

Naracoorte Primary School *Scooter* Letter



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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

You are receiving this letter because we have noticed your child riding their scooter in the school grounds during school hours or riding their scooter without a helmet, or both.

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

- As with bikes, students **must dismount their scooters as soon as they enter the grounds.**
- Students are **NOT to enter the school grounds via the staff car park**, be that on foot, on a bike or on a scooter.
- Students need to arrange with their class teachers **where they will keep their scooter** during the day.
- Students are **NOT to ride their scooter within the school grounds during school hours**; subsequently, they are not to ride their scooters or play with them during recess or lunch breaks.
- As a related side note, **baseball or skater caps are also NOT an acceptable part of school uniform**; broad-brimmed or bucket hats only please, preferably in navy blue. If your child chooses to wear a cap to school, we ask that they put them in their bag once in the school grounds.

What the Law says

Under the Australian Road Rules:

- anyone is allowed to skate or use a scooter, provided they **wear a safety helmet**
- under law, a skater is generally treated as a pedestrian when using a footpath, but as a vehicle when using a road
- skating is allowed on most residential streets and footpaths, but is not allowed:
 - on roads with a continuous or broken centre line or dividing strip
 - on roads divided into marked lanes for traffic going in the same direction
 - in on-road bike lanes (skaters may use off-road bikeways)
- skating is **not allowed at night or during periods of low visibility**
- skaters must not hold on to another moving vehicle.

Please go through these expectations with your child, then sign and return the note below. Thank you.

If your child continues to ride his/her scooter in the school grounds, they will be managed via the school behaviour policy and will receive a Time Out. Remember also that fines can be issued by police officers to scooter-users if they are disobeying any road rules, including not wearing a helmet.

I have read the **Scooter note** sent home for _____ and
understand the school rules and road laws for scooter use.

Signed by parent/caregiver: _____ Signed by student: _____