



STUDENT DRIVERS POLICY

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 Mallacoota P-12 College who have a valid driver's licence or learners permit for motorcycle riders.

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. Mallacoota P-12 College 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 vehicle 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.

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

Mallacoota P-12 College takes no responsibility for damage to vehicles, and parking is at the vehicle owner's own risk.

Protective clothing for riders

When riding a motorcycle or scooter, it is crucial that you wear protective clothing to help keep you safe. Protective clothing that keeps out the wind and rain will also make riding a more comfortable and enjoyable experience. There are guides available online to inform Australian Regulations.

Parking

Students may park in accordance with local council parking regulations in streets adjacent to the school.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- [Traffic Safety](#)

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated on 9/6/2021 and is scheduled for review in June 2024



Appendix 1

Letter to Parents of Drivers and Passengers

Dear Parent/Guardian

A number of our senior school students are driving or intend to drive to school this year and some have indicated that they intend to carry another student as a passenger.

_____ has indicated that he/she intends to drive to school or will be a passenger of another student who is driving to school.

Despite the fact that most young drivers try to be careful, safety conscious and considerate when driving, research clearly shows that they are at a higher risk of having a serious crash than older, more experienced drivers.

The presence of young passengers also greatly increases the risk for teenage drivers and, the more passengers, the greater the risk.

It is important that all students and their parents/guardians are aware of these risks and the type of behaviour that the school expects from student drivers.

Under the Graduated Licensing System, no more than one peer aged passenger (aged 16-22 years) is permitted to travel with the driver, unless the passengers are siblings of the driver. This condition does not apply when a fully licensed driver is sitting in the front passenger seat. This is based on research that shows that young drivers carrying several passengers are more likely to engage in risk taking behaviour.

For more information, please visit: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

To ensure that all involved are aware of these requirements, student drivers and a parent/guardian and, where appropriate, a parent/guardian of any passengers, are required to sign a *Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form*.

The form must be signed and returned prior to students driving to school.

These requirements are intended to ensure the welfare and safety of students at our school and the local community.



Appendix 2

Students driving cars to school: Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form

This form must be completed by any student who intends to drive to school either occasionally or regularly.

Note: If the student intends to drive any vehicle other than the one registered on this form, it must also be registered with the school.

Parent Permission

I give permission for _____

to drive to school and take the passenger indicated on this form. I am aware of Victoria's Graduated Licensing System conditions and the school requirements regarding students driving to school.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ *Date:* _____

Parent/Guardian of Passenger

I give permission for _____ to be driven to and from school by _____

I am aware of Victoria's Graduated Licensing System conditions and the school requirements regarding students driving to school.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ *Date:* _____

Student

I agree to adhere to Victoria's Graduated Licensing System conditions and the school requirements regarding students driving a car to school.

Signature of Student: _____ *Date:* _____

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

In signing this form you accept all conditions detailed in the school's Student Driver Policy.

Student Name	
Car Make/Model	
Colour	
Registration Number	
School Approval:	