



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE  
TOWNSVILLE

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Dear Parents/Guardians

**Re: E-Bikes and E-Scooters**

I am writing to confirm the College's position on e-bikes, e-scooters, and other powered personal mobility devices.

E-bikes and e-scooters contain lithium-ion batteries, which present a well-documented and increasing fire risk. When these batteries fail, the resulting fire can develop rapidly, generate dense toxic smoke, and resist suppression with standard equipment. In a boarding school—where students sleep on site and share evacuation routes—the potential consequences of such an event are severe.

The College does not have compliant infrastructure for battery storage, isolation, or supervised charging, nor does it have suitable facilities to store these devices securely on site. The campus is predominantly pedestrian, with no internal roads or capacity to safely accommodate powered mobility devices.

For these reasons, e-bikes and e-scooters are not permitted to be brought onto, used, stored, parked, or charged on College property. This applies across the entire campus, including the boarding house and all College facilities.

Boarding students are not permitted to keep e-bikes or e-scooters during term time, including in boarding houses or vehicles parked on College property. Students must not secure devices to College fences, gates, buildings, or other infrastructure.

The College is situated on The Strand, a shared public precinct with significant pedestrian traffic and regular use by members of the wider Townsville community. This setting differs from many other schools and requires particular care in how students move to and from campus. While families may make lawful transport choices independently, the College does not support or encourage students travelling to or from school by e-bike or e-scooter. We ask families to consider alternative arrangements that better align with student safety and the College's operating environment.

Thank you for your support in maintaining a safe environment for our students, staff, and the wider community.

Yours sincerely

KATH LITTLE  
**College Principal**