



Oatley West Public School Foot scooter, skateboard and other wheeled device safety guidelines



What does Transport for NSW say?

- school-aged children and younger should be supervised by an adult while riding their wheeled device.
- school-aged children and younger should **not** use wheeled devices on the road
- wheeled device riders should wear a helmet and protective gear such as knee pads, wrist guards and elbow pads.

Parents and carers are responsible for:

- how your child travels to and from school
- maintaining your child's wheeled device
- ensuring your child is wearing adequate protective gear, including a helmet, knee pads, wrist guards and elbow guards
- teaching your child the road rules for wheeled devices. These are outlined in Transport for NSW *Information for parents and carers about safety on wheels – The law and safety advice for bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades* brochure.
- completing the *Parent agreement*, issued by our school. This is to be returned to the principal prior to the first time your child rides to school.

Students who ride wheeled devices to school are responsible for:

- completing a Wheeled devices rider agreement issued by our school. This is to be returned to the principal prior to the first time your child rides to school.
- dismounting before entering the school grounds.
- using the school entry and exit points via Oatley Park Ave pedestrian entrance or via the side pedestrian entrance in Short St.
- carrying wheeled devices on school grounds.
- storing the wheeled device in the bicycle rack. Where possible they must be locked with a chain and padlock supplied by the owner. Wheeled devices, helmets and safety gear are brought and stored at school at the owner's risk.

Parents and carers will be notified if their child does not follow the school's wheeled devices safety guidelines.

Students may be banned from bringing their wheeled devices to school if they breach school rules.

Paul Nash
Principal

Endorsed by:

P&C President
Date:

More information is available from:

1. Transport

- [Safety on wheels for parents](#)
- [Helmets and safety gear](#)
- [Safety Advice](#)

2. DoE

- [Travelling safely to and from school on a bike or scooter](#)



Oatley West Public School Scooter agreement

I, _____ of class _____

- have read and talked about the school's *Foot scooter, skateboard and other wheeled devices safety guidelines* with my parents.
- understand the information provided.
- will wear my helmet and protective gear correctly when riding to and from school.
- will keep my wheeled device well maintained.
- will give way to all pedestrians on footpaths, crossings, cycle and shared paths
- will walk my wheeled device when crossing the road at safe places and pedestrian/traffic crossings
- understand that the principal may ban me from bringing my wheeled device to school if I breach School rules.
- bring my wheeled device, helmet and protective gear to school at my own risk.

Student signature: _____

Parent/carer signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return to the principal before the first time you ride your wheeled device to school.

Parent/carer agreement

I agree to my child (name) _____ of class _____ riding his/her wheeled device to and from school.

- I take responsibility for how my child travels to school.
- I have read and talked about the school's *Foot scooter, skateboard and rollerblades and other wheeled devices safety guidelines* with my child.
- My child will correctly wear an Australian Standards approved helmet when riding a wheeled device to and from school.
- I have reviewed the *Guide to wheeled devices maintenance* and understand that it is my responsibility to keep the wheeled device well 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 wheeled device to school if the school's rules are not followed.
- I understand that wheeled devices, helmets and protective gear are brought to school at the owner's risk.

Parent/carer signature: _____

Parent/carer name: _____

Date: _____

Please return this to the principal prior to the first time your child rides to school.

A guide to foot scooter maintenance

Feature	What are you checking for?	Maintained
Wheels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • firm, round wheels • no bulges, cuts or flat spots 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
Nuts and bolts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tight wheel bolts (scooter will not go faster if wheel bolts are loose. Wheels can fall off.) 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
Alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • front wheel is straight and in line with steering column • clamp on steering column is tight • quick release lever is tight 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
Brakes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • brake engages with rear wheel when pressure is applied 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
Size of scooter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • correct size for rider 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs adjusting and/or replacing

A guide to skateboard maintenance

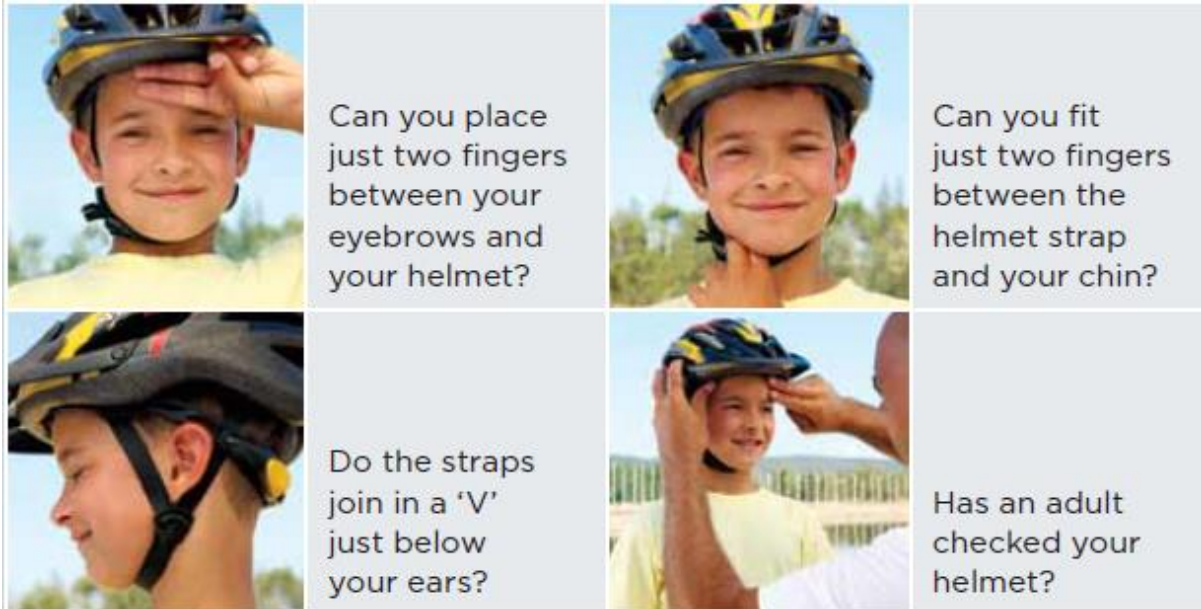
Feature	What are you checking for?	Maintained
Wheels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • firm, round wheels with even wear • no bulges, cuts or flat spots 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
Nuts and bolts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tight nuts and bolts (skateboard will not go faster if wheel nuts are loose. Wheels can fall off) 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
Bearings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clean and lubricated 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
Deck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clean deck • grip tape intact and effective 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing

A guide to rollerblades maintenance

Feature	What are you checking for?	Maintained
Wheels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • firm, round wheels with even wear • no bulges, cuts or flat spots 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
Nuts and bolts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tight wheel bolts (rollerblades will not go faster if wheel bolts are loose. Wheels can fall off) 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
Bearings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clean and lubricated 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
Brakes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • brake pad not too low to the ground • brake pad is not worn below wear line/screw which attaches brake pad to rollerskate 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing
Skates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • laces, buckles, velcro and clasps are intact, not stretched or broken 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Needs fixing

A guide to correctly fitting a helmet

Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate



NSW Centre for Road Safety, Transport for NSW: [Information for parents and carers about safety on wheels: The law and safety advice for bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades](#)