



# Student Driver Policy

## **RATIONALE**

Many students become young drivers and start driving themselves to school during the senior years of schooling. Whilst this is a significant and exciting rite of passage for our young people with most young drivers being careful, safety-conscious and considerate when driving, they are one of the most vulnerable road user groups. Travelling with teenage passengers adds to the risk for these young drivers.

The safety of students is of paramount importance to this school community and so too is the safety of those students who are student drivers and their passengers. The College accepts that, within the law, students are able to drive to and from school as they acquire their driver's licence and it provides a safe, allocated, parking space in which students are able to park their vehicles during the school day. While student drivers access the car park, it is expected that safety remains a priority for all users.

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

The College is committed to ensuring the safety of students, parents and staff when accessing the school car park and surrounds. In order to ensure this safety, a set of regulations is applied prior to the student driver applying for a parking permit to park in an allocated car space. Students are expected to follow these safety guidelines and the legislated road rules in and around the school grounds.

## **PRINCIPLES, VALUES & UNDERSTANDINGS**

The College car park is accessed by staff, students, parents, pedestrians, delivery vehicles and other members of the community. The College has a responsibility to provide a safe environment for all community members, within the confines of the school grounds. The supervision of student drivers and their use of the College car park is monitored in order to ensure that safety rules and the traffic laws are adhered to. It is understood that student drivers who take passengers in their vehicles while outside the school grounds, do so with great care and operate their right to do so safely and within the traffic laws.

All students holding a driver's licence will be encouraged to complete a defensive driving course. Currently, the College organises a Safe Driving Course for Year 11 students facilitated by Road Safety Education Limited – RYDA Program.

Claims arising out of accident or injury in a private vehicle would be dependent upon the owner's insurance and on the application of common law principles.

The College accepts no liability for damage to vehicles on school property and that drivers park on school property at their own risk.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

Creating safety hazards when using a motor vehicle on school grounds is a serious act of misconduct. No student has the right to endanger the lives of others on school grounds. The car park has a speed limit of 10kph at all times and care must be taken when accessing this area, ensuring vigilance around other vehicles and pedestrians.



### **CONDITIONS OF PARKING IN COLLEGE GROUNDS:**

1. Students must apply on the relevant form, *Application for Student Parking Permit*, prior to driving their vehicle into the school grounds or parking their vehicle in any of its car parks. This application form is available from Student Reception. Even after submitting this application, students are not permitted to drive into the College grounds until they have been issued with a permit.
2. Once the *Student Parking Permit* is granted and subsequently issued to the student, the permit must be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle while parked in the car park.
3. Vehicles cannot be accessed during the day without permission from a member of the College Leadership Team.
4. The student driver must park in the allocated car parking space for students and notify the Assistant Principal – Student Wellbeing immediately if any type of vehicle changes to that of the description on the parking permit.
5. The student driver is not permitted, under any circumstances, to drive other students in their vehicle, other than siblings listed on the parking permit. Otherwise, parents are not able to provide this permission to the student driver or their prospective passengers.

Failure to comply with College procedures in this area may result in the student's permit being suspended or revoked.

### **PROCESS FOR APPLICATION OF A DRIVING PERMIT:**

1. Complete *Application for Student Parking Permit* form
2. All sibling passengers to be identified on the form
3. Submit form to Student Reception
4. Permit will be provided within a few days
5. Park and display Permit on dashboard of the vehicle

STUDENT DRIVERS' MAY NOT ENTER THE COLLEGE GROUNDS AND PARK  
WITHOUT A PERMIT

\* *Forms available from Student Reception*



## Application for Student Parking Permit

<b>STUDENT'S NAME</b>	
<b>PC</b>	
<b>DRIVER'S LICENCE NUMBER</b>	(PHOTOCOPY OF LICENCE TO BE ATTACHED)
<b>HOME ADDRESS</b>	
<b>MAKE &amp; MODEL OF VEHICLE</b>	
<b>COLOUR OF VEHICLE</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION NUMBER</b>	

### Parental Permission

I / we give our son / daughter \_\_\_\_\_ permission to drive the above vehicle to and from school.

I / we understand that \_\_\_\_\_ is required to follow all directions given by the College regarding driving and parking on College grounds.

I / we understand that the College is not legally responsible for students whose parent or guardian allow them to drive to school or to be passengers in cars driven by other students. Claims arising out of accident or injury in a private vehicle would be dependent upon the owner's insurance and on the application of common law principles.

I / we understand that the College accepts no liability for damage to vehicles on school property and that drivers park on school property at their own risk.

I / we understand that under no circumstances will \_\_\_\_\_ drive any other students to school and park on College grounds.

I / we give \_\_\_\_\_ our permission to drive the following siblings to and from school.

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_