



Student Drivers Policy

INTRODUCTION

All staff members of Bairnsdale Secondary College are responsible for supporting the safety, participation, wellbeing and empowerment of children. Our College values of 'respect for self' and 'respect for others' provide a strong foundation for this policy.

AIM & SCOPE

This policy sets out our school's approach to students driving to and from school and school events. Our school recognises the need for the whole community to make efforts to minimise the risks associated with young drivers and to encourage responsible driving behaviours for students. This policy applies to all students at Bairnsdale Secondary College who have a valid driver's licence.

POLICY & IMPLEMENTATION

Our school recognises that some students will turn 18 and obtain a driver's licence while still attending school and may want to drive to and from school. The College expects that all student drivers will adhere to the conditions of their licence and the road rules and will always drive in a safe and responsible manner.

Students must obtain approval from the College prior to driving to school. The *Student Permission to Drive to School Request Form* (see Appendix 1) must be completed and handed in at the Senior Hub. Students will be notified of approval to drive to school after confirmation from a Hub Coordinator. Students will be issued with a sticker for their windscreen and directed to the appropriate car park. This will not be in a staff car park.

Students are not permitted to drive themselves to and from camps, excursions or other school activities unless previously arranged and agreed in consultation with a school Principal, and only in exceptional circumstances or in circumstances where all students are required to make their own way to the event.

Consistent with Victoria's Graduated Licensing System conditions, students are permitted to drive only one peer passenger (aged 16-22), unless the passengers are siblings of the driver. Students are not permitted to drive any other students of any age (apart from siblings) to or from school unless the College has received written permission from the student's parent / guardian.

Students are not permitted to use their car during the school day unless it is for an approved reason such as an unavoidable medical appointment. Students cannot drive other students during the school day.

If students act in breach of this policy, parents/carers will be notified and appropriate student sanctions will apply. Bairnsdale Secondary College takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles parked in the student car park and parking is at the vehicle owner's own risk.

OTHER RESOURCES / CONTACT NUMBERS

School Policy and Advisory Guide: Traffic Safety

APPENDICES – Appendix 1: Permission to Drive to School Request Form

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Permission to Drive to School Request Form

This form must be completed and lodged with the Senior Learning Hub before permission to drive to school will be granted.

Student

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

In signing this I accept all conditions outlined in the school's Student Driver Policy.

Note: A photocopy of the student's licence must be attached to this form.

Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

In signing this I accept all conditions outlined in the school's Student Driver Policy.

Description of Vehicle

Car Registration: _____ Colour of Car: _____ Make of Car: _____

Note: If the student intends to drive any car other than the one registered on this form, then it must also be registered with the school. Please provide details below:

Car Registration: _____ Colour of Car: _____ Make of Car: _____

School Approval

Approved By: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____