



Warracknabeal Secondary College

Transport – Students Driving to School Policy

Rationale:

A driver's licence is a privilege, and with it comes responsibility and an assumed level of maturity. Warracknabeal Secondary College encourages responsible driving practices by all of our students travelling to and from school. While most young drivers are careful, safety conscious and considerate when driving, they are the most vulnerable road user group. With this in mind, the College has a responsibility to take all reasonable measures to ensure the welfare and safety of students.

Aims:

- To protect the safety and welfare of students, staff and the school community.
- To ensure that students driving to school adhere to the road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner.

Implementation:


Any student of a legal driving age who intends to drive to school, either on a regular basis or occasionally, must comply with this policy and is required to complete the "Driving to School Permission Form", and if necessary ensure that the "Passenger permission" component is completed and signed by the student and parent.

Students must abide by the following rules:

- Students are required to adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner.
- All students intending to drive to school must complete and lodge the Parent Permission and Students Agreement form to the Senior School Coordinator.
- Students are permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from school. No more than one peer aged passenger should travel with the driver, in line with Graduated Licensing System (GLS) peer passenger restrictions. The GLS condition requires all P1 drivers to carry no more than one peer passengers (aged 16-22 years). This condition does not apply when a fully licensed driver is sitting in the front passenger seat.
- Students cannot drive other students to/from school programs or functions. This includes sporting activities, excursions, camps, study days or revision lectures or any other school organised activity.
- Vehicles must be parked on the east side of the Assembly Hall between it and the Hockey field.
- Students must enter the school grounds from Tregear St and exit via Taylor St.
- Students with a licence are permitted to drive home for lunch provided that they have the appropriate signed .
- The school takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles whilst on school grounds.
- Student vehicle and registration details must be recorded on the Parent Permission and Students Agreement form
- In the case of non-registered motorised vehicles such as scooters, mopeds etc the following must be complied with:
 - The vehicle must comply with VicRoads definition of a legal vehicle.

- Students must hold a learner's permit at a minimum.
- All road rules as they apply to registered vehicles must be adhered to.
- Dinking of other students is strictly forbidden.
- If any of the above requirements are not followed, the student will have the appropriate sanction applied which may include, but is not restricted to;
 - An official warning given.
 - Removal of a student's right to drive onto school property
 - Appropriate sanctions in relation to our school discipline policy, ie. Detention or suspension where applicable
 - Notification of incident made to the Local Police

Evaluation: This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's regular review cycle.

Ratified by School Council	Date:	15/8/16
Signed:	Principal:	
	School Council President:	