Guide to **scooter** maintenance: eight-point safety-check

Feature	What are you checking for?	Maintained	Needs fixing
<b>Wheels</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● firm, round wheels</li><li>● no bulges, cuts or flat spots</li></ul>		
<b>Alignment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● front wheel is straight and in line with the steering column</li><li>● clamp on steering column is tight</li><li>● quick release lever is tight</li></ul>		
<b>Brakes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● brake engages with rear wheel when pressure is applied</li></ul>		
<b>Scooter size</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● correct size for rider</li></ul>		
<b>Nuts and bolts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● tight wheel bolts</li></ul> <p>Note: Scooters won't go faster with loose nuts. Wheels can fall off.</p>		

### Guide to **skateboard** maintenance: six-point safety-check

Feature	What are you checking for?	Maintained	Needs fixing
<b>Wheels</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● firm, round wheels</li><li>● no bulges, cuts or flat spots</li></ul>		
<b>Bearings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● clean and lubricated</li></ul>		
<b>Deck</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● clean deck</li><li>● grip tape intact and effective</li></ul>		
<b>Nuts and bolts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● tight wheel bolts</li></ul> <p>Note: Skateboards won't go faster with loose nuts. Wheels can fall off.</p>		



## Helmet safety

### Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate

Source: NSW Centre for Road Safety, Transport for NSW

- [Helmets and equipment](#)
- [For Families | Safety Town](#) - choosing and using a helmet

More information is available from:

### Department of Education

- [Riding to and from school](#): advice and resources to support schools
- [Vulnerabilities of children as road users](#)

### Transport for NSW

- [Information for parents and carers about safety on wheels](#) – The law and safety advice for bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades (pdf)
- [Information, tools and tips for safe foot scooter and skateboard riding](#)
- [Helmets and equipment](#)
- [For Families | Safety Town](#) - choosing and using a helmet





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## Scooter/skateboard rider - safety agreement

### Student agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_

- have read and discussed the school foot scooter and skateboard rider safety guidelines and agreement with my parents or carers
- understand the information provided
- will wear my helmet and protective gear correctly when riding my foot scooter or skateboard to and from school
- will give way to all pedestrians on footpaths, crossings, and cycle paths
- will walk my foot scooter or skateboard across the road at safe places and pedestrian/traffic crossings
- will walk my foot scooter or skateboard on school grounds
- will store my foot scooter or skateboard in the bicycle rack
- understand that the principal may stop me from bringing my foot scooter or skateboard to school if I do not follow the rules
- bring my foot scooter or skateboard and helmet to and from school at my own risk.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/carer agreement

I approve my child (name) \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ riding his/her foot scooter or skateboard to and from school.

- I have read and discussed the school's foot scooter and skateboard rider safety guidelines and agreement with my child rider.
- My child will correctly wear an approved helmet when riding a foot scooter or skateboard to and from school.
- I have reviewed the Guide to foot scooter and skateboard maintenance and understand that it is my responsibility to keep the foot scooter or skateboard maintained and roadworthy.
- I have reviewed the Guide to correctly fitting a helmet and understand that it is my responsibility that my child wears their helmet correctly.
- I understand the principal may ban my child from bringing their foot scooter or skateboard onto school grounds if the school's rules are not followed.
- I understand that foot scooters, skateboards and helmets are brought to school at the owner's risk.

Parent/carer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete and return to school**