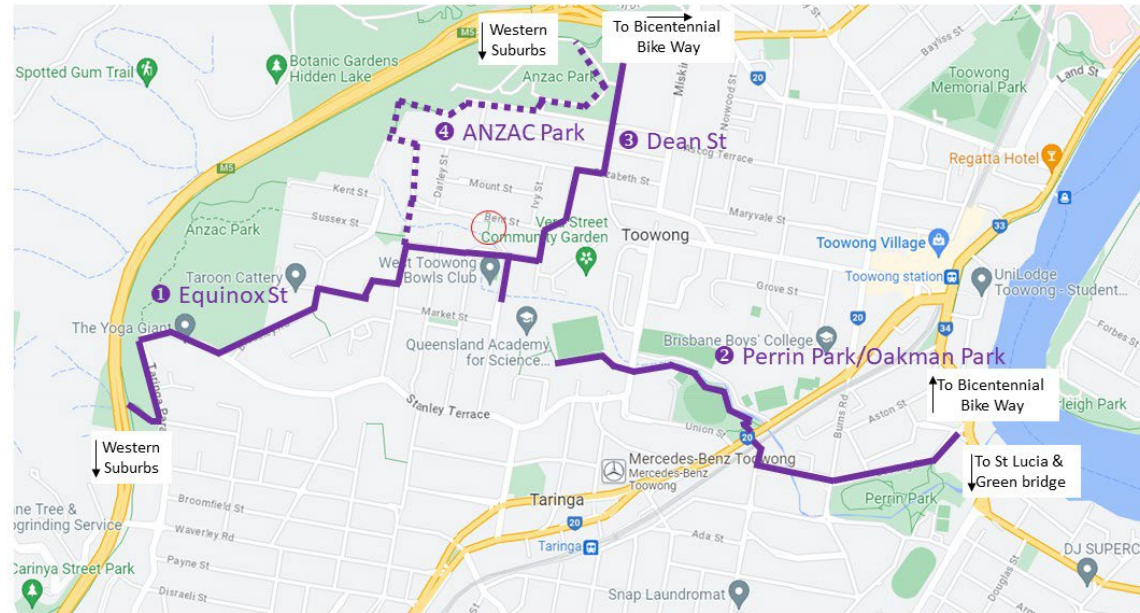


Cycling@QASMT

QASMT is located at 78 Bywong Street, Toowong, in Brisbane's inner west. It is situated along the Toowong Creek on the site of the old Toowong High School around 12-15 min walk from Moggill Rd bus stops and 15-18 min walk from Taringa train station. Whilst the school also now has some dedicated student bus services (S726, S744, S771), cycling can be a very efficient commute method for students e.g. year 7 student was taking 90 min to get to school from East Brisbane, commute reduced to 30 min with an e-Bike along the Bicentennial Bikeway. Students are currently cycling to school from West End, Oxley, Milton, St Lucia, Taringa, Tarragindi, Auchenflower, Toowong, Kelvin Grove, Chapel Hill. Note that some of the routes are quite hilly (so E-bikes help), and there is currently no on-street labelling of routes (request to Council has been made)

Recommended Routes to QASMT (mapped by The Brisbane West Bike Users Group):

- Route 1 - Western Freeway via Equinox St
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ERiL135a5w>
- Route 2 – Bicentennial Bikeway via Perrin and Oakman Parks
- Route 4 - Western Freeway via ANZAC Park – various routes possible
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xH1FOeDf8Ck>
 - Orchard St variation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2c_5jDkO4do



Red circle – narrow path for Orchard St Variation

Cycling@QASMT FAQs

What do students wear to cycle to school?

- Students can wear QASMT formal uniform, sports uniform or dedicated cycling gear if they are cycling all the way to school. Students using bike lockers at train stations are required to wear the formal uniform on public transport on the days when formal uniform is required by all students.

Where can students park their bikes?

- The school has two bike parking areas, end of route 2 (basketball courts) and underneath M block accessed via route 1, 3, 4.
- Student should bring a bike lock.

How do students carry their bags?

- Some students use panniers, others ride with their backpacks or have a gear basket mounted on the front of the bike.

What end of trip facilities are available?

- Change rooms are available between F and L Blocks, and students may also change in the toilets if that is convenient.
- If students need additional locker space to store helmets or spare clothes etc this can be requested through their House Dean or the Facilities team.
- Hot and cold showers are available for cyclists in J Block.

What types of bikes do students ride?

- 29% MTB, 29% road bike, 24% E-bike, 18% hybrid

What do students do if they have a mechanical malfunction?

- Students report that they have an agreed plan with their parents and either self-repair, push to local bike shop, lock the bike and take public transport (and bike is rescued later), or call parents.

What do students who cycle do if it is raining?

- 39% cycle anyway, 28% take public transport, 33% get a lift.

Hybrid Commuting – combining cycling with trains

Queensland Rail allow bikes (but not e-bikes) on any train including at peak times.

- travel only in the first and last carriages on six-car trains (not permitted on three-car trains)
- board via the first or last train door
- check for space and ensure only two bikes or e-scooters are in the first and last carriages at one time

<https://www.queenslandrail.com.au/forcustomers/plan/travelling-with-your-bike>

Queensland Rail provide free bicycle lockers/locked storage at 119 stations (including Taringa and Toowong).

- Users pay a deposit of \$50 and pick up a key.
- Bookings can be made for up to 3 months at a time, with a guaranteed spot
- Booker needs to be over 18 and take responsibility for the use and the key, but can make bookings for under 18s.
- This is an excellent option for students who want to commute by train but live some distance away from a train station, and is currently being used by students as far afield as Carseldine, Wavell Heights and Logan.

List of current bike lockers and availability:

https://live.runmyprocess.com.au/pub/11361551176847261/appli/328292103?P_mode=LIVE

Bike locker booking information

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