

PROUILLE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HIGHLIGHTS







SURF EDUCATION



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe we're already in December, and what a year it's been! As the end of 2024 draws near, the school is buzzing with excitement and anticipation for the final few events we have planned.

First up, we're thrilled to invite you to our Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 10th, at 2:00 pm. Get ready for an afternoon of carols, costumes, and some very enthusiastic choreography (yes, we've seen the rehearsals – they're as entertaining as they are heartwarming!).

On Thursday, December 12th, students will have their Step-Up/Promotions Day, where they'll meet their 2025 teachers and classmates. It's always a delight to see the excitement and maybe just a hint of nervous energy as everyone takes a sneak peek at what's ahead.

Friday the 13th might have a reputation, but for us, it's a day of celebration. We'll start with the End of Year Mass and then honour our wonderful Year 6 students with their Graduation Ceremony. It's a day to reflect on their journey and wish them all the best for the exciting road ahead.

The fun continues with the much-anticipated Prouille's Got Talent Show on Monday, December 16th. This student-only event showcases the hidden (and not-so-hidden!) talents in our school community – from singing and dancing to magic tricks and comedy acts, it's always a highlight.

For our Year 6 students, there's more excitement in store with their Funday at the Olympic Aquatic Centre on Tuesday, December 17th. What better way to cap off their primary school years than with a day of splashes, laughs, and lifelong memories?

And finally, the grand finale: our P & F-run Whole School Disco on Wednesday, December 18th, which also marks the last day of school. It's time to break out your best dance moves, say farewell to another fantastic year, and head into the holidays with a smile.

Amid all this activity, let's not forget that we've also entered the beautiful season of Advent, a time of hope, peace, and preparation as we await the birth of Jesus Christ. It's a season that reminds us of the importance of joy, gratitude, and giving – values we strive to live out every day in our school community.

Thank you for your support throughout this year. We look forward to seeing you at the many events ahead, and we wish you and your families a blessed Advent season.

Warm regards, Genevieve Smith Principal AT A GLANCE

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PRAYER FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ord Jesus Christ, we await your Second Coming a we prepare to celebrate your First Coming at Christmas. Be near us now as we light the second candle of our Advent wreath. As this light grows brighter, we are reminded that you are already here, in your Word, in your Church, in the faces of those in need, and our love for each other. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever, Amen.



TERM 4 2024 CALENDAR

Quick Reference Guide to Upcoming 2024/2025 Events

Link to Website Calendar

TERM 4 2024

WEEK	DATE	EVENT	GRADE
9	10/12	Prouille Christmas Concert 2.00 -3.00 School Hall	K-12
	12/12	Step-Up Promotions Afternoon (Students meet their 2025 teacher and classmates)	K - 5
	13/12	End of Year Mass Year 6 Graduation and Awards Ceremony	K-2 Year 6
	13/12	Reports released on Compass 5.00pm	K-6
10	16/12	Prouille's Got Talent Show 9.00 - 1.00pm Students only	K-6
	16/12	End Of Year Assembly and Term 4 Principal's Awards 2.30pm School Hall	K-6
	17/12	Year 6 Funday Olympic Park Aquatic Centre	Year 6
	18/12	School Disco	K-6
	18/12	STUDENT'S LAST DAY OF TERM 4	K-6
		SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
		TERM 1 2025	
0	31/1	Staff Development Day	
		NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE	
1	3/2	YEARS 1 - 6 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2025	1-6
	3/2	Kindy Best Start Assessment Day 1	2025 Kindy
	4/2	Kindy Best Start Assessment Day 2	2025 Kindy
	5/2	KINDERGARTEN FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2025	Kindy



In November, our Kindy to Year 2 students engaged in a Creative Arts Festival at school.

The amazing company "School Music Incursions" attended Prouille and held a range of different musical activities which included:

- Interactive drumming for team building and wellness
- Hula hooping workshop
- · Art therapy including creating artworks and inspiration rock art. Our rock art is now on display next to the path at the entry to Prouille and looks amazing!

Our Year 6 class also participated in the drumming workshop which they thoroughly enjoyed!

These activities were fantastic skill building, culturally diverse and musical









Thanks

Prouille would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents who generously contributed to our annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Once again, we are truly overwhelmed by the abundance of food donations we received. Your kindness will make a meaningful difference for many families, ensuring they have a brighter Christmas this year. A special thank you as well to the mums and dads who volunteered their time to pack the hampers – your efforts are deeply appreciated.

Thank you for helping us spread joy this holiday season!

















SURF EDUCATION

On Thursday 5 December, our Stages 2 and 3 students attended Dee Why beach for surf education. Surf Education was provided by Sea Australia. Our students were taught key surf skills including how to identify rips, where to swim safely at the beach and correct signalling in the surf. It was a fun and educational experience for our students.





















SURF EDUCATION (CONTINUED)















SURF EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

















WILD FOR WORDS POETRY COMPETITION

Wild with Words poetry competition



Primary school students (Years 1-6) across Ku-ring-gai were invited to submit words and illustrations about a favourite animal, plant, tree or special place in our local bushland, parks and gardens, sharing their love and respect for the green heart of Sydney in this annual poetry competition,

The winners have all been contacted and have received their prizes. See details of winners and highly commended entries below,



Prouille Wild With Words Poetry Competition Winners						
Grade	Name	Award				
Year 3	Henry Wang	Highly Commended				
Year 4	Elise Sheridan	Highly Commended				
V 5	Abigail Jordaan	Highly Commended				
Year 5	Mairead De Fries	Winner of The Most Awareness for Caring For Country				
Year 6	6 Jocelyn Gibbs Highly Commended					

Congratulations



MATHS OLYMPIAD AND MATHS GAMES

Maths Olympiad

Our highest levelled group of students took part in Maths Olympiad this year. Ethan W, Amelia C, Matilda Quoyle and Orlando Cain achieved final scores that placed them in the top 25% of all students who took part in Maths Olympiad across Australia. Ethan and Amelia received medallions for being equal first at Prouille while Matilda and Orlando were equal third. Orlando was awarded a special medallion as the only student to get a perfect score in one of this year's tests.

Maths Games

All students in years 5 and 6 who were not part of the Maths Olympiad team took part in Maths Games. Mairead D and Jack W were equal first while Ava M placed third and Tennyson C fourth.

Maths Explorer

Every student in years 3 and 4 took part in Maths Explorer in 2024. Elizabeth B was ranked first overall followed by Andrew H, Daisy M and Viann S who all finished on the same score.



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YEAR 6 GIFT TO PROUILLE



Thank you to the 2024 Year 6 cohort who gifted the school a beautiful brand new buddy bench for our playground. Josie and Luke, our school captains, gifted it to the school at the last assembly and we can not wait to place it in the playground as a reminder of this wonderful group students as they complete their journey with us in the coming weeks.

Thank you

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE AWARDS



2024 Premier's Read	ling Challenge Award
Year 3 Gold Awards	Elliot Cooper Stella D'Souza Aaryan Dua Alexis Fitzgibbon Audrey Jones Lily Jordaan Millie Jordan Isla Leutogi Ruoyong Liu Eliza Magpayo Yashlin Manigandan Macayla Motlagh James Murray Cara Polselli Amelia Ringrose Charlotte Sukari George Teong Henry Wang
Year 4 Gold Awards	Nana Chomprasert Angus Kerr
Year 5 Gold Awards	Oliver Dillon Liam Duggan Evie Jones Nicholas Luca Maximilian Richards
Year 6 Platinum Awards	Jocelyn Gibbs Nicholas Hanley Siddharth Kelvekar Ava Munce Matthew Pepper







MERIT AWARDS - TERM 4 WEEK 7

2024 Merit Awards Term 4 Week 7

Class	Names	
Kindy Koala	Ellie Tan & Kyle Zhang	
Kindy Kangaroo	Celine Lee & Marcus Zhou	
Year 1 Lyrebird	River Robinson, James Glavac & Zoe Leutogi	
Year 1 Rosella	Leonard Quarrell & Dylan Issavi	
Year 2 Emu	Liana Behnam & Raymond Zhou	
Year 2 Wombat	Xander Gao & Sophia Kudelia	
Year 3 Platypus	Lily Jordaan, Grace Attwood & William Moraleda	
Year 4 Kookaburra	Lacey Markham & Daisy Meyyappan	
Year 5 Echidna	Tennyson Cain & Charlie Kamiya	
Year 5 Goanna	Elsie Adkins & Allegra Polselli	
Year 6 Wallaby	Jocelyn Gibbs & Darcey Carolan	
K-2 Cockatoo	Jemima Ross	
3-6 Dingo	Rock Batchelor	









PEC NEWS

Preparing for Advent and Preparing for Christmas

Do you have an advent wreath at home? Would you like to have one this year? Here are some links to get you started.

Making an Advent wreath

https://www.caritas.org.au/media/urrefies/advent-wreath-guide.pdf

The symbolism and prayers https://www.dynamiccatholic.comy

Bishop Anthony has published a beautiful resource, "A Journey of Hope" for families to use over Advent. It includes Gospel readings, prayers, reflections and personal stories. https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/mission/advent-2024

Monday Meditations

As we get ready to embark on this Advent season, let Monday meditation be a moment of reflection and renewal for parents. Take a few quiet minutes to pause amidst the hustle and bustle, inviting peace into your heart and focus on the hope that Advent brings

The Prouille Chapel 8.30 am - 9 am on the following dates:

2 December

9 December

16 December

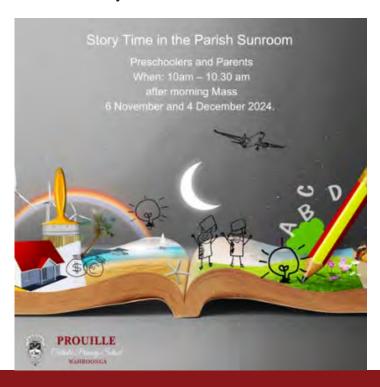
Story Time in the Parish Sunroom

Save the date and share with your friends who might be looking for a parish and school.

When: 10am – 10.30 am, (after morning Mass) 4 December 2024.

Where: In the Parish Sunroom.

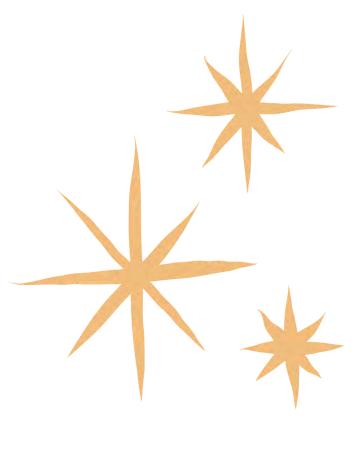
What: Parents come along with your preschooler as we explore some of the beautiful children's books from the Prouille School Library. No need to RSVP. Come for the story and stay for a chat!



PEC NEWS

Carols at Holy Name Parish Wahroonga





First Friday Masses this Term

6 December 2024 9.15am at Holy Name, Wahroonga, with a quick coffee catch up locally afterwards.

1-2-3 Magic – Emotional Coaching Course for Parents in 2025

1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching is based on two underlying perspectives on parenting: first, that children can be taught to respond more flexibly when they are frustrated or upset and second, that parents and carers can be taught easy-to-use skills they can use at particular parenting moments

Register your interest for 2025 here: https://forms.office.com/r/b3zr8VAKcv

Resilience Coaching for Parents course in 2025

Resilience Coaching for Parents Course, launching in 2025! This transformative course is designed for parents looking to cultivate resilience in themselves and their children amidst the challenges of modern life. Through engaging workshops, expert-led discussions, and hands-on activities, you will learn essential skills to foster emotional intelligence, effective communication, and your resilience recipe. Equip yourself and your family for a thriving future—because resilience starts at home!

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Congratulations to Sofi Camelo Salisch, who is part of a cheer squad (The Red Bellies) from Icon Gymsports in Hornsby. The Red Bellies recently won at the state level and were invited to compete in the first of three national tournaments last weekend. They placed third nationally in their division!

This is the team's first year working together, and they've been training hard all year (6-10 hrs per week) to compete against some very tough competition. Now, they're headed to two more national competitions, with the final event set to take place in Surfers Paradise later this year.















VACATION CARE DEC 2024 & JAN 2025

Prouille, Wahroonga

7.00am - 6.00pm

P: 0481 602 074 | E: oshc.wahroonga@catholiccaredbb.org.au







CHRISTMAS FUN DAY

Get ready for Christmas at vacation care as we set up our Christmas tree, decorate our own baubles, decorations, and presents and get in the festive spirit! We will spend the day baking and cooking some classic Christmas treats, singing Christmas carols, and playing Christmas games! We will also be enjoying an Aussie Christmas BBQ!





CHRISTMAS CHEMIS-TREE

Using Santa's milk and cookies delve into the intriguing world of water tension and surfactants. Explore the captivating realm of electricity and static electricity. For a colourful twist, learn about candy chromatography, by extracting food dye from delightful lollies. And to cap off this Christmas-themed Scientifix escapade, hold on tight as we make Santa's sleigh zoom through the sky.

INCURSION \$100.00



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CatholicCare

MONDAY 13 JAN

DINOSAUR DAY

We will be bringing prehistoric life to vacation care by meeting dinosaurs. This is a fun way to visit a world lost in time. Using quality materials and live action, children will meet a baby raptor - with blinking eyes, sound, jaw, and head movements. This puppet comes to life to delight and entertain

TIE DYE AND **CRAZY HAIR DAY**

TUESDAY

14 JAN

Join us as we use tie dye to design our own T-shirts, tote bags and socks. We will be using whacky hairspray to do our hair in creative styles, even on the educators!!

BIG CHEMISTRY SHOW

WEDNESDAY

5 JAN

In this show metals burn. gases explode and colours of liquids instantly change Through a series of chemistry experiments water changes to wine, liquid nitrogen liquefies air and even elephant toothpaste shoots to the ceiling all in the name of chemistry

THURSDAY

16 JAN

WHEELS DAY

Bring in your bikes/scooters and helmets today as we design our own chalk maps and ride our wheels around! We will challenge each other with difficult courses and do different chalk designs!



WATER SPORTS DAY

We hope it is a hot day today so what better way to beat the heat than a water sports day! We will have fun in the sun while keeping nice and cool! There will be eco-friendly water balloons and water spray guns! This day will leave a big smile on not just us but mother earth!











VACATION CARE DEC 2024 & JAN 2025

Prouille, Wahroonga



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AUSTRALIA DAY PARTY

starting off our Australia Day

celebrations early! Let's have

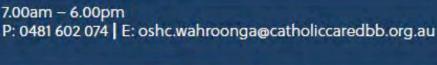
a picnic, enjoy a classic Aussie sausage sandwhich, and play

some classic Aussie games like snatch the thong, catch the

kangaroo and many more.

Crikey! It looks like we are







MONDAY 20 JAN

FACE & PLASTER PAINTING DAY

We will be painting our faces to bring some new year cheer whilst also painting some plaster creations! We will be painting some pre-made plasters as well as using air dry clay to design and then paint our own?





BIG MAGIC SHOW

Inspire your imagination as Benny T takes you on the spectacular journey of how he became a magician. Benny builds up the children's confidence and they become the stars of the show. Witnes objects flying, meet his cheeky birds and there's a surprise visit from his two adorable, magical rabbits Winnie and Zooks (who love pats).





ALL DAY SCIENCE

Children will be chosen from the audience to participate in fun experiments in front of their peers which will have the children engaged and laughing for hours.

INCURSION \$100.00



SPORTS DAY

We hope you're in for a day of sport! Today we will be skipping, hopping, running, jumping, kicking and throwing as we play a variety of different sports games! Educators will lead us in games of basketball, soccer, tennis, cricket and even some new, whacky sports games!





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7.00am - 6.00pm

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MONDAY 27 JAN

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

We are closed today for Australia Day We look forward to seeing you tomorrow.



DISCO DAY

Bring your dance moves and grooves with you today as we dance the day away! We'll be turning the disco lights on in the hall and having a classic disco! There will be lights, music, classic disco games and even some lollies to be shared around!





ROCKET AND BILLYCART MASTERCLASS

In this action-packed, two-forone masterdass, the children will become masters of the sky and the ground as they build their own rockets and race against each other on the racecourse. Guaranteed to get the adrenaline pumping, children will watch in awe as they witness their rockets roar into the sky using a specially constructed high-pressure industrial rocket launcher





MINUTE TO WIN IT

Today we will be testing our skills and reflexes as we participate in some classic minute to win it games. We hope you all have your competitive hats on as we race to complete our tasks against our competition in under a minute each - who will win?



END OF HOLIDAY PARTY

Today we say farewell to the summer holidays, and party the day away. There will be classic party games, music, and party food as we reminisce about the funholiday we have had!

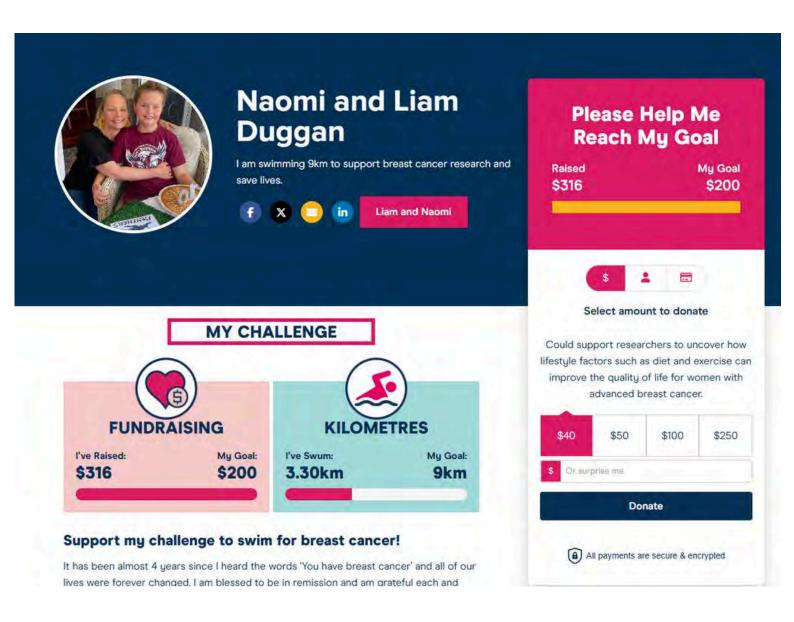






BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER

Please click here for the link to support Liam in his fundrasing endeavours for breast cancer.



RINGROSE FAMILY FUNDRAISER





ST LUCY'S SCHOOL

8 FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON!

The aim of St Lucy's 2024 raffle is to raise funds for technology, resources and programs that will build independence for St Lucy's students.







INCLUDES \$100 Boathouse Group Voucher



Two nights' accommodation for 10 guests in a 5 bedroom stunning house that is 400m to beach. Valued at \$3000



Two nights' accommodation in a two bedroom apartment for 4 people at 12 Terrigal' that boasts exceptional ocean views. Valued at \$1300 incl cash

3 MONTH GYM MEMBERSHIP



3 month Membership for Conditn Turrumurra. Valued at \$649

4TH PRIZE APPLIANCE PACKAGE



Nespresso Coffee Machine and Breville 4 slice sandwich maker. Value \$620

5TH PRIZE \$500 BUNNINGS VOUCHERS



6TH PRIZE ST IVES SHOPPING VILLAGE VOUCHER



\$300 shopping voucher at \$1 lves Shopping Village. Valued at \$300

7TH PRIZE \$250 FLOWER POWER VOUCHER



\$250 garden and homewares voucher, Valued at \$250



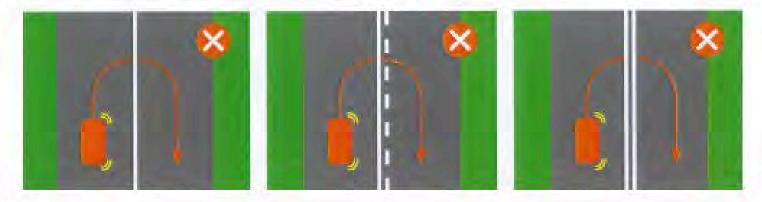
\$100 Gold Class voucher at Event Cinemas. Valued at \$100

1 Ticket for \$10 | 3 Tickets for \$25 | 10 tickets for \$75 | 15 tickets for \$100 Please visit: rafflelink.com.au/stlucysraffle2024 or scan the QR code to purchase your tickets. Drawn on 5 December 2024 at Noon.



U-turns and 3-point turns in school zones

Always park and turn legally around schools and avoid dangerous manoeuvres like U-turns and 3-point turns.



U-turns

Not allowed:

- at an intersection without traffic lights, where a 'no U-turn' sign is displayed
- at traffic lights, unless there is a U-turn permitted sign or,
- across
 - a single continuous dividing line
 - a single continuous dividing line to the left of a broken line or,
 - · two parallel continuous dividing lines.

Penalty exceeds \$410 + 3 demerit points (in a school zone)

3-point turns and reversing

You should avoid 3-point turns and reversing:

- at school zones
- · in and out of driveways



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Road safety



Children's and supervised crossings

For your child's safety, it's very important they always use a pedestrian crossing if there is one available. It is the safest point at which to cross the road.

At all crossings you must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road.

Supervised crossings

If there is a School Crossing Supervisor, wait until they have stopped the traffic and called you to cross.

If you are driving, you must not proceed until the School Crossing Supervisor's hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that you may proceed through the crossing.

Children's crossings

Children's crossings are usually part-time crossings that operate before and after school hours. They can also operate at other times when children use the crossing for excursions or during break times. When 'Children Crossing' flags are displayed, you must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is clear of pedestrians.



Children learn safe road user habits from you and will continue them when they are old enough to travel alone.



For more information on keeping children safe in the road environmenvt visit the families section on safetytown.com.au



Road safety

Hold your child's hand

Your child may be easily distracted and too small to be seen by drivers. They are still developing skills that help them to predict or identify dangers and may tend to act impulsively.

An adult should always be responsible for your child's safety when out and about.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath. It's not a safe place to play as it is near the road and vehicles may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least 8 years old, hold their hand:

- · on the footpath
- · in the car park
- · when crossing the road.

Then, up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, and hold their hand when crossing the road.

If you can't be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

At the end of the school day, your child may be excited, distracted or tired and often not concentrating on what is happening around them. Help keep them safe by meeting your child at the school gate. Never call them across the road.

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Key road safety messages to share with your child in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
 - you cross the road
 - you're on the footpath
 - you're in a car park

Key road safety messages to share with your child in Years 3 to 6

- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road (until at least 10)
- Use a safe place to cross the road
- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across



MOTORISED WHEELED DEVICES



Devices such as electric scooters, skateboards, and hoverboards are ILLEGAL in NSW.

Although a motorised scooter, skateboard, or hoverboard (electric or petrol powered) are considered motor vehicles, they do not satisfy the Australian Design Rules and for this reason, cannot be registered in NSW and are unable to be insured.

These devices cannot be ridden on roads, or road related areas (such as footpaths shared paths and cycleways) in NSW, except on private land.





Anyone caught riding a motorised device on a road or road related area in NSW can face fines starting from \$723

