

STUDENT DRIVERS POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Narre Warren South P-12 College on 9704 3333

PURPOSE

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.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students at Narre Warren South P-12 College who have a valid driver's licence.

POLICY

Our school recognises that some students will turn 18 and obtain a driver's licence while they are still attending school. Some of these students will want to drive to and from school. [Example School] expects that all student drivers will adhere to the conditions of their licence and the road rules and will drive in a safe and responsible manner. If the school becomes aware that a student driver has driven in an unsafe or irresponsible manner, police will be notified.

Students are not permitted to drive themselves to and from camps, excursions or other school activities unless previously arranged and agreed in consultation with the 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 use their car during the school day unless it is for an approved reason such as an unavoidable medical appointment. A certificate of attendance at the appointment is required.

Noting that once a student turns 18, they are legally adults and can make their own decisions, so they do not require the consent of their parent/carer to attend an appointment during the school day. However, unless there are reasons why the student does not want their parent/carer to know about the appointment, the school may decide to ask for consent from the parent/carer for the student to leave the school for the appointment or at least ensure that the parent/carer is aware that the student will be leaving during the school day for the appointment.

If students act in breach of this policy, parents/carers will be notified, and appropriate student sanctions will apply.

Narre Warren South P-12 College takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles parked in the student car park and parking is at the vehicle owner's own risk.

[OR for schools wishing to prevent students from driving to school if possible] Due to significant congestion and unavailability of parking at Example School, we ask that licensed students do not drive to and from school. Students who have no means of travelling to school other than driving themselves are encouraged to speak to [insert role, name].

[Parking]

Students may park on streets adjacent to the school, students are not permitted in the staff car park.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

The Department's teaching and learning resource:

- [Traffic Safety](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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Student Voice	
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